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Training Providers



Your future. SORTED!

Somerset

Provider Directory for Training and Qualifications
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Welcome to this edition of the **Your future. SORTED!** directory.

The organisation producing this directory are the Dorset and Somerset Training Providers Network (DSTPN), a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee with a membership consisting of independent training providers, colleges, universities, employers, and stake-holder bodies delivering and working in the education and training sector to support young people and adults who are over 16 years old.

These organisations plan, manage and deliver many of the career progression opportunities available to a young person in our County.

I hope you find the directory useful.



Rod Davis
Managing Director
DSTPN

The Directory aims to:

1. To support young people and adults in our county with information on any potential education, skills and career progression available to them.

2. Provide information on the wide range of opportunities that are available.

3. Provide information on the organisations in our county, who manage and deliver them, and who to contact.

To provide the information, the Directory has two sections

1. A section explaining the many different education, skills and career progression options available to the reader.

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2. A summary of the organisations who provide the opportunities, what they offer, where and how to contact them.

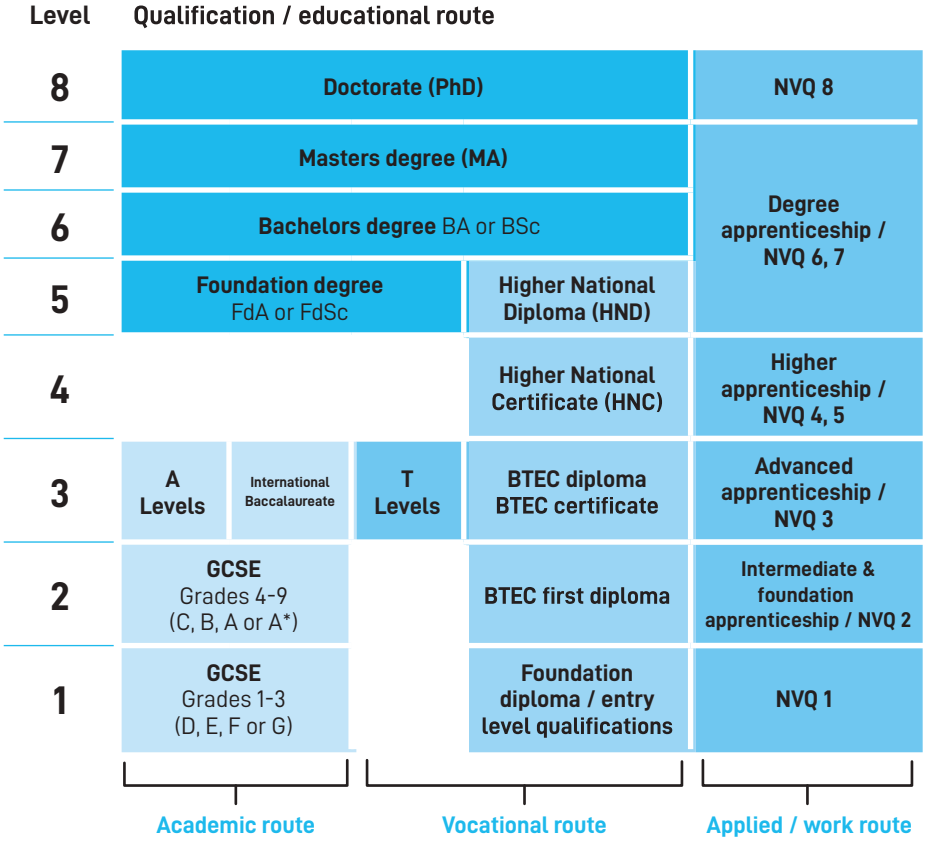
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Qualification Levels Explained

Levels are used to determine the complexity of the skills educational training pathway. Here is a quick guide on skill levels and equivalent theoretical learning and vocational learning pathways.





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What are your options?

The options shared in this directory offer information for everybody, whatever you want to do and whatever your starting point.



- The King's Trust
- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Supported Internships
- A Levels
- T Levels
- Foundation Courses
- Technical & Vocational Qualifications (VTQs)
- Adult & Community Learning
- Skills Bootcamps
- Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

There are a variety of progression pathways you can take to build your career. Different pathways suit different people due to your location, and the content or style of a course. What is great is that you can choose the best route to achieve your goals.

An example of this is that you can take A Levels and progress to university to get a degree, you can also gain a degree in a number of occupations by taking advantage of the degree level Apprenticeships available – working, being paid and learning.

The King's Trust

The King's Trust supports 16 to 30-year-olds who are unemployed and those struggling at school and at risk of exclusion. The King's Trust offers a range of free, structured programmes designed to support young people in securing employment, gaining qualifications and building confidence. These programmes are particularly beneficial for those not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Whether you're looking to grow your confidence and skills get a job that's right for you or start your own business, the King's Trust have a range of programmes that can support you in gaining the confidence and skills you need to get a job.



12-week Team Programme (Ages 16–25)

A personal development course that builds confidence, teamwork, and communication. Participants complete a community project, a residential trip, two weeks' work experience, and can gain a recognised qualification.

16+
Open to Ages 16-30

Build Confidence

Build Skills for Work

Kickstart Your Business Journey

12-Week Team Programme

For more information click here or scan the QR code
www.kingstrust.org.uk

Foundation Apprenticeships



It's a real job with built-in training. You'll develop job-specific skills, work alongside experienced staff, and get paid as you learn.

Foundation Apprenticeships are currently available in these key sectors:

- **Construction**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Health & Social Care**
- **Digital & IT**

Once you finish your Foundation Apprenticeship, you can:

- **Progress onto another apprenticeship**
- **Go straight into employment**
- **Choose to do further study**

16+
Age 16-21*

Paid a Salary

Contract of Employment

80% Study
20% Work

8 Months Duration
Can be extended

Practical Experience

Explore Career Options

Progression Options

Digital Functional Skills

* or those aged 22-24 who are care leavers, have an EHCP, or are prison leavers

Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a real job, with a real employer, where the apprentice will work full-time whilst learning new skills and knowledge towards an Apprenticeship standard.



Apprenticeship benefits

Apprenticeships are an exciting paid option for anyone wanting to gain experience, upskill or change career. They offer you the chance to earn a wage whilst you work and study.

*Changes to the way that Apprenticeships can be delivered from 2025 mean that some can be completed in a shorter timeframe; instead of the traditional 12 months some may be shorter in duration, but will still require a minimum of 8 months.

- Employed
- Paid a Salary
- Contract of Employment
- 80% Work 20% Study
- Typically 1 - 4 Years+*
- INDUSTRY RECOGNISED Gain Knowledge & Skills
- 800 Apprenticeship Routes
- Level 2 through to Degree Level
- UCAS Points

UCAS points can be gained on completion of some L3 or L4 Apprenticeships.

This can support a university application.

Supported Apprenticeships

The same as an Apprenticeship with added support for the apprentice and the employer if there are additional special needs required by the apprentice, this may include education or ability needs.

