NSCG | LEEK COLLEGE

Your future. No limits.



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Your future.
Anything's possible.

Choosing what comes after high school is one of the most exciting decisions you will ever make. You might not know your final destination just yet, but the journey to get there starts right here.

At Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), we provide the perfect starting point for you to go anywhere and achieve anything.



As an Ofsted 'Outstanding' college, our goal is simple: we put our students first.

We combine sector-leading results with continual investment in our campus to create industry-standard facilities and a community where you'll be supported every step of the way.

Whether you want to pave a path to a top university with A Levels, master a high-demand sector through T Levels, or jump straight into industry with an apprenticeship, your individual success



is at the heart of everything we do. Beyond the classroom, you'll find an inclusive community filled with unique enrichment opportunities and a support team dedicated to helping you thrive.

We are thrilled that you are considering joining us. We warmly invite you to explore our prospectus, visit us at an upcoming Open Event and take your very first step toward an extraordinary future.

Your next chapter, your independence and your ultimate ambitions - it all begins at NSCG.

Your Future. No Limits.

Craig Hodgson, Principal & Chief Executive, NSCG

Why choose u



From outstanding results and industry connections to innovative learning spaces and unforgettable experiences, NSCG gives you the skills, confidence and support to achieve more.

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We are experts in 16–18 education and training, creating a dedicated college community built entirely for young people.

We provide the biggest choice of courses and study options, all taught within top-quality learning environments.

We deliver outstanding pastoral and academic support customised to your personal goals to ensure your success.

We achieve outstanding results, consistently helping students progress to university, apprenticeships, or their chosen career.

We maintain outstanding financial stability, allowing us to continuously invest in state-of-the-art teaching and learning resources.

Our results, your success.

Our Class of 2026 has once again outperformed national benchmarks, achieving record-breaking results that firmly place NSCG in the top 5% of further education colleges in England.

T Level Success

99%
pass rate

30% of T Level students achieved high grades of Distinction or above.



Sam Shields studied T Level in Engineering Manufacturing, Process and Control (Distinction*) with plans now to study Engineering in Japan.



Theo Kirtley studied Level 3 Sport & Physical Activity (Distinction) and is now employed at JCB Golf and Country Club as a Caddie Master.

Vocational Success

99% pass rate

82.3% of Vocational (BTEC) entries achieved high grades of DMM or above.

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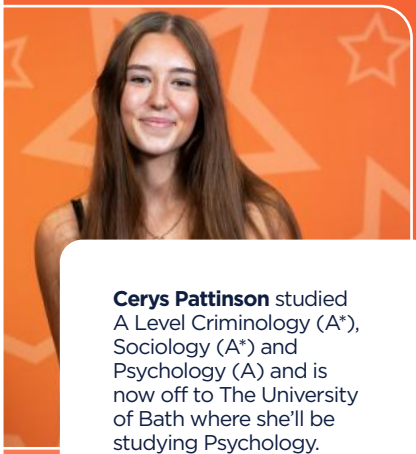
A Level Success*

99.2%

pass rate

85.6% of A Level entries achieved A* - C grades.

62.5% of A Level entries achieved A* - B grades.



Cerys Pattinson studied A Level Criminology (A*), Sociology (A*) and Psychology (A) and is now off to The University of Bath where she'll be studying Psychology.



* Based on group success

Where your future begins.



Since joining Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), Leek College has benefitted from major investment in it's facilities totaling £1 million.

The extensive works have ensured that students have access to fast, reliable and future-ready technology, in a campus that is a bright and modern space.

Whether you're studying, socialising or staying active, our facilities help you make the most of your time on campus. Visit us during one of our upcoming Open Events or book a one-to-one tour with our Schools Liaison Team and see for yourself what makes NSCG special.

Wherever your future takes you, we will make sure you have a great time getting there.



The Library

Level up your learning with 1000s of books, journals, online resources and all the tech you need. Built for focus, creativity and inquisitive minds, it's the perfect spot to concentrate, create and explore something new.

The Gallery

Fuel your day with all your favourites, from fresh coffee and meal deals to hot food and snacks.

There's plenty of choice, it's all fresh and student friendly.





Hair & Beauty Academy

Need time to unwind? Book in for a facial, a fresh haircut, or some well-earned 'me time' between lessons.

Our amazing Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy academies offer a wide range of services, all at student-friendly prices.

15% student discount

Find your place.

Discover yo potential.



Happiness is the key to success, which is why your wellbeing is our top priority. We are committed to being there for you every step of the way.

Our incredible Student Services team can help remove any barriers that are getting between you and your learning. Whether you're eligible for in-class support, need financial advice and assistance or you just need someone to talk to about a query or personal issue, we're here for you.

Learn more about support at NSCG.

our



Individual Learning Plan

To track your progress, we've developed leading-edge tools to help you complete an Individual Learning Plan (ILP). You and your tutors use this to set targets and monitor your progress.

Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor will be on hand to support you, a friendly member of staff who will be your 'go to' person to encourage you to meet your deadlines, smash your targets and push you to exceed at every step.

Equality & Diversity

As an inclusive college, we celebrate everyone in our diverse community. If you have a learning difficulty, disability, or an invisible condition, our dedicated support team and fully accessible campus will ensure you have everything you need to succeed.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing Officers

If you're struggling at college or personally, don't worry. Each course has a Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer who provides expert advice and support to help you stay on track.

Student Mentors

Second or third-year Student Mentors are here to help you adjust to college life. They can offer guidance on making friends and getting involved in activities.
To get connected, just ask your Personal Tutor or visit Student Services.

Money Matters

Financial support is available through the College Maintenance Allowance (CMA) and Vulnerable Student Bursary (VSB), covering costs for food, travel, and course essentials. Our Student Finance Team can offer help and assistance on finding out what you could be entitled to.



Come as you are.

Leave as more than you thought possible.

College should be more than just classes and coursework. At NSCG, it is. It's a place to grow, to try new things and to shape your future. Not just through your studies, but through everything else that surrounds it.

From the moment you start, your journey is shaped around who you are, your passions and what you want to achieve. Whether you already have a goal in mind or you're here to explore, your time with us is about getting stuck in, opening doors and making every moment count.

Maths and English

If you don't quite get a 4 in your GCSE maths or English, don't worry.

You'll continue learning in a supportive environment, with lessons built into your timetable and plenty of extra help on offer. It's all about building confidence and keeping your future options open.

Weekly Tutorials

Every student has a dedicated Personal Tutor. Someone to talk to, check in with, and help you stay on track.

These sessions give you the space to reflect, raise questions, and explore what else is happening across the College that you might want to take part in. NSCG is a place where big things begin. It's your chance to do more, discover more and become more in a setting that's designed to help you thrive.

Personalised Study Programmes

Every student follows a tailored programme built around their individual ambitions. It includes your core qualification, but adds so much more, with weekly tutorials, work experience and individual guidance where needed.

If you need to resit GCSE English or maths, those will be included too, with the support you need to help you succeed.

Work Experience

We'll support you to secure a meaningful placement in a setting that suits your future ambitions, whether that's a creative studio, a science lab, a business HQ or a local charity.

We have excellent links with employers across the region and a dedicated placements team who are there to help you find the right fit.

A place to grow.



Student Voices

From planning fun-filled days to hosting the Student Conference, we make sure your voice is heard on important topics. We also have different areas of focus, including LGBTQ+ issues and marketing, giving you plenty of ways to get involved in college life.

Enrichment and College Life

You'll have loads of opportunities to get involved in life beyond your course. From clubs, societies and events to national competitions and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, there's something here for everyone. It's a chance to build friendships, explore new interests and make your mark.







Trips and Visits

There's a wide variety of trips each year, from art galleries and law courts to engineering sites and industry conferences.

Some are local, others are residential and even international. They're an opportunity to discover new perspectives, grow in confidence and gain experiences you'll talk about for years.

Student Xtras

Become a volunteer at our college Open Events! You'll gain valuable experience, meet new people, and help prospective students discover all that our college has to offer.

NSCG DIGITAL AMBASSADOR

Digital Ambassadors

For students who are passionate about their course and want to gain valuable experience for their CV, Ambassadors play a key role in showcasing student life, creating engaging content for the College's social media channels.

As a bonus, you can even earn some extra cash for selected projects.

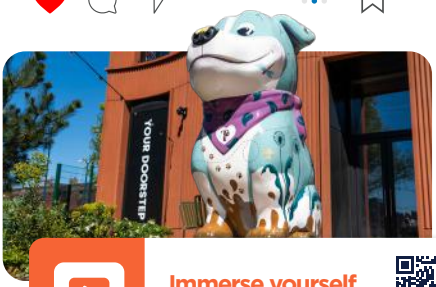
Sign up before you start to register your interest.