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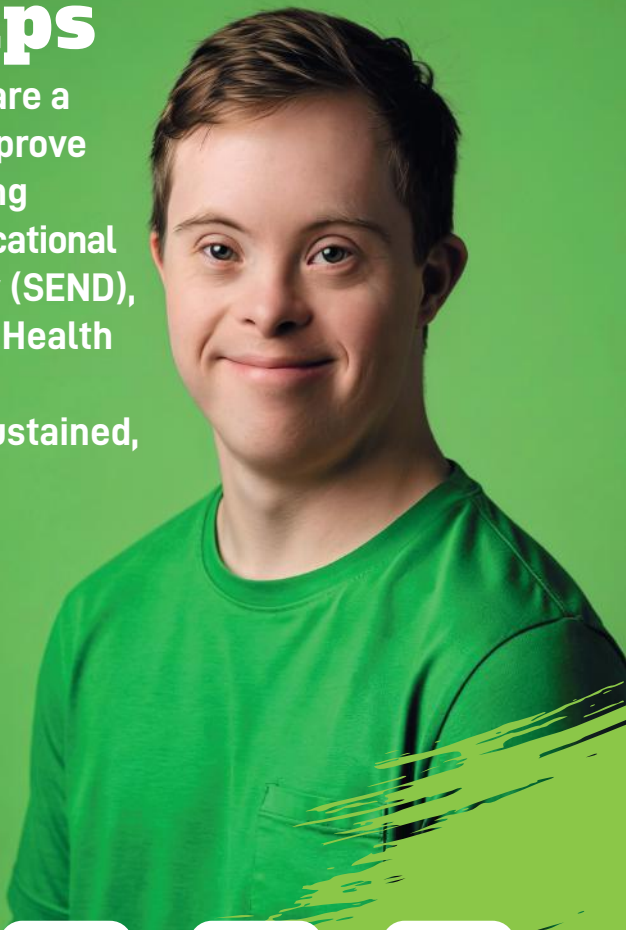
Gain Knowledge & Skills

UCAS Points

Supported Internships

Supported internships are a great opportunity to improve the life chances of young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND), who have an Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan, by supporting them into sustained, paid employment.

For more information contact your local college, training provider or school careers leader.



Work Based Study Programme

16 TO 24

16-24 Year Olds

Increased Health & Well-being

Unpaid

Build Confidence & Self-esteem

70%

Typical Work-placement

6 MIN 12 MAX

Duration in Months

Gain the Skills Needed for the Job

Gain Friendships & a Social Life

A Levels

Short for Advanced Level, A Levels come after GCSEs.

They usually focus on academic subjects, compared to vocational qualifications like BTECs, which are more practical.



There are more than 40 different A level subjects on offer – some will be subjects that you studied at GCSE and others maybe new.

Recognised Internationally

2 Year Course of Study

16+

16+ Years Old

Route to Higher Education

Earn UCAS Points

Improve Your Job Prospects

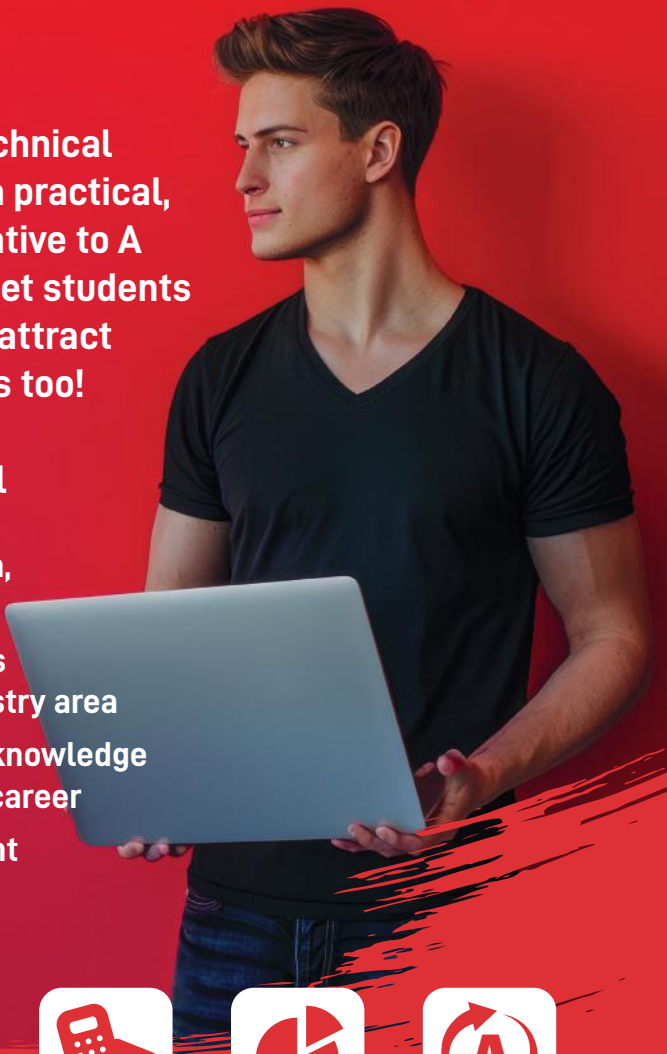
Range of Subjects

COLLEGE

6TH FORM

A Range of Environments

T Levels



The term used for Technical Levels, T Levels are a practical, employer-led alternative to A Levels, designed to get students work ready. T Levels attract valuable UCAS Points too!

Structure of a T Level

A technical qualification, which includes:

- **Core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area**
- **Specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career**
- **An industry placement with an employer**

Get Work Ready

22 Courses Available

Level 2 Maths & English

80% Study 20% Work

Alternative to A Levels

1 T Level = 3 A Levels

Designed by Employers

45 Day Industry Placement

Progression Options

Foundation Courses

A foundation course will help you build your confidence and improve your knowledge and skills.

Study can be undertaken at college or with an independent training provider. You can study a range of subjects or focus on one subject to give you an insight to a specific subject area or course.

These courses prepare you for further study or employment.

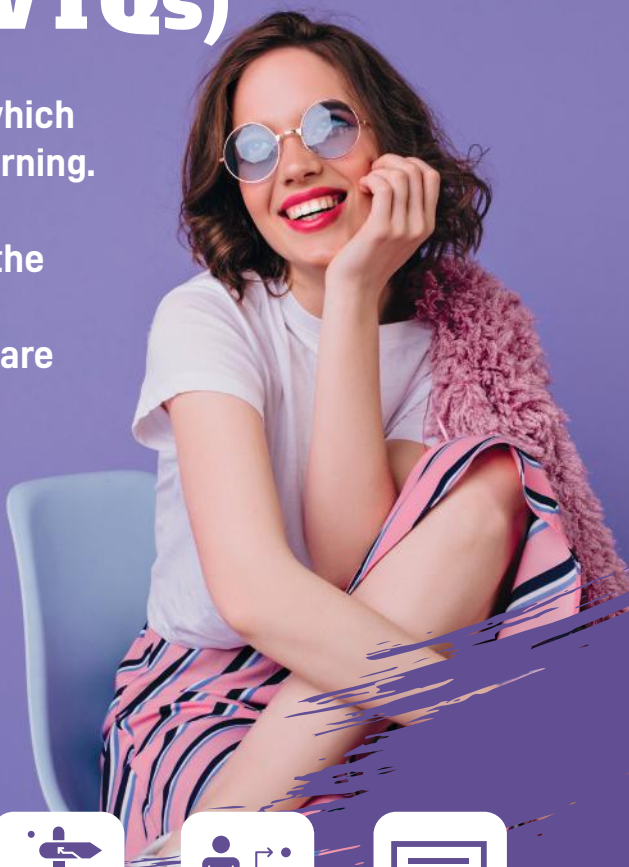


- Wide Range of Courses
- CV Writing
- Progression Options
- 16+ Years Old
- Maths & English
- Interview Techniques
- Boost Your Confidence

Vocational & Technical Courses (VTQs)

A training programme which focuses on practical learning.

The 'Vocational' part of the name refers to the fact that these courses prepare you for a vocation – a particular skillset required in different types of jobs.



- Focus on Practical Work
- Progress to Further Study
- Gain Transferable Skills
- Learning in Real Situations
- Gain an L2 or L3 Qualification
- Progress to Skilled Employment
- Develop Skills & Knowledge
- Meet the Needs of Employers
- Some L3 Qualifications Attract UCAS Points

Adult and Community Learning

Provides learning opportunities for adults and families who are 19 years of age or older with courses that are designed to help you get a job or gain new skills for work. Other courses offer opportunities to improve your health and mental wellbeing.



- Wide Range of Courses
- 19+ Years Old
- Gain Qualifications
- CV Writing
- Improve Skills
- English & Maths
- Job Interview Preparation
- Enhanced Employability Skills
- Boost Your Current Skillset

Skills Bootcamps

Skills Bootcamps offer free, flexible courses of up to 16 weeks. You'll be offered a job interview with an employer once completed.



Available to anyone aged 19+ they can provide accelerated learning and entry to new opportunities such as an Apprenticeship or into growing sectors such as green skills or construction.

They provide high quality training enabling you to gain sector-specific skills across a range of job roles.

- Fast Track Job Interview
- May Support Entry into a New Sector
- Boost Your Current Skillset
- 19+ Years Old
- Accelerated Advanced Technical Skills
- Job Interview Preparation
- Enhanced Employability Skills
- Compressed Level 2 to Level 5 Offer
- Progress to Job or Apprenticeship

Higher Technical Qualifications



HTQ's may suit those who want a more practical, employer-led study programme. There are many different types of HTQs, such as:

- **higher national diplomas**
- **higher national certificates**
- **foundation degrees**
- **higher education diplomas**

1-2 YEARS

Tuition Fees Apply

Gain Practical Experience

Level 4 & 5 Qualifications

18+ Years Old

Full Time or Part Time

Funding Assistance Available

Look out for the HTQ logo or banner which will always show on approved qualifications



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How to use this directory

The **provider pages** show which provider in the county delivers each programme

What progression pathways they specialise in (colour coded)

Their training locations in the county

Who the provider is and how to contact them



Please be aware that listing all of the Apprenticeships or courses available is not possible in this directory, there are so many of them.

The titles used in the provider pages offer an idea of the sector areas supported, for example Health and Science includes all health-related Apprenticeships including Health & Social Care, Nursing, Midwife, Pharmacist, Clinical Assistant and many more.

Contact the provider for more Information.

There are more than

700

Apprenticeships for you to choose from, as well as many A level routes, Vocational courses and Adult & Community Education courses.

Apprenticeship Provider and Apprenticeships information

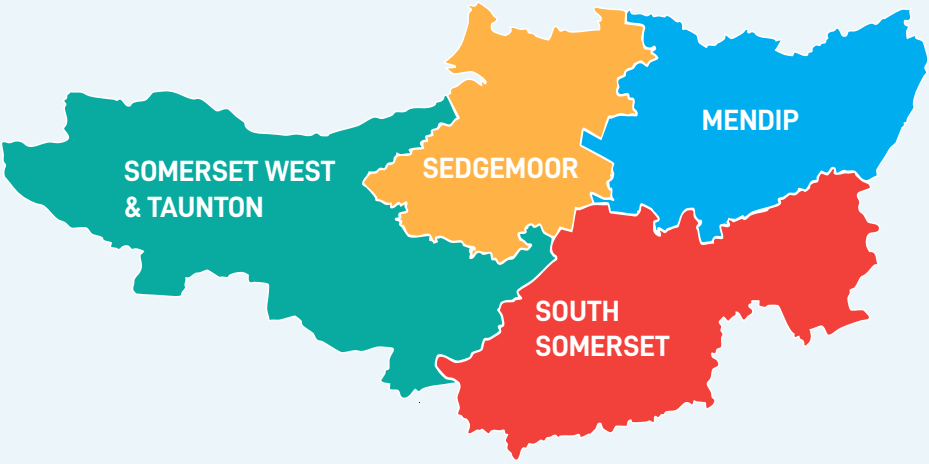
The information provided is a general overview of apprenticeships offered. Not all have been included in this grid. Full lists will be on the providers' pages.

	Agricultural, Environmental & Animal Care	Business & Administration	Care Services	Catering & Hospitality	Construction	Creative & Design
Be Astute						
Bournemouth University		✔	✔			
Bridgwater College		✔	✔		✔	✔
Cannington College	✔				✔	
Health Sciences University						
Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing	✔					
Paragon Skills		✔	✔			
Professional Apprenticeships		✔				✔
Side by Side Training Centre		✔				
Shoots Training		✔				
SS&L		✔				
Strode College		✔		✔		
SWATPRO		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
t2 group			✔			
Taunton College		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Top Training		✔	✔	✔		
Train 4 All Construction & Engineering Academy					✔	
Weston College	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Yeovil College		✔	✔		✔	✔

✓	✓			✓							✓					✓	✓		Digital
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✓	✓	✓		✓			✓								✓	✓	✓		Engineering & Manufacturing
✓	✓			✓			✓				✓					✓			Hair & Beauty
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	✓			✓											✓				Protective Services
✓	✓		✓	✓							✓					✓			Sales, Marketing & Procurement
																			Transport & Logistics

Provider by Location

This is a snapshot of the providers listed in this directory and the areas that they service. Some providers may offer online learning but not have a physical building or campus in these areas.



SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON

Be Astute, **26**
Bournemouth University, **28**
Cannington College, **32**
Cosmic, **34**
Discovery, **36**
Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing, **40**
MM Services for Education (MMSE), **42**
Paragon Skills, **44**
Professional Apprenticeships, **46**
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SS&L, **52**
Strode College, **54**
South West Association of Training Providers (SWATPRO), **56**
t2 group, **58**
Taunton College, **60**
Top Training, **62**
Weston College, **66**
Yeovil College, **68**

SOUTH SOMERSET

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Be Astute

Be Astute's Level 4 Domestic Abuse Support Worker apprenticeship equips professionals with advanced skills to support individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

Including the Level 3 IDVA certificate, it covers risk assessment, safety planning, multi-agency working, and advocacy. Delivered through blended learning with sector experts, it develops confident, resilient practitioners who make a lasting difference.

Why learn with us

Be Astute specialises in training for the domestic abuse support sector.

Our programmes are led by experienced practitioners with deep knowledge of the challenges, best practice, and legislation shaping the field. We combine this expertise with flexible, blended delivery and personalised support, ensuring learners gain the practical skills, confidence, and professional credibility to excel in their roles and deliver lasting impact.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Domestic Abuse Support Worker**

How we deliver ☑ Online ☐ Face-to-face ☐ Blended Offer



What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✗ Internships
- ✗ Supported Internships
- ✗ A Levels
- ✗ T Levels
- ✗ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ✗ Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- ✗ Adult and Community Education
- ✗ Skills Bootcamps
- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

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Email julia@be-astute.co.uk

Main contact Julia Stock, Director

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be-astute.co.uk/skills

Bournemouth University

Bournemouth University ranks among the world's top 100 young universities (Times Higher Education, 2024) and the top 5% of all UK apprenticeship providers, reflecting our commitment to preparing graduates for success.