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Student life at NSCG goes far beyond the classroom. It's your chance to be unapologetically you, to embrace new experiences, uncover fresh passions and leave your mark along the way.

Take a look at just a few of the many things that our students enjoyed over the last 12 months.

Students work with a local artist in designing a giant Staffy sculpture as part of the 10 year anniversary of Staffordshire Day.



Immerse yourself with 'Life at NSCG'



NSCG celebrates student success at its annual awards ceremony, taking place at Gradbach Mill in the heart of the Peak District.

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Students experience an incredible once-in-a-lifetime 17-day trip to Australia!



Hair students receive a donation of brand new equipment from Spectrum.



Our Leek Town students historically conquer the Association of Colleges Sport West Midlands League 3.



Our annual student conference gives students the opportunity to raise and discuss all of the issues that are important to them.



Students embrace the fun of World Book Day.

The future you're aiming for starts now.

Where you go next is a big decision. And at NSCG, we're here to help you get there.

Whether you've got it all mapped out or you're still exploring your options, we'll support you every step of the way.

University, apprenticeships, employment or further study - your future is full of exciting possibilities.

University Progression

We're No.1 for University progression locally and one of the top colleges nationally, **with 1,285 students in 2025 securing places at 102 different universities** across the UK.

You'll get personal one-to-one guidance to help you research courses, choose where to apply and craft a UCAS application that really stands out.

Higher Level Apprenticeships

If you'd rather earn while you learn, a higher or degree apprenticeship could be the right path for you. These qualifications are highly valued by employers and give you hands-on experience in your chosen field. Our Apprenticeship Hub team will help you explore your options and navigate the application process.

Higher Education at NSCG

Stay closer to home and study a university-level course at NSCG. Our HNCs, HNDs and HTQs are a more affordable route to higher education. See page 65 for more information.



Next Steps Fayre

Every year, our Next Steps Fayre brings over 50 universities and 40 employers to our Newcastle campus. It's your chance to ask questions, explore options and discover what's out there. From degrees to apprenticeships, gap year plans to early career pathways, you'll find plenty to be inspired by.



Play with purpose.



If you've got the talent, drive and love of the beautiful game, this is your opportunity to get in our starting line up.

Open to all elite players, our Football Academy is a full-time, two-year course delivered in partnership with Leek Town FC, combining top-level football development with academic excellence.

Based at the state-of-the-art F. Ball Community Stadium, this is your chance to train, study and compete at a top Step 3 football club.

> **NSCG helped me focus on my goals and take real steps toward my dream career.**
>
> **Theo Kirtley**
> **Leek Town Student**



Discover more about the Leek Town Football Academy.

Your study options:

Vocational Pathways

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport

Find your path.

Ready to dive in but not sure where to start? Here are our top tips.

Follow Your Passion

Think about your favourite school subjects. Choosing what you love can help you stay motivated.

Think About The Future

Identify your ultimate career or university goals. Work backwards to find the steps you need to take to get there and the required entry qualifications.

Do Your Homework

Research course modules and assessment styles online. Ensure the breakdown matches how you learn best.

Schools Liaison Team

Catch our team during their upcoming school visits. Grab application tips directly from our presentation or drop-in sessions.

Campus Open Events

Step onto campus to see our industry-standard facilities. Chat face-to-face with tutors and current students.

Speak to a Careers Advisor

Book a free, one-to-one campus guidance appointment. Match your personal strengths to real-world industries.





	My GCSE grades.	What could I study?
Academic Pathways	Five or more GCSEs at grades 5 or above including English and maths.	Selected A Level & V Levels.
Technical Pathways	Typically, five or more GCSEs at grades 5 or above including English and maths.*	T Levels
Vocational Pathways	Four or more GCSEs at grades 4 or above including English and/or maths.	Selected V Levels or a Level 3 Vocational Programme.
Progression Pathways	Five or more GCSEs at grades 3 or above.	Level 2 course with English and maths alongside.
Foundation Studies	Four or more GCSEs at grades 2 or above.	Level 1 course with English and maths alongside.
Entry Level	No qualifications	Entry Level Course

Looking to study a trade or skills-based course?

Courses such as constructionor hairdressing **usually start at Level 1**; this allows you to build your technical skills and knowledge as you progress.

*Depending on individual T Level entry requirements.

Your future



A Levels

NEW for 2027/28

Level 3

Is this for me? Typically, students choose to study three A Level subjects over two years. However, you can choose to study two A Level subjects and one V Level (equivalent to one A Level) over two years.

What do I need? A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language in subjects relevant to your chosen course.*

Where can it take me? You can progress to university, a university-level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

Scan to find out more about our Academic Pathways.

Introducing V Levels

As part of our commitment to providing innovative future-focused learning opportunities, we are excited to introduce A Levels to Leek College and new V Levels from September 2027.

V Levels are new Level 3 qualifications are equivalent in size to one A Level and are designed to give you practical, career-focused learning. V Levels can be studied alongside other qualifications such as A Levels or a Diploma to create a personalised study programme equivalent in size to three A Levels.

From 2027, we will offer V Levels in Accounting and Education, with more subjects planned from 2028.

at a glance.

T Levels

Level 3

Is this for me? T Levels are an industry-recognised two-year course that are an alternative to A Levels and vocational programmes, that bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement (at least 45 days) together on a course designed with businesses and employers.

What do I need? Typically, a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language in subjects relevant to your chosen course.*

Where can it take me?
You can progress to university, a university-level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

Scan to find out more about our Technical Pathways.

Vocational / V Level Programmes

Level 3

Is this for me? Our vocational courses (three A Level equivalent) are practical, skills-based routes focused on employability and real-world experience in one subject area. Choose from a wide range of subjects, which you will study for two years.

What do I need? Four or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.

Where can it take me?
You can progress to university, a university-level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

Scan to find out more about our Vocational Pathways.

*Some subjects have additional entry requirements.

Apprenticeships

Available at Levels 2 to 5

Is this for me? Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills while you study for a nationally recognised qualification.

What do I need? Two or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above in subjects relevant to your course. However, in some sectors, employers ask for a minimum of grade 5 in maths and English Language.

Where can it take me?
You can progress to a higher level apprenticeship, full-time course at NSCG or full-time employment.

Scan to find out more about our Apprenticeships

Progression Pathways

Available on Levels 1 to 2

Is this for me? If you're not quite ready to join a Level 3 programme, our vocational Progression Pathways allow you to study at Level 1 or Level 2 and will help you build confidence, knowledge and skills to help you progress to your next steps.

Where can it take me?
You can progress to a higher level course, or explore apprenticeship or employment opportunities.

Scan to find out more about our Progression Pathways.



Skills Pathways

Available on Levels 1 to 3

Is this for me? Skills-based pathways offer hands-on training and industry-recognised qualifications tailored directly to specific careers such as hairdressing, beauty and construction. They are ideal for students who prefer practical learning, want to fast-track their entry into the workforce, or are looking to build targeted, real-world expertise.

What do I need? You'll usually start at Level 1 to develop the core practical skills needed for the industry, regardless of your GCSE profile.

Where can it take me? You can progress to a higher level course, or explore apprenticeship or employment opportunities.

Scan to find out more about our Skills Pathways.



Foundation Studies

Entry Level

Is this for me? Our Foundation courses are nurturing 12-month programmes designed to support and prepare learners for their next educational or career steps by building essential core skills. These supportive courses provide a welcoming environment to bridge skill gaps, boost confidence and establish a solid academic or practical foundation.

Where can it take me? You can progress to a higher level course.

Scan to find out more about Foundation Studies.

GCSE Maths & English

If you haven't yet achieved grades 9-4 in these important subjects, maths and/or English sessions will be on your timetable and you'll retake these qualifications alongside your main course.

This excludes A Levels and T Levels as grade 5 and above are needed for those pathways.

NEW for 2027/28

We are excited to offer A Levels and introduce V Levels to NSCG Leek College.

Due to demand locally, a carefully selected range of A Levels are now included within our course offering. So if you enjoy academic study and are aiming for university or a higher apprenticeship, our two-year A Level pathway is an excellent choice.

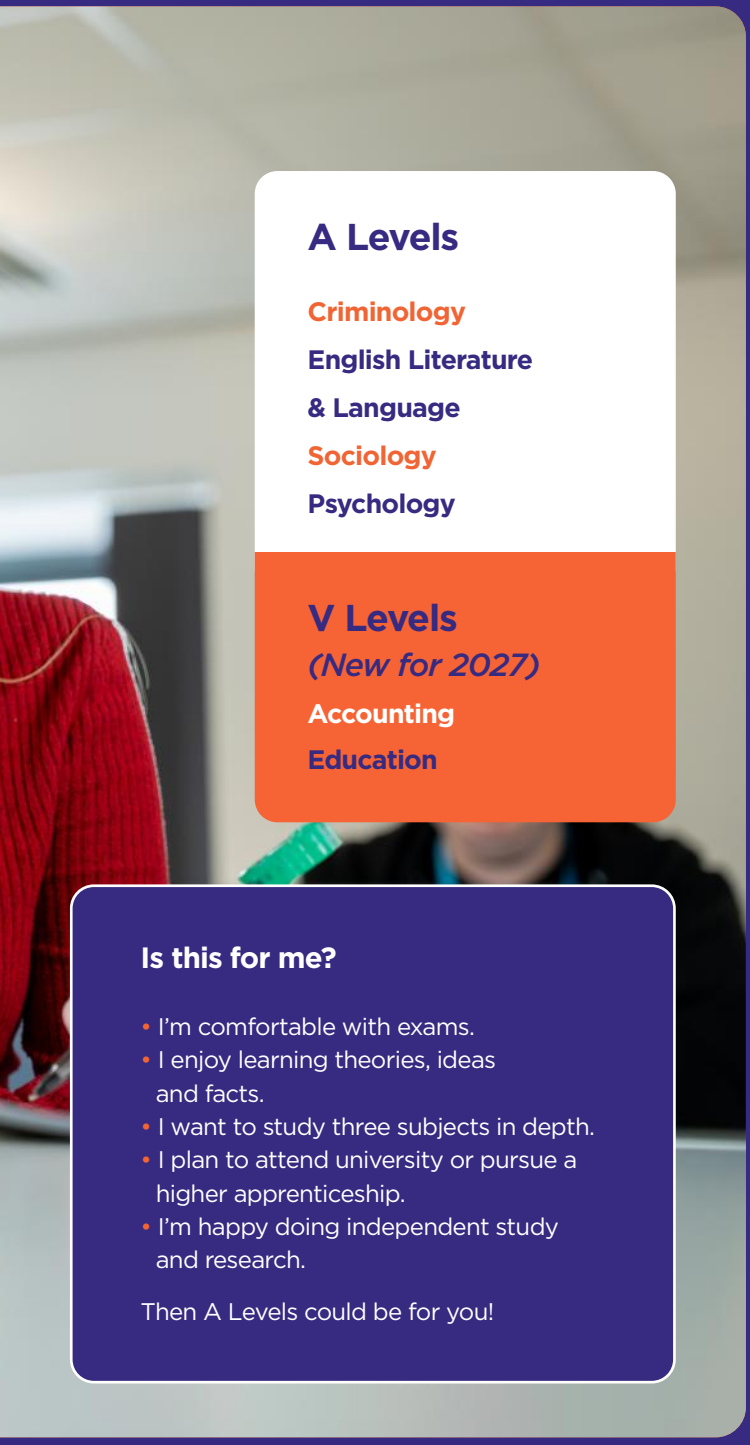
Most students take three A Level subjects, but high achievers can choose four or add an EPQ.

Alternatively, you can combine two A Levels with a V Level to build a career-focused programme that offers a more balanced mix of exams and coursework.

Scan to find out more about A Levels.



A Levels (Level 3)



A Levels

Criminology

English Literature & Language

Sociology

Psychology

V Levels

(New for 2027)

Accounting

Education

Is this for me?

- I'm comfortable with exams.
- I enjoy learning theories, ideas and facts.
- I want to study three subjects in depth.
- I plan to attend university or pursue a higher apprenticeship.
- I'm happy doing independent study and research.

Then A Levels could be for you!



A fresh route towards your future. T Levels are two-year qualifications designed with employers and industry leaders to prepare you for life after college.

They're ideal if you want a mix of classroom learning and hands-on experience, all while working towards a qualification that's equivalent to three A Levels. Each T Level includes a 45-day industry placement to build practical skills and employer-valued confidence in the workplace.

This respected pathway is designed to launch your future ambitions, whether you are heading to university, a higher apprenticeship, or straight into a job.

Scan to find out more about T Levels.

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T Levels (Level 3)



T Levels

Digital Support & Security

Education & Early Years (Early Years Education)

Education & Early Years (Assisting Teaching)

Engineering, Manufacturing, Process & Control

Is this for me?

- I already have a career or industry sector in mind.
- I want practical work experience and an extended placement built into my course.
- I like learning by doing and putting theory into action.
- I want to progress into higher education, training or employment.

We work with hundreds of employers across the region to help secure meaningful placements. Come and speak to our talented team who are here to mentor and guide you from start to finish.

Najam's journey at NSCG has taken him from a Level 2 engineering course to a clear career ambition in the automotive industry.

After leaving school, Najam joined the Level 2 Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations before progressing onto the Level 3 T Level in Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control.

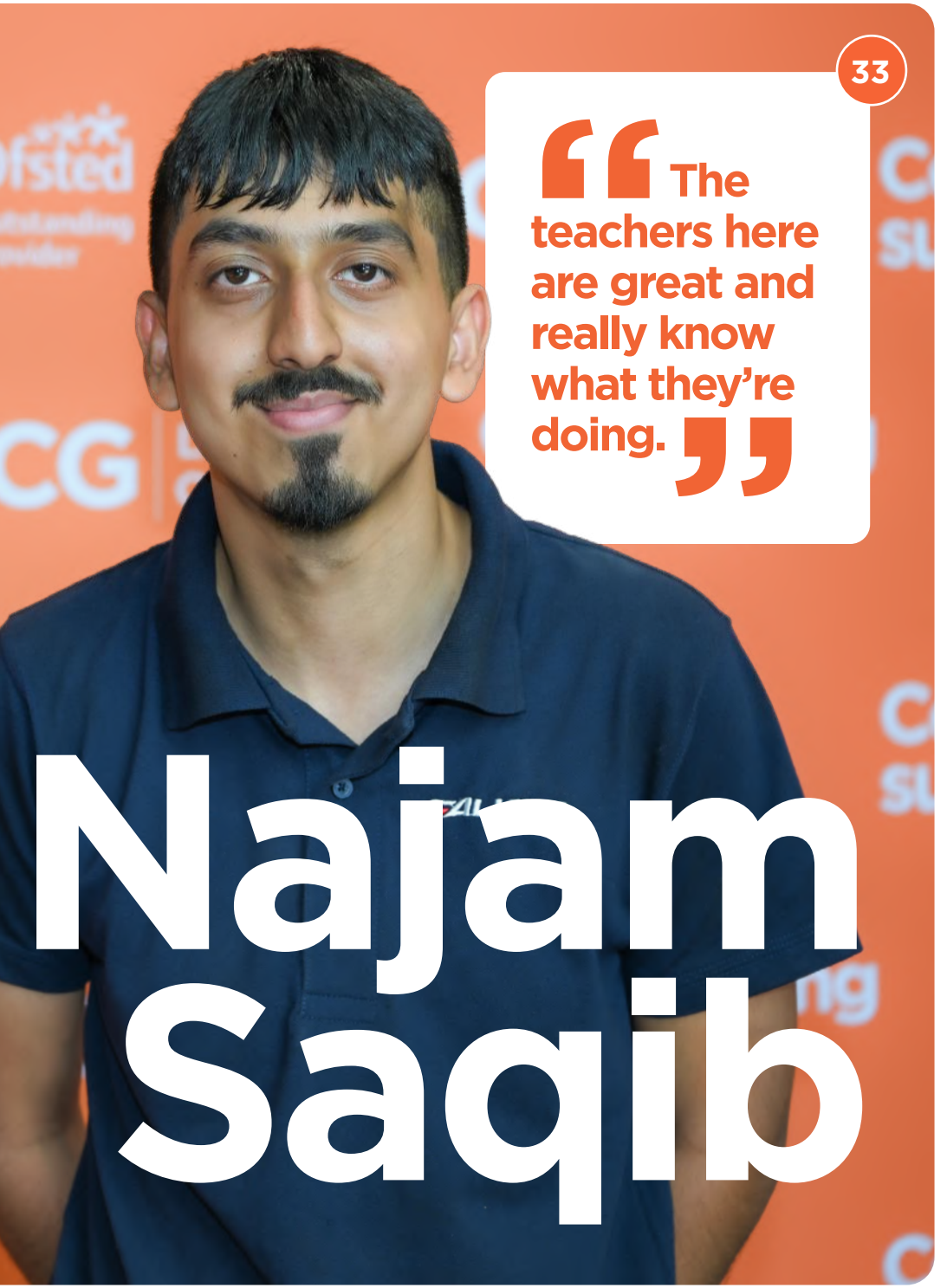
Despite facing challenges along the way, he showed real determination and resilience, developing his skills while maintaining a professional and respectful approach. He went on to achieve an overall Distinction, alongside an outstanding attendance record.