Our strong industry connections ensure our degree apprenticeships are employer-led and combine academic study with real-world experience, developing highly skilled professionals. Working with key regional employers, and drawing on expertise across health, science, technology, media, creative industries, finance, business and management, we help meet current and future workforce needs.

At the 2026 Apprenticeship Guide Awards, BU won Best Apprenticeship in Healthcare & Science for its Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship and was a finalist for Best University for Apprenticeships.

Why learn with us

We aim to be the region's degree apprenticeship provider of choice, strengthening the regional workforce and helping employers meet current and future challenges.

Our strong industry connections place employer needs at the heart of our provision. Rated Outstanding by Ofsted for our apprenticeship delivery, we specialise in health and allied professions, alongside a wider offer across science, technology, business and management.

Apprentices learn from experts in their fields in high-quality, up-to-date learning environments.

What we specialise in

Combining academic study with real-world experience, they develop practical skills they can apply directly in the workplace, supporting their career development.

In our 2025 employer survey, 100% of employers surveyed said they would recommend us. We also deliver excellent apprenticeship outcomes, with a 100% achievement rate for those reaching end-point assessment.

How we deliver ☐ Online ☑ Face-to-face ☑ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people

Contact:
apprenticeships@bournemouth.ac.uk

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Digital**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Health & Science**
- **Legal, Finance & Accounting**

Bournemouth University

What we specialise in

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- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

Bournemouth

(We accept apprentices from - Sedgemoor, Mendip, Somerset West, Taunton & South Somerset)

Contact details

Address Bournemouth University
Talbot Campus, Fern Barrow
Poole BH12 5BB

Telephone 01202 961916

Email apprenticeships@bournemouth.ac.uk

Main contact Dr Sara Glithro,
Head of Apprenticeships

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www.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships

Bridgwater College

Located on Bath Road, and within walking distance of Bridgwater train station, Bridgwater College provides an extensive range of courses and resources to support student success.

It is home to an impressive range of industry-standard facilities designed to support both academic and vocational learning across multiple sectors. We are dedicated to fostering optimal learning environments, and our state-of-the-art facilities reflect our commitment to delivering a comprehensive and well-rounded education for all learners.

Why learn with us

Our £7.5m Advanced Engineering Centre features a design thinking lab, welding workshops, and a composite lab for engineering and aerospace. The South West's first Energy Skills Centre expands our technical offer. The McMillan Theatre (350 seats) is available for hire, alongside specialist spaces including a barber shop, salon, construction and art workshops, and a childcare centre for up to 70 children.

A public Fitness Centre with student discounts and modern sports facilities supports health, wellbeing, and community engagement.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

Apprenticeships

- Automotive
- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Fashion & Textiles
- Food Manufacturing,
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Safety,
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement
- Welding

A-Levels

T Levels

- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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- ✓ Offer experiences of the workplace to young people at school
- ✓ Employer visits
- ✓ Employer talks
- ✓ Taster sessions
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Work-based projects

Contact: Nicky Downer

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering and Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Digital**
- **Education and Childcare**
- **Engineering and Manufacturing**
- **Hair and Beauty**
- **Health and Science**
- **Legal, Finance and Accounting**
- **Transport and Logistics**

Adult & Community Learning

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

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BRIDGWATER COLLEGE

What we specialise in

- ✓ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Supported Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Internships**
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- ✓ **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**

Our training locations

Sedgemoor

Contact details

Address Bridgwater College, Bath Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4PZ

Telephone 01278 441216

Email SLO@ucscollegegroup.ac.uk

Main contact Nicky Downer , School Liasion Officer Team Leader

Cannington College

Cannington College offers specialist programmes in agriculture, arboriculture, equine studies, animal management, and nuclear energy.

With a long-standing history in Somerset, it is well regarded for delivering high-quality, industry-focused education.

Why learn with us

Cannington College provides exceptional opportunities for practical learning in agriculture, animal care, horticulture, and nuclear engineering. Set in the heart of the Somerset countryside, the college features a 2-hectare working farm, where students gain real-world experience as part of their studies.

The cutting-edge Agricultural Innovation Centre further enhances learning, offering access to the latest technologies and industry practices. On-site residential accommodation is also available, creating a supportive and immersive student experience.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- **Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care**
- **Construction**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Protective Services**

Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

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- **Construction**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**

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Contact: Nicky Downer

Adult & Community Learning

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

CANNINGTON COLLEGE

What we specialise in

- ✓ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Supported Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Internships**
- ✓ **Supported Internships**
- ✗ A Levels
- ✓ **T Levels**
- ✓ **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
- ✓ **Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)**
- ✓ **Adult and Community Education**
- ✓ **Skills Bootcamps**
- ✓ **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Somerset West & Taunton

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Main contact Nicky Downer , School Liasion Officer Team Leader

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Cosmic

Cosmic is a South West-based social enterprise with over 30 years' experience helping people and organisations use digital to succeed.

We support charities, businesses, public sector organisations and communities across the UK through digital skills training, consultancy, AI adoption, website development, technology support and digital inclusion programmes. Our practical, people-first approach combines commercial expertise with social impact, helping clients build confidence, capability and resilience while reducing digital exclusion.

Why learn with us

We combine over 30 years of digital expertise with strong links to employers, charities and public sector organisations across the UK.

Our specialisms include digital skills, AI adoption, digital transformation, website development and technology support. Learning is practical, industry-informed and designed around real workplace needs.

We also map our digital skills provision to the SFIA framework, helping learners build recognised capabilities that support career progression and organisational impact.

What we specialise in

- Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- Adult & Community Learning
- Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- [ ] Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
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- [ ] Internships
- [ ] Supported placements for SEND young people

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What we specialise in

- [x] Foundation Apprenticeships
- [x] Apprenticeships
- [x] Supported Apprenticeships
- [x] Internships
- [x] Supported Internships
- [x] A Levels
- [x] T Levels
- [x] **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
- [x] Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- [x] **Adult and Community Education**
- [x] **Skills Bootcamps**
- [x] Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

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Discovery

Discovery Supported Employment helps autistic people and those with learning disabilities prepare for, find and thrive in work.

Based in the Southwest, we offer free supported internships (vocational profiling, job coaching, travel training) for young people aged 16-24 with EHCP. We offer a paid service that delivers employment programmes, workshops, interventions and provide supported employment. We work with parents, carers, schools, colleges and employers to raise aspirations and create inclusive opportunities for people to build their future.

Why learn with us

Discovery has 20 years of experience in supported employment.

We have a diverse team of trainers who are experts with lived experience.

We work with national and SME employers to provide tailored job coaching, work experience and industry links, building confidence, skills and sustainable careers.

CPD-accredited and BASE SEQF-accredited, with a strong track record of supporting inclusive recruitment.

What we specialise in

- Supported Apprenticeships
- Supported Internships
- Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- Adult & Community Learning

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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What we specialise in

- [ ] Foundation Apprenticeships
- [ ] Apprenticeships
- [x] **Supported Apprenticeships**
- [ ] Internships
- [x] **Supported Internships**
- [ ] A Levels
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- [x] **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
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- [ ] Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

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Health Sciences University

Health Sciences University is a specialist institution delivering high-quality education, research, and clinical services across allied health professions.

Our unique model integrates multidisciplinary clinical practice with education and research, benefiting students and patients alike. As a trusted system partner, we collaborate across the Integrated Care System to grow and develop the health workforce.