During his T Level, Najam's interest in automotive engineering grew, and his industry placement at a local garage gave him the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the workplace. His hard work made such an impression that he secured employment with the garage.

Najam is now taking a gap year to work before heading to the University of Staffordshire to study Automotive & Motorsport Engineering, with his sights set on a career with a global car manufacturer.

Previous School:
The Cheadle Academy
Course(s):
T Level in Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control (Distinction)
Destination:
University of Staffordshire to study Automotive & Motorsport Engineering





> “The teachers here are great and really know what they’re doing.”

Najam Saqib



Turn your interests into career-ready skills by jumping onto one of our challenging vocational courses.

Our two-year Level 3 vocational pathways are equivalent to three A Levels and, as widely recognised qualifications, can get you into university, higher apprenticeships or employment.

With a focus on coursework, and a balance of hands-on practical learning and some external assessments, they're a great choice if you know the kind of area you want to work in.

Is this for me?

- I want to specialise in a subject that I am interested in and relates to my chosen career.
- I prefer a mix of coursework, practical learning and assessment.
- I'm organised and good with deadlines.
- I want to go on to university, get a higher apprenticeship or a job.

Then a vocational course could be for you! We offer a wide range of career-based courses that will allow you to develop your skills and knowledge vocationally.

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)



Vocational

Art & Design with Photography

Beauty Therapy

Business

Health & Social Care

Site Joinery

Sport (Leek Town FC)

Travel & Tourism with Events

Uniformed Protective Services

Scan to find out more about our Vocational Pathways.

Leadership came naturally to Jack, who quickly became a key figure at NSCG Leek Town Academy both on and off the pitch.

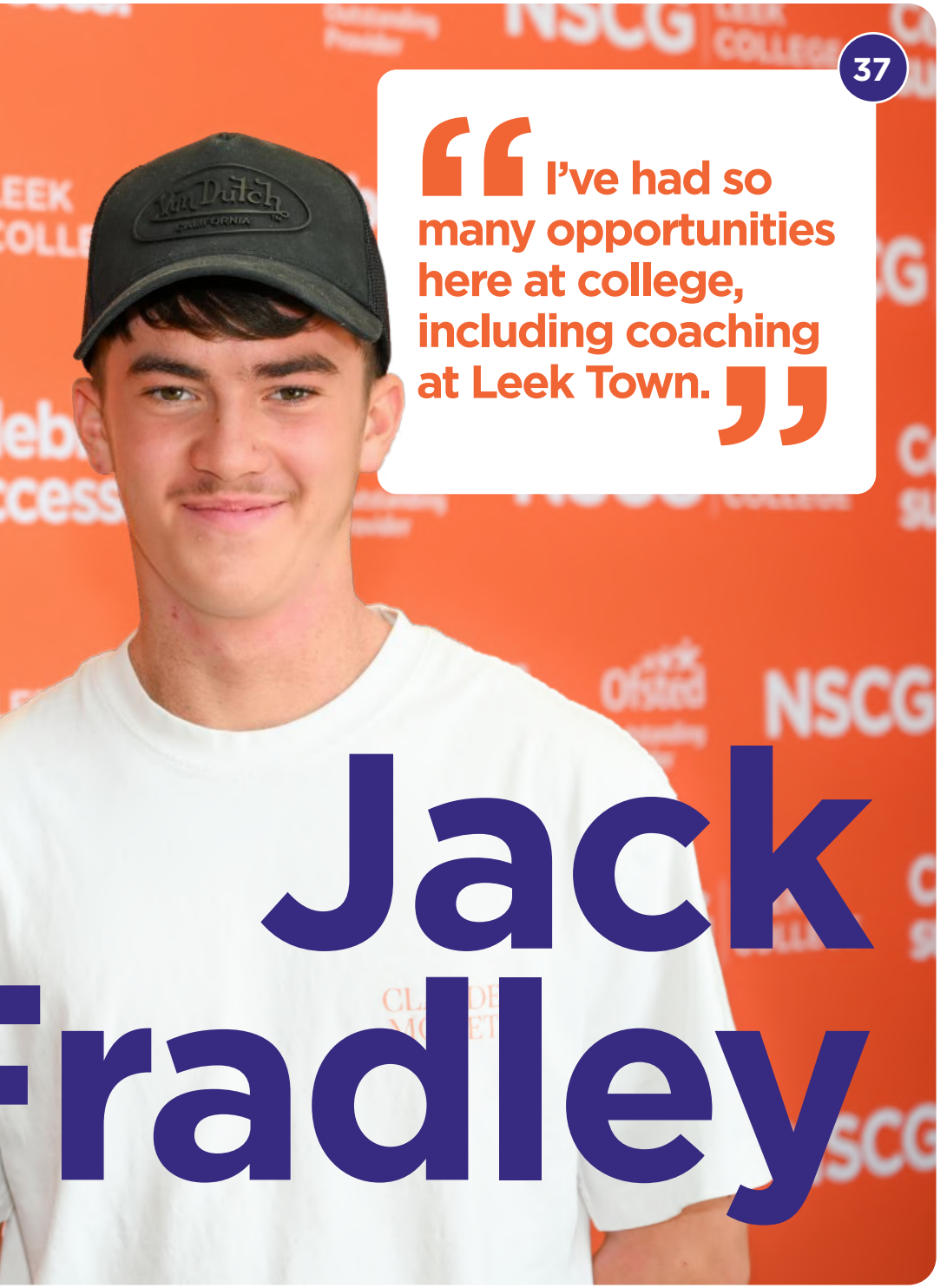
Named captain from his first days on the course, Jack led the team throughout his two years at the Academy, pushing himself and his teammates to be their best. His determination and team spirit helped guide them to the 2025/26 league title, while his commitment to his studies saw him achieve the highest grade possible and earn a place at university.

Away from college, Jack has continued to develop as a player with the Leek Town Men's Development Squad. He also enjoys giving back to the club through its community coaching programme, helping young players from the age of five learn the basics of the game.

With university ahead, Jack is ready to take his leadership, ambition and skills into his next chapter.

Previous School:
Westwood College
Course(s):
Level 3 Sport and Physical Activity (Distinction)
Destination:
Keele University to study Sports and Exercise Science





> “I’ve had so many opportunities here at college, including coaching at Leek Town.”

Jack Fradley

Want to earn and learn? Enrolling on an apprenticeship with one of our partner employers means you can learn vital practical skills in a hands-on environment.

Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills while you study for a nationally-recognised qualification.



Our Apprenticeships

Accounting
Adult Care
Business Administrator
Carpentry & Joinery
Engineering
Hairdressing
Healthcare
Laboratory Technician
Multi-Channel Marketer

*Refer to our website for specific pathways.

Apprenticeship Pathways

We work with around 1,000 employers across Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire. Here is just an example of a few of them:

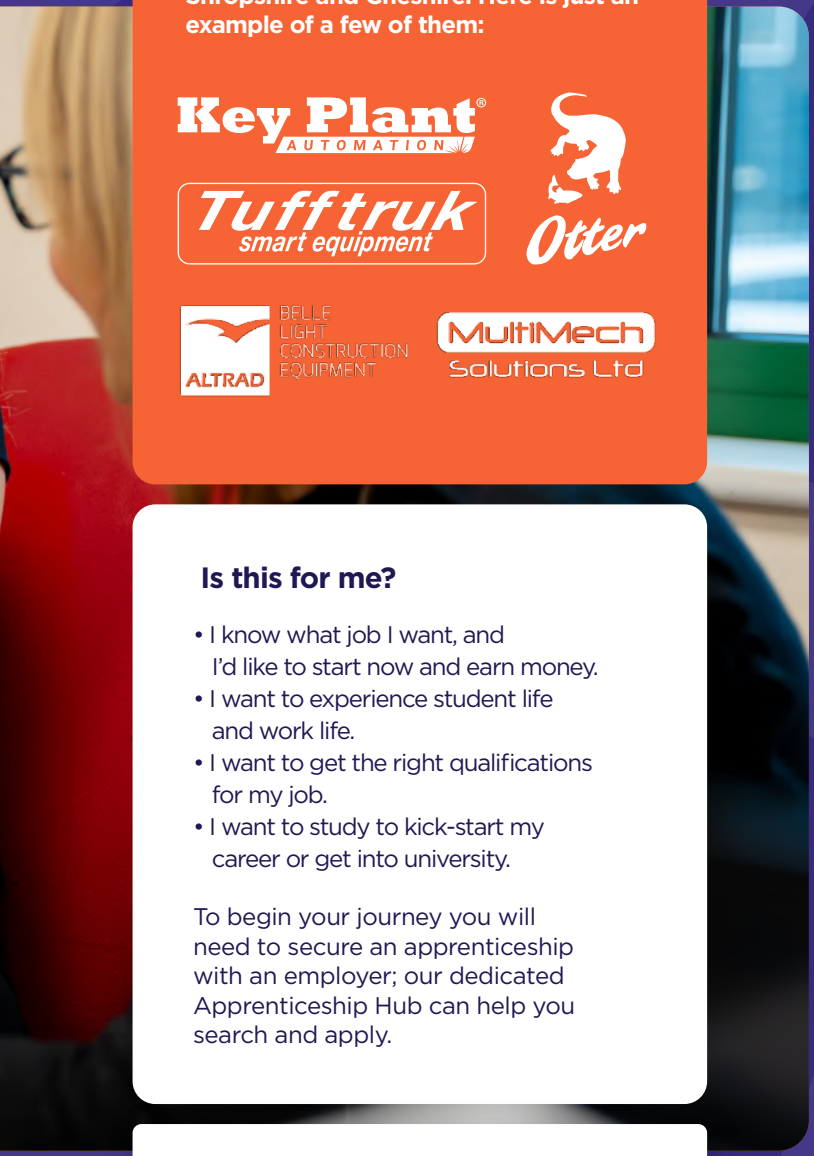
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Tufftruk smart equipment

Otter

ALTRAD BELLE LIGHT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

MultiMech Solutions Ltd



Is this for me?

- I know what job I want, and I'd like to start now and earn money.
- I want to experience student life and work life.
- I want to get the right qualifications for my job.
- I want to study to kick-start my career or get into university.

To begin your journey you will need to secure an apprenticeship with an employer; our dedicated Apprenticeship Hub can help you search and apply.

Scan to find out more about our Apprenticeship Hub and discover our latest vacancies.



Caitlin has turned her creativity and enthusiasm for marketing into a successful apprenticeship journey, developing into a confident and capable marketing professional.

Throughout her apprenticeship with HAUS Marketing & Distribution, Caitlin embraced every opportunity to learn, bringing fresh ideas and a positive approach to a fast-paced industry. She developed skills across digital marketing, campaign planning and content creation, while quickly becoming a valued member of the team.

Her creativity was particularly evident through a high-profile campaign that led to collaborative promotional content with Harrods, featured in-store.

Caitlin's confidence, initiative and passion for marketing demonstrate the opportunities apprenticeships can provide, and she continues to build the skills needed for an exciting career in the creative industries.

Course:
Multi-Channel Marketing Apprenticeship
Employer:
HAUS Marketing & Distribution

Watch Caitlin's video here.



"An apprenticeship is the perfect way to step into the working world. It's given me so much confidence."

Caitlin
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Whether you're looking to master a trade or take the next step towards further study, our Skills & Progression Pathways give you the practical expertise, confidence, and qualifications to make it happen.

Because excellence starts with a strong foundation, most of these pathways begin at Entry or Level 1, giving you the time and expert support needed to master core practical skills, build confidence and ensure you meet industry standards before progressing to the next level.

Alongside your chosen subject, there is also a big focus on improving your maths and English skills, gaining work experience and building the skills employers value.



Scan to find out more about our Progression Pathways

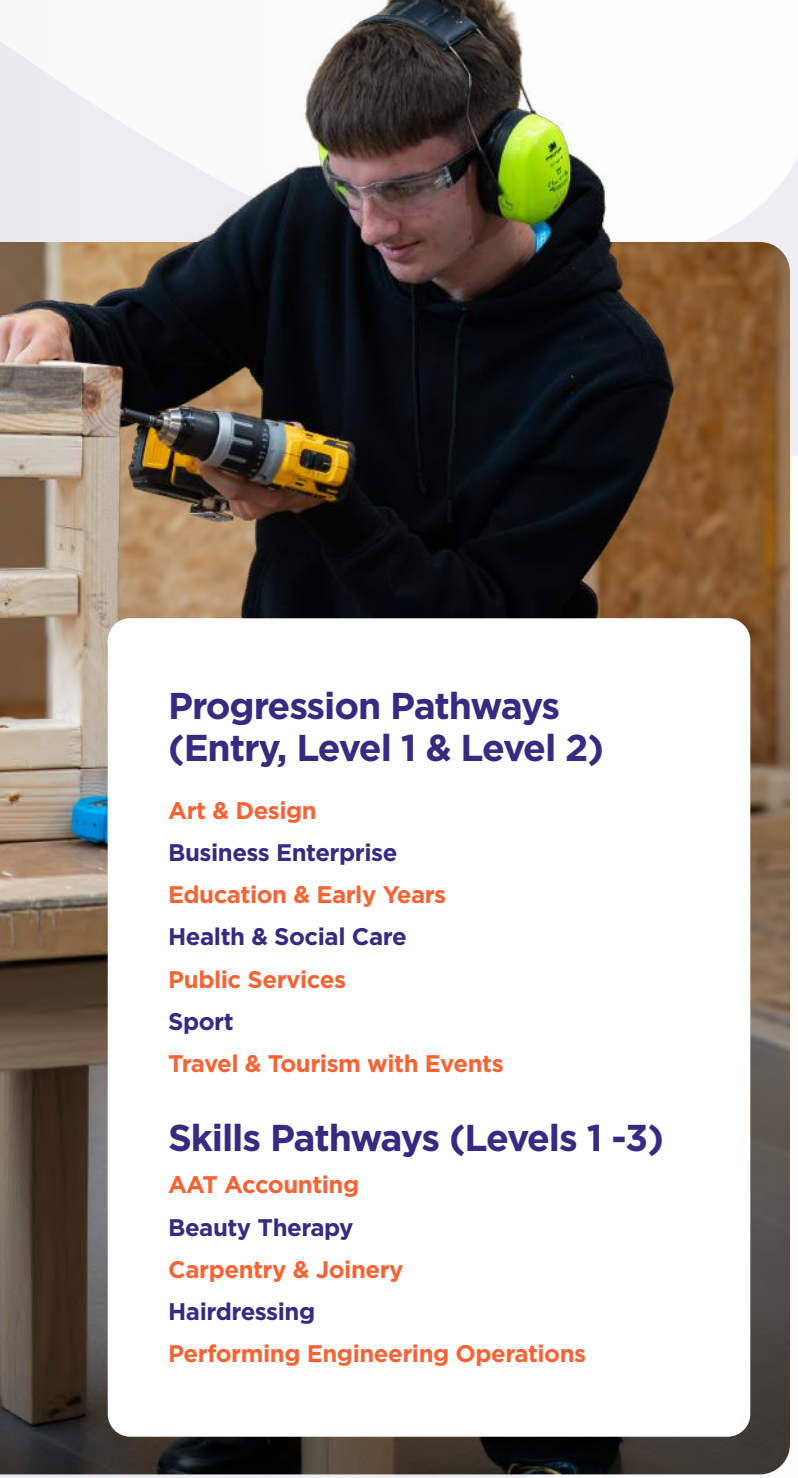
Scan to find out more about our Skills Pathways.

Is this for me?

- I prefer practical learning, but I want to build my skills, knowledge and confidence first.
- I want to progress to a Level 3 course, get an apprenticeship or get a job.

Then a Skills or Progression Pathway could be for you! You'll get to learn from the experts, as our staff all have first-hand industry experience, and you'll be learning in top-class facilities with cutting-edge technology.

Skills & Progression Pathways (Entry - Level 3)



Progression Pathways (Entry, Level 1 & Level 2)

Art & Design

Business Enterprise

Education & Early Years

Health & Social Care

Public Services

Sport

Travel & Tourism with Events

Skills Pathways (Levels 1 -3)

AAT Accounting

Beauty Therapy

Carpentry & Joinery

Hairdressing

Performing Engineering Operations



Everyone's journey is different. Our Foundation Studies programmes can help you build your confidence, develop skills for learning, work and independent living, and prepare you for your next steps.

We offer programmes tailored for school leavers, young adults and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including Foundation Studies and Life Skills & Employment Training.