Why learn with us

Health Sciences University has a strong reputation for excellence in health sciences education.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, on-site clinical training, and a supportive learning environment.

With access to advanced diagnostic tools and purpose-built clinics, they gain hands-on experience. We work closely with NHS England regional partners, professional bodies, NHS trusts, primary care networks, local authorities, and the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Health & Science**

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
- ✓ Offer experiences of the workplace to young people at school
- ✓ Employer visits
- ✓ Employer talks
- ✓ Taster sessions
- ☐ Work experience
- ☐ Work-based projects
- ☐ Internships
- ☐ Supported placements for SEND young people

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HSU HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

What we specialise in

- ☒ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ☑ **Apprenticeships**
- ☒ Supported Apprenticeships
- ☒ Internships
- ☒ Supported Internships
- ☒ A Levels
- ☒ T Levels
- ☒ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ☒ Technical & Vocational Qualifications (VTQs)
- ☒ Adult and Community Education
- ☒ Skills Bootcamps
- ☒ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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Bournemouth,
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Poole

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Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing is a small independent provider offering apprenticeships in both Animal Care & Veterinary Nursing. Completing these apprenticeships also enables learners to achieve their Veterinary Care Assistant and Registered Veterinary Nursing professional qualifications.

The school has successfully been supporting learners since 1996 and consistently achieves high retention and pass rates in both the Level 2 & Level 3 courses, well in excess of national standards.

Why learn with us

We offer inclusive personalised, individualised teaching and our team of qualified tutors are either Registered Veterinary Nurses or Veterinary Surgeons with years of clinical experience.

We deliver all our theoretical and practical teaching at our centre located in Higher Bockhampton near Dorchester and as live online lectures.

LSVN supports students from Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Bristol and Devon and we are proud to have been judged above expected standard in our most recent Ofsted Inspection

https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/33/1278657

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care**

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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LYNWOOD SCHOOL OF VETERINARY NURSING

What we specialise in

- [ ] Foundation Apprenticeships
- [x] **Apprenticeships**
- [ ] Supported Apprenticeships
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- [ ] Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- [ ] Adult and Community Education
- [ ] Skills Bootcamps
- [ ] Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

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South Somerset

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Joint Head of School

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MM Services for Education (MMSE)

MMSE are specialists in SEND training, education and support. We help to engage students with additional educational needs by supplying bespoke support and/or training, augmenting and underpinning work experience or placements, and provide specialist advice.

We also train and educate businesses and organisations on how to support employees with learning difficulties, advise what help is available and put in place training on how to navigate support schemes and funding choices.

We specialise in educational research centring on online, AI and app-based solutions for individuals with learning difficulties including dyslexia, ADHD and ASD.

Why learn with us

We work with local authorities, colleges, job centres and employers to advocate for those who are the hardest to reach, or furthest from employment.

We specialise in supporting learning difficulties and neurodiversity across all sectors but our learning provision also focuses on the creative arts.

What we specialise in

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

- **Creative Arts**
- **Music**

Adult & Community Learning

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

MMSE
Supporting Education & Employment

What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✗ Apprenticeships
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✗ Internships
- ✗ Supported Internships
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- ✓ **Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)**
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- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

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South Somerset

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Paragon Skills

Paragon Skills is an award winning, Ofsted-rated 'Good' national apprenticeship provider specialising in adult care. We deliver high quality, flexible apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 5, supporting roles such as Care Workers, Lead Practitioners and Managers.

With expert tutor support, tailored learning and over 20 years of sector experience, we help individuals build rewarding careers in care and support employers to develop skilled, confident and compassionate teams.

Why learn with us

Paragon Skills is an Ofsted-rated 'Good' provider, Rated 'Excellent' on Trustpilot with a 4.9/5 rating. We specialise in adult care apprenticeships from Level 2 to 5, offering flexible, high-quality training that fits around your role.

Our expert tutors provide one-to-one support, and our Elevate courses help build confidence, digital skills and knowledge.

With strong sector links, we prepare you for a rewarding, long-term career in care.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**

How we deliver ☑ Online ☐ Face-to-face ☐ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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What we specialise in

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Our training locations

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Professional Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship experts are trained in matching the course to the person. From Software Development to Marketing to Hairdressing, we have the right fit for you.

We offer high quality, flexible training to suit the needs to a business and apprentice.

We offer:

- School Business Professional
- Teaching Assistant
- Multi-Channel Marketer
- Marketing Executive
- Software Development Technician
- Data Analyst
- Business Administrator
- Events Assistant
- Associate Project Management
- Customer Service Specialist
- Team Leader
- Software Developer
- Operations Manager
- Information Communication Technician
- Data Technician
- Customer Service Practitioner
- Content Creator
- Hairdressing Professional
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional

Why learn with us

If you are looking for the very highest level of apprenticeship training and support, you are in the right place.

Pro Apprenticeships (Professional Apprenticeships Ltd) has been known for the high level of training and support it offers apprentices and businesses, recognised by our Ofsted Outstanding Provider rating.

We offer hands-on training with learning, practical experience and education. For applicants, it is a pathway to a career with earnings from day one. For employers, it is a strategic investment to cultivate a skilled, loyal workforce.

Apprenticeships offer so much more now than they did and here at Pro Apprenticeships, we've packed them full of quality.
Here's just some of the reasons you should choose us as your apprenticeship provider.

- Multi-award-winning Apprenticeship Provider
- We're an Ofsted Outstanding Provider
- Industry Recognised Skills
- Trusted Professional Standards
- 87% Distinction Rate
- 100% First Time Pass Rate
- Leaders in Safeguarding

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

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What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Creative & Design**
- **Digital**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Hair & Beauty**
- **Sales, Marketing & Procurement**

Skills Bootcamps

PRO APPRENTICESHIPS

What we specialise in

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Our training locations

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Mendip
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South Somerset

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Side by Side Training Centre

As professionals in the Early Years, Care and Schools Sectors our vision has always been to give future generations the best start in life.

Therefore, to achieve this vision, the Side by Side Training Centre specialises in training, apprenticeships and qualifications to develop high-quality early years and childcare/education workforce, in line with government strategy. By focusing our delivery only in these sectors, we aim to provide top quality childcare, education & management training, which is accessible, flexible, individually tailored and available to all.

Why learn with us

We are a small, well established training provider, and we work in a specific sector - education and childcare. We believe this to be a huge advantage as our experienced trainers can offer a personalised service to all our learners and employers.

Our team are passionate about their sector and moreover about getting to know our learners and employers well from the first point of enquiry and, as professionals having worked in the same sector, we truly understand their needs and invest in the front-end information and guidance. It's about finding out as much as possible.

All of that informs what we are providing initially and then remains an ongoing dynamic process throughout the programme.

In our ever-evolving sector, career progression and development are forefront, so our tutors ensure our delivery is relevant with up-to-date topics and events, whilst at the same time, paying close attention to learner wellbeing.

Our team is committed to "offering the very best we can to each individual learner", ensuring learners have a good learning and development experience, which is reflected in the number of successful achievers, as well as the number of learners and employers who come back to Side by Side for further qualifications.

Our thorough and holistic approach to the learning journey is further demonstrated through our Matrix accreditation as well our as Expected Standard Ofsted grade with a Strong Standard in Inclusion, where both note our strengths in these areas.