Our focus at NSCG is to prepare students for adulthood and their chosen careers. Whether the goal is to progress to another college course, move towards employment or become more independent, we'll work together to find the right programme and support.

Foundation Studies



Vocational and Progression Studies

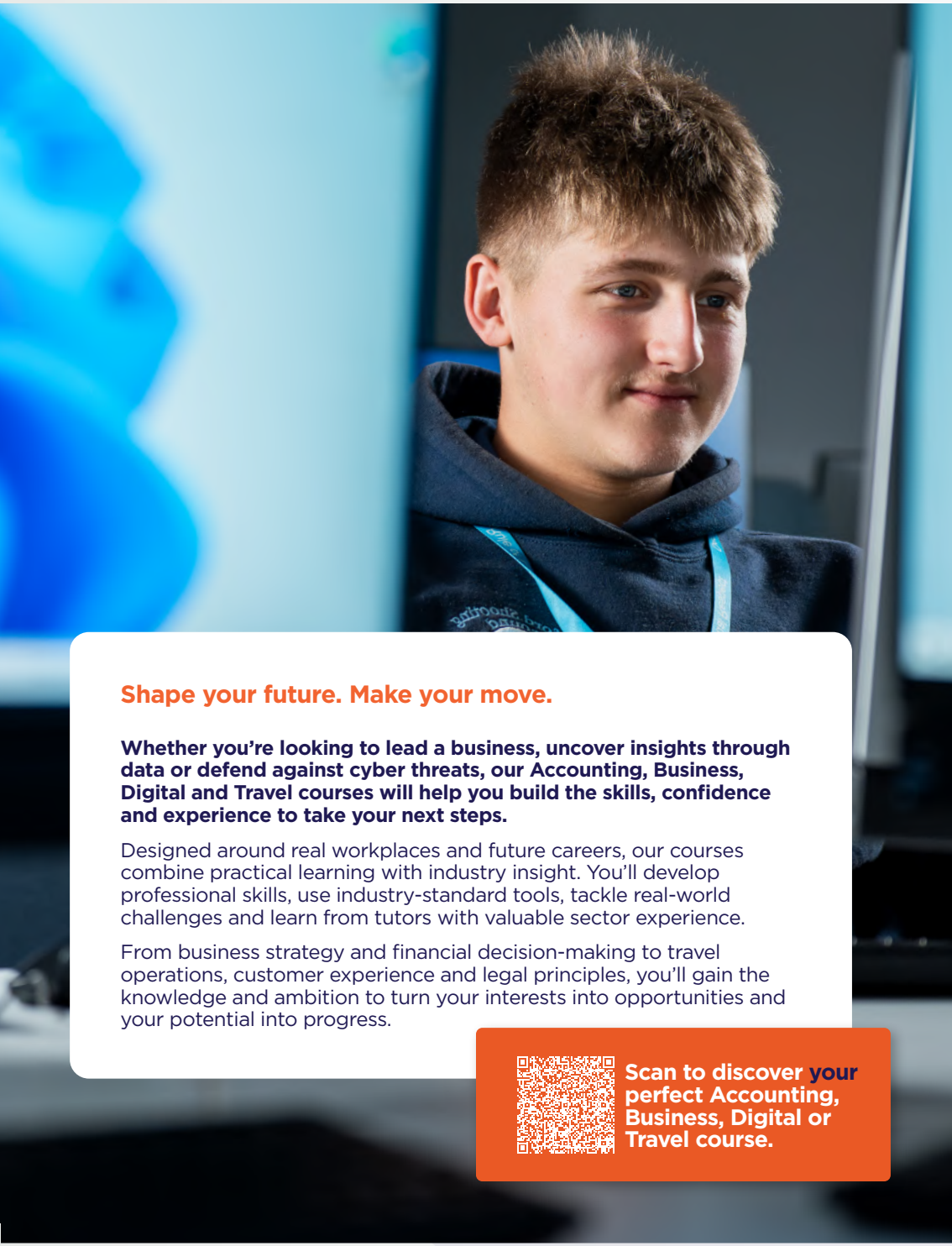
For those wanting to continue in education, our Entry Level and Level 1 vocational courses will help learners to develop the skills to progress, improve their English and maths grades, and explore career paths that match their aspirations.

Our outstanding team of Lecturers and specialist support staff will support learners every step of the way to ensure they reach their full potential.

Life Skills and Employment Training

With a focus on independence and preparation for work, our Life Skills and Employment Training is for learners at Entry Level 1-3 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Scan to find out more about how we can support you.



Shape your future. Make your move.

Whether you're looking to lead a business, uncover insights through data or defend against cyber threats, our Accounting, Business, Digital and Travel courses will help you build the skills, confidence and experience to take your next steps.

Designed around real workplaces and future careers, our courses combine practical learning with industry insight. You'll develop professional skills, use industry-standard tools, tackle real-world challenges and learn from tutors with valuable sector experience.

From business strategy and financial decision-making to travel operations, customer experience and legal principles, you'll gain the knowledge and ambition to turn your interests into opportunities and your potential into progress.

Scan to discover your perfect Accounting, Business, Digital or Travel course.

Accounting, Business, Digital & Travel





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Your Study Options

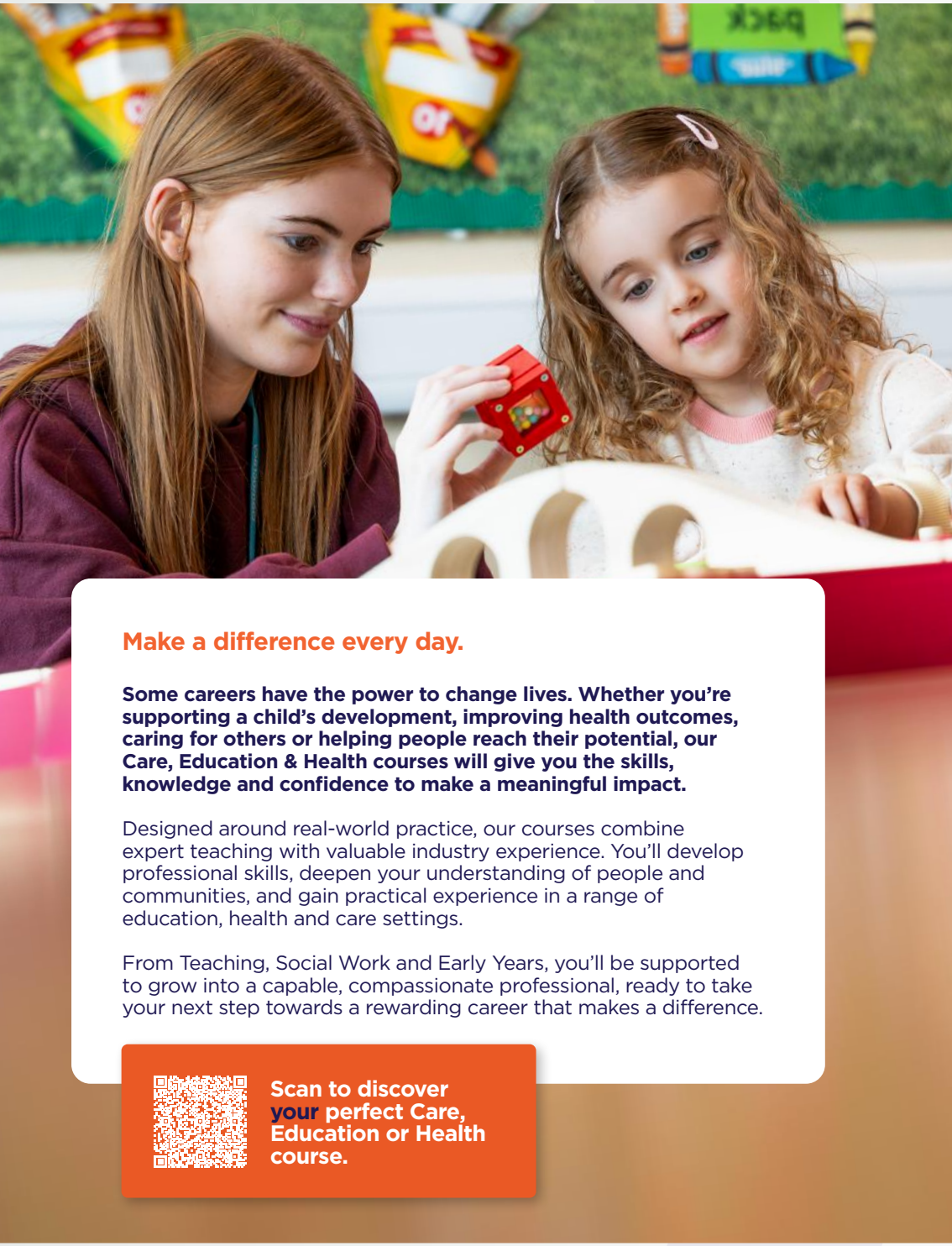
T Levels (Level 3)

V Levels (Level 3)

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways (Up to Level 2)

Apprenticeships



Make a difference every day.