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Education & Childcare

Technical & Vocational Qualifications (VTQs)

- Business & Administration
- Education & Childcare

SIDE BY SIDE
learning on the bright side

What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✗ Internships
- ✗ Supported Internships
- ✗ A Levels
- ✗ T Levels
- ✗ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ✓ **Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)**
- ✗ Adult and Community Education
- ✗ Skills Bootcamps
- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

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Shoots Training

Shoots Training are widely considered to be the Early Years specialists, aside from this we are able to offer a whole host of Business Skills Courses including Business Administration, Customer Service and Leadership in management.

We are flexible in our approach whilst we can deliver these across any business sector we are also able to adapt to fit the needs of your early years setting as well.

Why learn with us

Shoots Training are registered OFSTED Good and are Matrix accredited.

We have recently won a 'Sustainability in Apprenticeships Award' and are B Corp Certified.

Shoots Training have over 30 years experience of delivering apprenticeships across various sectors and have trainers available to deliver Business Skills Apprenticeships across the country.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Education & Childcare**

Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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What we specialise in

- [x] Foundation Apprenticeships
- [x] **Apprenticeships**
- [x] Supported Apprenticeships
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Our training locations

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South Somerset

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SS&L

SS&L is a Community Interest Company rooted in Somerset and delivering learning across the South West. We exist to change lives through learning, helping people aged 16 and over gain the confidence and skills to shape brighter futures.

Through apprenticeships, adult learning and programmes for young people, we provide supportive, flexible and inclusive learning that removes barriers and unlocks potential.

Why learn with us

At SS&L, learning is more than qualifications. We provide personalised support to help every learner progress, thrive and achieve their ambitions.

Working alongside employers and partners, we deliver practical learning that develops the skills employers need and prepares learners for their next step.

As a Community Interest Company, we reinvest in people and communities, helping thousands of learners build brighter futures each year.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Community**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Health & Science**
- **HR**
- **Safeguarding**
- **Sales, Marketing & Procurement**

Supported Internships

Adult & Community Learning

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING

What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✗ Internships
- ✓ **Supported Internships**
- ✗ A Levels
- ✗ T Levels
- ✗ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ✗ Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- ✓ **Adult and Community Education**
- ✗ Skills Training Bootcamps
- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

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Strode College

Located in Street, in the heart of mid-Somerset, Strode College offers a wide range of courses and excellent facilities for everyone from school leavers to adult learners.

Why learn with us

In the past 10 years, Strode College has invested over £20 million in College facilities to improve student's learning experience.

Our students benefit from a modern environment equipped with the latest technology and specialist resources that support and enrich their studies.

These outstanding facilities also enable us to offer a wide range of engaging and inspiring enrichment activities.

Strode College offers exceptional student progress, well-rounded academic results, a vibrant student life, and expert support and guidance. Now forming an integral part of UCS College Group, take a look below at some of their facilities!

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Catering & Hospitality
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Internships

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

A-Levels

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration Education & Childcare
- Health & Science

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
- ✓ Offer experiences of the workplace to young people at school
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- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Work-based projects

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Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

- **Business & Administration**
- **Digital**
- **Engineering and Manufacturing**

Adult & Community Learning

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

STRODE COLLEGE

What we specialise in

- ✓ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Supported Apprenticeships**
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- ✓ **A Levels**
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Our training locations

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South West Association of Training Providers Ltd (Swatpro)

At Swatpro, we provide expert careers information, advice and guidance to help people make informed choices about their learning and future careers. With extensive experience across the skills sector, we specialise in offering a flexible and personalised approach that meets the needs of both learners and businesses.

Our Apprenticeships, Skills Bootcamps and Adult Education programmes create opportunities to gain new skills, achieve recognised qualifications and progress into employment or within an existing career.

As a not-for-profit training provider, we are committed to delivering high-quality education, training and personalised support. We work flexibly around you and your employer, delivering training in the workplace and offering learning times that meet individual and business needs.

With a wide range of subjects and qualifications available, we will help you find the right learning opportunity to achieve your career and personal goals.

Why learn with us

Our programmes span a wide range of sectors, including Business, Management, Hospitality, Health and Social Care, Construction and Welding, Early Years Education, and Live Arts & Events. Each programme is designed in line with industry expectations, ensuring that the skills and knowledge developed are relevant, practical, and immediately transferable to the workplace.

Our apprenticeship delivery is shaped around the modern workplace. We work closely with employers, learners, and industry experts to co-create learning experiences that drive measurable impact.

This employer partnership approach ensures that our learners are supported not only to achieve qualifications but also to thrive in their roles and progress in their careers.

Our dedicated team brings a wealth of sector-specific expertise. We offer real-world insights and practical knowledge that enrich the learning experience. This depth of experience enables us to deliver engaging, up-to-date training that reflects current practice, regulation, and employer expectations.

How we deliver ☐ Online ☐ Face-to-face ☑ Blended Offer

We are also proud to hold the Matrix Standard Accreditation, a national quality standard recognising our excellence in delivering information, advice, and guidance (IAG).

This accreditation demonstrates our commitment to supporting every learner in making informed decisions about their future.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering and Hospitality**
- **Creative & Design**
- **Digital**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Legal, Finance & Accounting**
- **Sales, Marketing & Procurement**

Skills Bootcamps

Apprenticeship Units

- **Artificial Intelligence**

swatpro
training in partnership

What we specialise in

- ✓ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
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Our training locations

Sedgemoor
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t2 group

t2 group are a leading UK provider of Apprenticeships in Adult Care and Management.

With over 25 years' experience, we design and deliver programmes that build skills, improve performance, and drive careers forward. Working with employers and learners across Somerset and nationwide, our training is tailored, flexible, and focused on making a measurable difference.

Why learn with us

t2 group are rated Good by Ofsted.

With over 25 years' experience, we specialise in Adult Care and Management Apprenticeships, helping learners develop practical skills valued by employers.

Our strong links with care providers and managers mean training is relevant, flexible, and designed to support career progression while improving workplace performance.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- **Care Services**

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ☐ Blended Offer

t2 group
part of the Marr Corporation

What we specialise in

- ✔ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✔ **Apprenticeships**
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Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

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Taunton College

Located in Somerset's county town, Taunton College benefits from excellent local connections and is just a short walk from the train station.

It offers an impressive range of specialist facilities as well as the University Centre Somerset.

We are dedicated to fostering optimal learning environments, and our state-of-the-art facilities reflect our commitment to delivering a comprehensive and well-rounded education for all learners.

Why learn with us

In recent years, Taunton College has benefited from significant multi-million pound investments, enhancing and modernising its facilities.

From the state-of-the-art Quantock Restaurant and the incredible Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre to the innovative Centre for Digital Technologies, these upgrades reflect the College Group's ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality learning environment.