Some careers have the power to change lives. Whether you're supporting a child's development, improving health outcomes, caring for others or helping people reach their potential, our Care, Education & Health courses will give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to make a meaningful impact.

Designed around real-world practice, our courses combine expert teaching with valuable industry experience. You'll develop professional skills, deepen your understanding of people and communities, and gain practical experience in a range of education, health and care settings.

From Teaching, Social Work and Early Years, you'll be supported to grow into a capable, compassionate professional, ready to take your next step towards a rewarding career that makes a difference.

Scan to discover your perfect Care, Education or Health course.



Care, Education & Health





Education

Education & Early Years (Early Years Education)

Education & Early Years (Assisting Teaching)

Health & Social Care

Your Study Options

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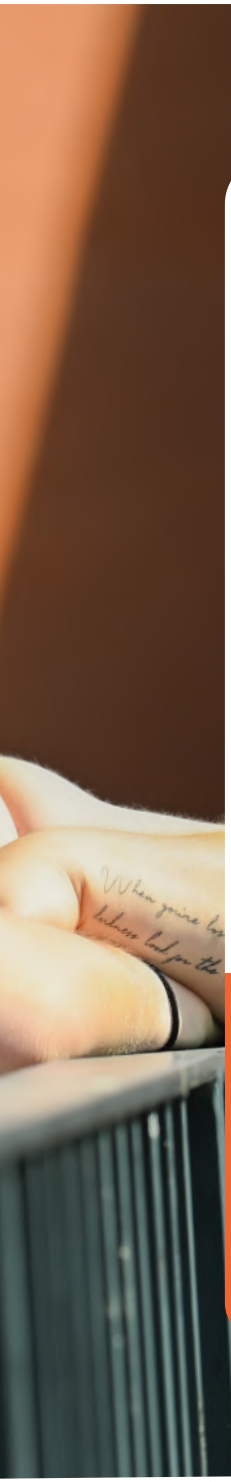
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“I’ve been much more confident socially, I’m excited to move onto my next steps.”
Keira
Mayo-Carney



Keira's journey at college is a great example of how determination, resilience and hard work can help you achieve more than you might have imagined.

Starting at Level 2 as a quiet and reserved learner, Keira quickly grew in confidence and established herself as a high achiever, gaining distinctions and setting herself high standards from the outset. Alongside her studies, she balanced part-time work, showing the maturity, responsibility and commitment that have become a real strength.

Despite facing personal challenges, Keira continued to approach her studies with a positive attitude, maintaining an impressive attendance record while supporting those around her. Her kindness and professionalism have also shone through during her industry placement, where she received excellent feedback.

Keira now plans to gain further experience in a school setting, with her sights set on continuing her educational journey and building a successful career.

Previous School:
Westwood College
Course(s):
BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Triple Distinction)
Destination:
Employment as a SEN Teaching Assistant at Abbey Hill Academy & College

Build what comes next.

From the buildings we live and work in to the technologies that power our world, construction and engineering shape the future. If you're driven by problem-solving, innovation and creating things that make a difference, our courses will help you develop the skills to turn ideas into reality.

Designed around industry needs, our Construction & Engineering courses combine technical knowledge with practical experience. You'll work with professional-standard equipment, develop specialist skills and gain an understanding of the technologies, processes and techniques that underpin modern industry.

Whether you're interested in construction trades, civil engineering, manufacturing, surveying, building services or emerging technologies, you'll be supported by industry-experienced tutors who will challenge you to think bigger, achieve more and prepare for a successful future in a sector full of opportunity.

Scan to discover your perfect Construction or Engineering course.



Construction & Engineering

Carpentry & Joinery

Engineering, Manufacturing, Process & Control

Performing Engineering Operations

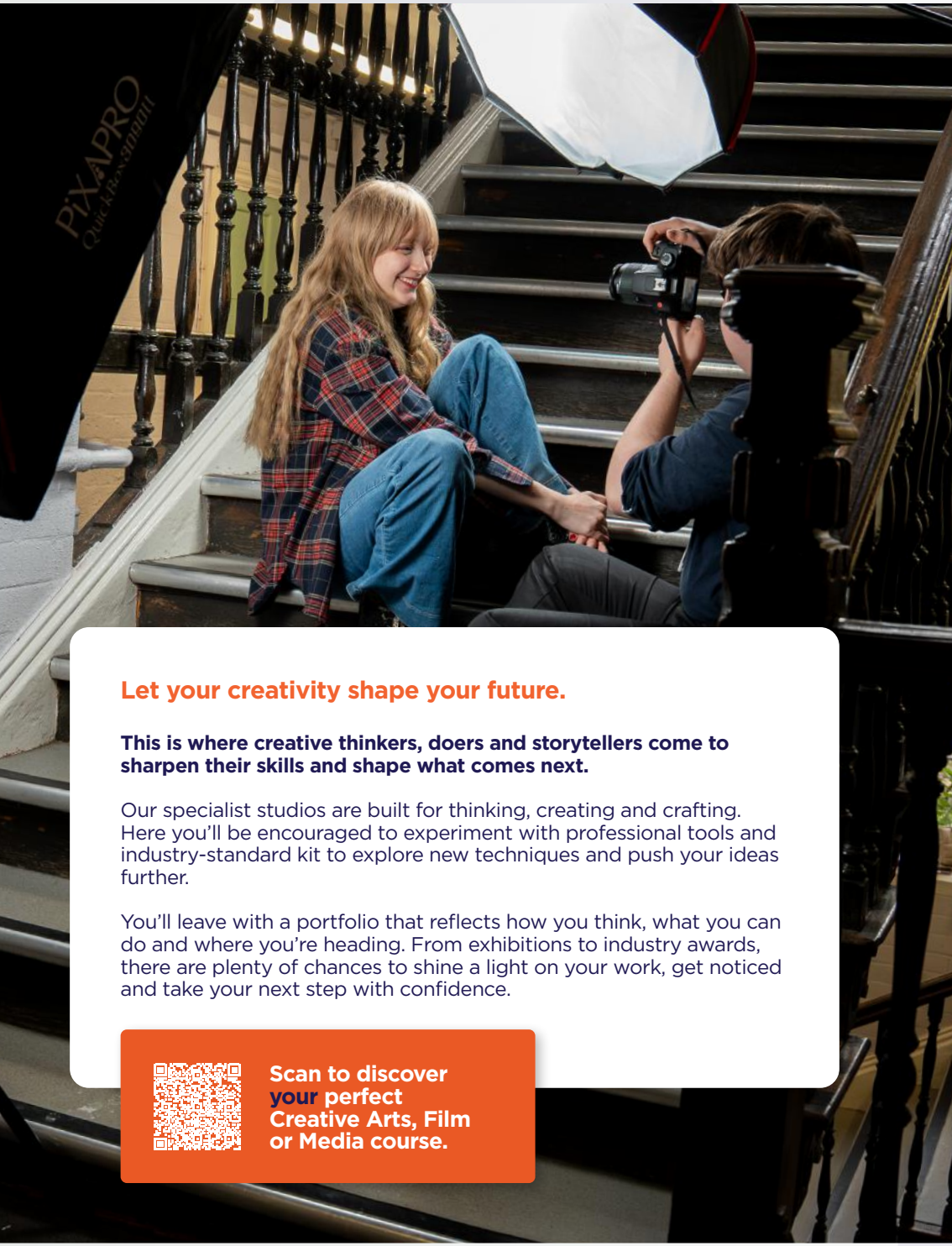
Your Study Options

T Levels (Level 3)

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways (Up to Level 2)

Apprenticeships



Let your creativity shape your future.

This is where creative thinkers, doers and storytellers come to sharpen their skills and shape what comes next.

Our specialist studios are built for thinking, creating and crafting. Here you'll be encouraged to experiment with professional tools and industry-standard kit to explore new techniques and push your ideas further.

You'll leave with a portfolio that reflects how you think, what you can do and where you're heading. From exhibitions to industry awards, there are plenty of chances to shine a light on your work, get noticed and take your next step with confidence.

Scan to discover your perfect Creative Arts, Film or Media course.

Creative Arts

Art & Design with Photography





Your Study Options

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)
Skills or Progression Pathways
(Up to Level 2)



Scan to discover your perfect Hairdressing or Beauty course.

Create confidence. Build your future.

Love making people feel their best? If you're passionate about style, skincare and self-expression, step into our Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Academy and start shaping your future, one client at a time.

You'll learn in our state-of-the-art salon, supported by top industry names like Wella and Dermalogica and get hands-on from day one - cutting, colouring and styling your way to success.

From working on real clients in our commercial salon to placements with award-winning partners, we'll help you build the confidence, creativity

Hair & Beauty





Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

Your Study Options

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways (Up to Level 2)

Apprenticeships



Understand the world. Shape the future.

The world is shaped by ideas, people and the decisions we make. If you're curious about how societies work, why people behave the way they do or how the past influences the future, our Humanities, English & Social Sciences courses will challenge you to think critically, question confidently and explore new perspectives.

Whether you're studying psychology, sociology, criminology or English, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the world around you while building the knowledge and transferable skills needed to succeed in a wide range of future careers.

Scan to discover your perfect Humanities, English or Social Sciences course.



Humanities, English & Social Sciences

Criminology

English Language & Literature

Psychology

Sociology

Your Study Options

A Levels (Level 3)

Lead from the front.

Success isn't just about what you achieve - it's about how you inspire, support and perform when it matters most. Whether you're aiming for a career in sport, fitness, coaching or the public services, our courses will help you develop the skills, resilience and confidence to thrive in demanding and rewarding environments.

Through practical learning, specialist facilities and real-world challenges, you'll explore the science of performance, develop your leadership abilities and build the teamwork and communication skills that are valued across both industries.

Whether your ambitions lie in sport science, coaching, fitness, the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service or the Armed Forces, you'll be supported to push your limits, achieve your goals and prepare for a future where you can make a real impact.

Scan to discover your perfect Sport or Public Services course.



Sport & Public Services

Sport (Leek Town FC)

Uniformed Protective Services

Your Study Options

Vocational Pathways (Level 3)
Skills or Progression Pathways (Up to Level 2)



Be more at NSCG

Take your next step. Stay local. Study higher.

Your journey with us doesn't have to end when you complete your Level 3 course. You can stick with what you know and step straight into university-level study right here at NSCG.

From Higher National Certificates and Diplomas to cutting-edge Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs), our higher education courses are built to give you the specialist skills your future career actually demands.

You'll learn in familiar surroundings with smaller class sizes, state-of-the-art facilities and strong links to top local employers. Best of all? You'll typically save around £3,000 a year compared to traditional university tuition fees.



University-Level study options:

Higher National Certificate (HNC) (Level 4)

Higher National Diploma (HND) (Level 5)

Foundation Degree (Level 5)

Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) (Level 4/5)

Foundation Diploma Art, Design & Media Practice (Level 3/4)

Other University-Level Courses

Degree-Level Higher Apprenticeships

Discover our full range of university-level courses.



STOKE-ON-TRENT & STAFFORDSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS. REAL-WORLD IMPACT.

The world is changing fast - and the demand for skilled professionals is growing.

The £25 million Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Institute of Technology (IoT), led by NSCG, is designed to help you take advantage of the opportunities ahead.

Bringing together education, industry and innovation, the IoT offers specialist higher-level technical education built around the skills employers need now and in the future.

Based next to Stafford train station, the purpose-built facility features industry-standard equipment and cutting-edge technology, including immersive VR and AR, advanced manufacturing, robotics, testing laboratories and realistic healthcare environments.



Discover all our IoT courses.

With higher technical qualifications, higher apprenticeships and degree-level pathways available after studying your Level 3 qualification, you'll gain the knowledge, confidence and experience to progress into exciting careers across:

+ Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing

+ Digital Technologies

+ Modern Methods of Construction

+ Health Sciences

Working with leading employers and education partners, including Keele University, Dell, Siemens, Hitachi Energy and Moog, the IoT connects your learning directly to the world of work.

Your roadmap to success.

1

Research: Start your journey by researching everything you want to know about NSCG! You'll quickly see that we're the place to be.

2

Pay us a visit: We'd love to welcome you to an Open Event. See what makes us such a special place to study at, and of course, what makes us Ofsted Outstanding.

Head to nscg.ac.uk/lcevents.

7

GCSE Results Day: Share your results with us, don't worry if they're different from what you were expecting. We'll talk you through your options and confirm your enrolment date.

8

Welcome to NSCG: And just like that, you're officially a student at NSCG!

Let the fun begin.

3

Apply: Once you've done your research and visited us at an Open Event, it's time to get your application in.

We're the **No.1 college** in Staffordshire and places are in high demand. **Our application deadline is 31st March.**

4

Course Discussion: We'll talk through your course choice and answer any questions you have. After our discussion, we'll likely offer you a conditional place.

5

Keep in touch: During the application process we'll be in touch to keep you up-to-date with news from the College.

6

NSCG Experience: Join us for our Experience Event in June! Meet your new classmates and lecturers, enjoy a barbecue with music, and get ready for September.



Our friendly Schools Liaison Team are here to help and support you with the transition from school to college.

Our team will more than likely be in your school at some point throughout your final year. Whether you have a question about a particular course, what support is available, or even what bus to catch, they'll be happy to hear from you.

You can get in touch with them at schools@nscg.ac.uk.

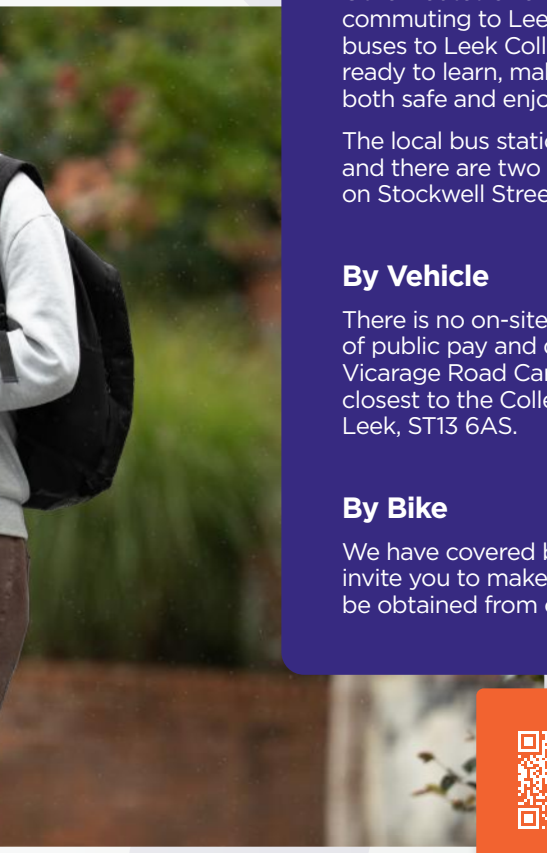
Getting here is eas



Wherever you're travelling from, getting to Leek College is simple. Our campus is well connected by public transport, with excellent bus routes across Staffordshire.

So if you're travelling independently or using public transport we'll help you find the best route to college.

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By Bus

Our dedicated college bus service provides secure and convenient term-time routes, giving new and returning students a reliable way to travel. With DBS-checked drivers and friendly support, you can enjoy peace of mind while joining fellow students on the way to campus.

For 2027/28, travel from Buxton to Leek is completely free.

Other routes offer flexible payment plans to make commuting to Leek College easy and affordable. These buses to Leek College are designed to ensure you arrive ready to learn, making your journey to Leek Campus both safe and enjoyable.

The local bus station is a convenient short walk away and there are two bus stops located outside the campus on Stockwell Street.

By Vehicle

There is no on-site parking, however, there are a number of public pay and display car parks located in town. Vicarage Road Car Park is the largest long stay car park closest to the College. It can be found at Vicarage Road, Leek, ST13 6AS.

By Bike

We have covered bicycle shelters on the campus and invite you to make use of these facilities, information can be obtained from our helpful reception team.

Scan for more information on bus and rail travel, planning your route and applying for travel discounts.

Save the date.

Sometimes, success is about being in the right place at the right time, so give yourself a head start by coming along to one of our Open Events.

Our College Open Events are a brilliant way to meet Tutors and our Principal, chat with students and make your way around our outstanding facilities. We also have Taster Sessions throughout the year so you can get a feel for a subject or course before you apply.



MAKE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER

Open Events 2026/27

Wednesday 4 November 2026,
5pm - 7pm

Saturday 20 March 2027,
10am - 12noon

Saturday 19 June 2027,
10am - 12noon



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