As the demands of education evolve, so does our dedication to ensuring students have access to the very best resources and opportunities.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Supported Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Protective Services
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement

Internships

Supported Internships

A-Levels

T Levels

- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
- ✓ Offer experiences of the workplace to young people at school
- ✓ Employer visits
- ✓ Employer talks
- ✓ Taster sessions
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Work-based projects

Contact: Nicky Downer

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering and Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Digital**
- **Education and Childcare**
- **Engineering and Manufacturing**
- **Hair and Beauty**
- **Health and Science**
- **Legal, Finance and Accounting**
- **Transport and Logistics**

Adult & Community Learning

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

TAUNTON COLLEGE

What we specialise in

- ☑ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ☑ **Apprenticeships**
- ☑ **Supported Apprenticeships**
- ☑ **Internships**
- ☑ **Supported Internships**
- ☑ **A Levels**
- ☑ **T Levels**
- ☑ **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
- ☑ **Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)**
- ☑ **Adult and Community Education**
- ☑ **Skills Bootcamps**
- ☑ **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Somerset West & Taunton

Contact details

Address Taunton College, Wellington Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 5AX

Telephone 001278 441216

Email SLO@ucscollegegroup.ac.uk

Main contact Nicky Downer , School Liasion Officer Team Leader

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www.ucscollegegroup.ac.uk

Top Training

TOP Training Ltd, a national provider of apprenticeships and vocational training. Across our three specialist training divisions our expert trainers offer professional training ranging from levels 2 to 7, ensuring that everyone can better themselves and their careers through learning.

With a proven track record, we deliver quality people-led training, enabling front-line staff, managers, leaders, and business owners to reach their full potential. Our teams offer personalised support, expert advice, creativity, and passion throughout the learning journey.

We offer a blended delivery model of face to face and online learning, and some programmes also provide innovative cutting edge workshops

HIT Training - A leading provider in hospitality, catering and retail
Connect2Care - Experts in adult care, healthcare, early years and funeral services
Executive Development Network - Specialists in Management, Leadership and Business Services

Why learn with us

All trainers at HIT training have come from a proven industry background and are passionate about giving back.

Our business ethos revolves around people and their growth.

We are dedicated to transforming lives, shaping futures, and creating better income opportunities for our employees, employer partners and learners alike.

Our moral purpose lies in helping everyone we work with to grow and develop, empowering them to reach their full potential in their careers and lives. At TOP Training , we prioritise environmental sustainability to preserve the planet's future.

We embed these principles in our curriculum and business operations, instilling learners with responsible practices and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among our staff.

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Education & Childcare
- Retail

The Opportunity Provider

Since 2006

What we specialise in

- ✔ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✔ **Apprenticeships**
- ✘ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✘ Internships
- ✘ Supported Internships
- ✘ A Levels
- ✘ T Levels
- ✘ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ✘ Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- ✘ Adult and Community Education
- ✘ Skills Bootcamps
- ✘ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address TOP Training Ltd,
Suite F4, BlueSky Business Centre,
25 Cecil Pashley Way, Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex, BN43 5FF

Telephone 07966 288691

Email esther.bulmer@top.training

Main contact Esther Bulmer,
Area Manager

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Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy

A unique private training provider based in Somerton, just off the A303, offering programmes within solely construction and engineering.

Train4All offer apprenticeships in Bricklaying, Property Maintenance, Welding and Metal Fabrication via day and block release, and a full-time paid ECITB Welding Scholarship is also available with potential to progress onto an apprenticeship.

Training is also available for the nuclear sector including health and safety competency qualifications, skills courses for those leaving the Armed Forces and bespoke training options for local, regional and national employers.

Why learn with us

Train4All is a small provider offering learners and employers advice and guidance on how to build a future within industry.

Apprenticeships, skills Bootcamps and employer-led training programmes offer fantastic employment opportunities.

Train4All's strong links with large employers such as EDF Energy and Cavendish Nuclear enables quality training to be delivered in partnership, providing support to individuals with fantastic career progression.

Train4All operates small class sizes and has state of the art workshops, industry experts deliver training that enables learners to achieve and gain industry recognised skills.

How we deliver ☐ Online ☑ Face-to-face ☐ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- ✓ Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
- ✓ Offer experiences of the workplace to young people at school
- ✓ Employer visits
- ✓ Employer talks
- ☐ Taster sessions
- ✓ Work experience
- ☐ Work-based projects
- ☐ Internships
- ☐ Supported placements for SEND young people

Contact: Rachel Allen

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Construction**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**

Skills Bootcamps

Train4All

Construction & Engineering

What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✗ Internships
- ✗ Supported Internships
- ✗ A Levels
- ✗ T Levels
- ✗ Foundation Courses / Entry to Work
- ✗ Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)
- ✗ Adult and Community Education
- ✓ **Skills Bootcamps**
- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Our training locations

South Somerset

Contact details

Address Units 1-4 Jubilee Park, Badgers Cross Lane, Somerton TA11 7JF

Telephone 01458 274043

Email hello@train4all.co.uk

Main contact Rachel Allen, Chief Operating Officer

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www.train4all.co.uk

Weston College

We offer flexible onsite, local, and online courses to fit around your life, with dedicated tutor support every step of the way.

Our short, intensive programmes help you gain the skills employers want, and our award-winning apprenticeships–ranging from Level 2 to degree level, let you earn while you learn. Whatever your goal, we'll help you get job-ready and succeed in your chosen career.

Why train with us

Weston College is an award-winning college dedicated to helping you achieve your goals. We put you first, offering flexible, innovative training that fits around your life.

Whether you want to start a new career, gain qualifications, or progress at work, we provide funded and co-funded courses, apprenticeships, and bespoke support.

Our expert tutors will help you gain the skills, confidence, and knowledge to succeed.

Through our Career Excellence Hubs, you'll join a study programme packed with career-boosting benefits, co-designed with employers to give you the chance to become truly career ready.

What we specialise in

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Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

- Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Science
- Leadership & Project Management
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Professional Services
- Protective Services
- Sport

Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

A-Levels

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Media Broadcast & Production

How we deliver ☑ Online ☐ Face-to-face ☑ Blended Offer

School Engagement

- [x] Work with schools to promote career pathways to young people
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- [x] Employer talks
- [x] Taster sessions
- [x] Work experience
- [ ] Work-based projects
- [ ] Internships
- [ ] Supported placements for SEND young people

Contact: Weston College, School Team: schoolteam@weston.ac.uk

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

Skills Bootcamps

Technical & Vocational & Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering & Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Digital**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Hair & Beauty**
- **Health & Science**
- **Transport & Logistics**

Adult & Community Learning

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What we specialise in

- [x] **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- [x] **Apprenticeships**
- [x] **Supported Apprenticeships**
- [x] **Internships**
- [x] **Supported Internships**
- [x] **A Levels**
- [x] **T Levels**
- [x] **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
- [x] **Vocational & Techical Qualifications (VTQs)**
- [x] **Adult and Community Education**
- [x] **Skills Bootcamps**
- [x] **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**

Our training locations

Weston College multiply campus sites

Contact details

Address Knightstone Campus, Knightstone Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS23 2AL

Telephone 01934 4411796

Email Louise.Greene@weston.ac.uk

Main contact Louise Greene, Commercial Education Manager

Yeovil College

Shaping Futures, Changing Lives

At Yeovil College, our purpose is to create life-changing opportunities by shaping exciting futures through exceptional education and meaningful partnerships. We are an ambitious and innovative college, committed to giving every learner a clear pathway to employment, higher education and career success. Whether studying A Levels, T Levels, vocational qualifications or apprenticeships, our students are supported and inspired to achieve more than they thought possible.

Why learn with us

Why Choose Yeovil College?
With strong employer partnerships and specialist facilities across areas including Construction, Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Sport, Health and Digital Technologies, we offer a wide range of industry-focused programmes designed to prepare learners for the future. As the home of the Defence Technical Excellence College (DTEC), we are helping to develop the next generation of talent for the defence, engineering and advanced manufacturing sectors, working closely with leading employers and partners across the UK.

As a learner at Yeovil College, you will benefit from expert teaching, modern industry-standard facilities and dedicated personal support.

Our strong links with employers provide valuable real-world experiences, ensuring you develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in your chosen career. We're also Matrix-accredited, demonstrating our commitment to providing high-quality information, advice and guidance at every stage of your journey.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering and Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement
- Transport and Logistics

Supported Apprenticeships

T Levels

- Design & Development for Engineering & Manufacturing
- Digital Business Services
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control
- Health
- Management & Administration

Foundation Courses / Entry to Work

Supported Internships

A-Levels

How we deliver ✓ Online ✓ Face-to-face ✓ Blended Offer

School Engagement

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- ✓ Employer talks
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- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Work-based projects
- ☐ Internships
- ✓ Supported placements for SEND young people

Contact:
workexperienceteam@yeovil.ac.uk

Vocational & Technical Quallifications (VTQs)

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering and Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Digital**
- **Education and Childcare**
- **Engineering and Manufacturing**
- **Hair and Beauty**
- **Health and Science**
- **Legal, Finance and Accounting**

Adult & Community Learning

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Yeovil College

What we specialise in

- ✗ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Supported Apprenticeships**
- ✗ Internships
- ✓ **Supported Internships**
- ✓ **A Levels**
- ✓ **T Levels**
- ✓ **Foundation Courses / Entry to Work**
- ✓ **Vocational & Techical Qualifications (VTQs)**
- ✓ **Adult and Community Education**
- ✓ **Skills Bootcamps**
- ✓ **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

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Email iZone@yeovil.ac.uk

Main contact iZone Experts

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Sixth-form Schools

Schools that have sixth-forms in Somerset offer a range of Post 16 study options, including A-Levels.

You do not need to have attended the school before, and by looking at their prospectus can see the subjects, the combinations, the facilities and support that they can offer.

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The Blue School
Kennion Road, Wells, BA5 2NR
Phone 01749 678 799
Email office@theblueschool.somerset.sch.uk
Web www.theblueschoolwells.co.uk

2

Frome Community College
Bath Rd, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2HQ
Phone 01373 465 353
Email office@fromecollege.mnsp.org.uk
Web www.fromecollege.org

3

Holyrood Academy
Zembard Lane, Chard, TA20 1JL
Phone 01460 260 100
Email office@holyrood.bep.ac
Web holyrood.bep.ac

4

Huish Episcopi Academy
Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS
Phone 014582 505 013
Email office@hea.ac.uk
Web www.huishepiscopi.net

5

The King Alfred School – an Academy
Burnham Road, Highbridge, TA9 3EE
Phone 01278 784 881
Email info@tkasa.org.uk
Web www.tkasa.org.uk

6

The Kings of Wessex Academy
Kings Academy, Station Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3AQ
Phone 01934 742 608
Email office@@kowessex.co.uk
Web www.kowessex.co.uk

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The Space
Monkton Wood Academy, School Road, Monkton, Heathfield, Taunton, TA2 8PD
Phone 01823 412 820
Email info@thespacesomerset.co.uk
Web www.thespacesomerset.co.uk

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Sexeys Sixth

Kennion Road, Wells, BA5 2NR
Phone 01749 813 393
Email reception@sexeys.somerset.sch.uk
Web www.sexeys.somerset.sch.uk

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West Somerset College

West Somerset College, Bircham Road,
Minehead, TA24 6AY
Phone 01643 706 061
Email enquiries@westsomersetcollege.org
Web www.westsomersetcollege.org



Specialist Provision

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Aurora Foxes

Foxes Fields Selbourne Pl,
Minehead TA24 5TY
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Email office@avalonsch.uk
Web www.theauroragroup.co.uk

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Avalon School

Brooks Road, Street, BA16 0PS
Phone 01458 443 081
Email office@avalonsch.uk
Web www.avalonschool.org.uk

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Cambian Lufton College
Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 8ST
Phone 01935 403 120
Email www.cambiangroup.com/contact
Web www.cambiangroup.com

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Critchill Special School
Nunney Road, Frome, BA11 4LB
Phone 01373 464 148
Email office@critchillschool.co.uk
Web www.critchillschool.co.uk

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Fairmead Special School
Mudford Road, Yeovil, BA21 4N
Phone 01935 421 295
Email office@@fairmeadschool.com
Web www.fairmeadschool.com

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Fiveways Special School
Victoria Road, Yeovil, BA21 5AZ
Phone 01935 476 227
Email office@@fiveways.school
Web www.fivewaysschool.co.uk

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Hill View School
Hill View Main Street Ash Martock TA12 6GD
Phone 01936 733 033
Email office@hv.oak.education
Web www.hillviewschool.co.uk

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The Mendip School
Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh,
Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ
Phone 01749838040
Email office@themendipschool.com
Web www.themendipschool.co.uk

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Polden Bower Special School
Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4GU
Phone 01278 496 386
Email office@poldenbower.org.uk
Web www.poldenbower.org.uk

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Selworthy School
Selworthy Road, Taunton, TA2 8HD
Phone 01823 284 970
Email office@selworthy.oak.education
Web www.selworthy.somerset.sch.uk

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Sky Academy
Pickeridge Close, Taunton, Somerset,TA2 7HW
Phone 01823 275 569
Email info@TSA.CLF.UK **Web** theskyacademy.clf.uk

Good News:

Your Future. SORTED! Continues and Expands

The Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network (DSTPN), is delighted to announce it has been funded by the **Somerset Careers Hub 'Future Ready' campaign** to deliver an exciting and engaging new school support programme across Somerset, talking all things apprenticeship and skills!.

This means we are expanding our existing DSTPN **"Your Future Sorted!"** resource to include a dedicated awareness-raising and support programme. This will be facilitated by our experienced Apprenticeship & Skills Adviser Joanne Small.

From 1 September 2026, our **Your future. SORTED!** offer will include:

- **Targeted Support for identified Future Ready Students:** A dedicated 1 – 2 hour fun packed session for Year 9 students, focusing on their individual progression pathways.
- **Awareness Assembly (where identified schools can accommodate):** A whole-year assembly focused on Apprenticeships (from Foundation to Higher/Degree) and technical education (e.g., T-Levels).
- **Careers Fair Attendance:** Our team will be available to attend your school's careers fairs, offering direct support and information to students and parents where impactful engagement can be achieved.
- **Directories:** Free, downloadable resources providing students, parents, teachers and stakeholders with information on apprenticeships, T Levels, internships, SEND progression pathways and local training providers.
- **Skills Elevators:** Free and downloadable resources to help individuals explore job roles within specific industries, highlighting the qualifications, skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to progress from entry-level to advanced positions.

Find Out More or Book Your Activity

Visit our website to find out more
dstpn.co.uk/school-support-programme
or email **J.Small@dstpn.co.uk**
to book your session

The Network for Inspired Learning

Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network Ltd (DSTPN) is a company limited by guarantee with a membership consisting of fee paying members who are independent training providers, colleges, universities, employers and stakeholder bodies working in the post-16 education and training sector.

The network vision is to encourage and support providers to operate in a culture of collaborative working for the benefit of member organisations, whilst continually enhancing the experience, learning and achievement of learners and meeting employer and community needs.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about DSTPN, are interested in becoming a member or would like to be included in the 2027/28 edition of the Provider Directory, please contact us:


hello@dstpn.co.uk


dstpn.co.uk


@DSTPN


Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network

Dorset and Somerset
Training Providers