

2018/19 PROSPECTUS

EXPERIENCE

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**BUXTON & LEEK
COLLEGE**



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of DERBY**

OUR **REAL** COVER STUDENTS

Courtney - Art & Design

Courtney, from Stoke-on-Trent, is an Art & Design student based at our Leek Campus. She has just completed the first year of her course and has already had her work exhibited at the University of the Arts in London.



Paulina - Hairdressing

After leaving Lady Manners School in Bakewell, Paulina, from Buxton, studied for a Level 2 Hairdressing course, progressing straight onto Level 3. She currently works in the College's commercial Salon in Buxton and plans to pursue a career in the industry.



Lilly-Anne - Hospitality & Catering

After leaving St Thomas Moore School, Lilly-Anne, from Buxton, studied short courses in Catering, including food safety. She then progressed onto Level 2 Culinary Skills with a view to beginning her career in hospitality and catering.



WELCOME FROM OUR **PRINCIPAL**

Our 2018/19 prospectus is designed to highlight the purpose of choosing to come to college. The qualifications you will study, although important, represent your 'passport' to the next stage of your career pathway and so we have focussed on what we feel are the essential things for anyone considering a move into Further Education and more specifically Buxton & Leek College.

Whether you are thinking of your future beyond GCSEs, looking for a Technical or Professional programme or considering returning to learning after a break, the most important question you need to ask is 'How will you help me to further my career?'

Each year almost all of our students take a positive step in their career pathway: they progress to the next level of qualification, they move into an apprenticeship, they get a job with prospects or they achieve a place at their chosen University. Some choose to stay with us to study their University level course.

As the College is part of the University of Derby, we are in the unique position to offer our students the kind of experience they cannot get elsewhere. Our curriculum links from Further Education to Higher Education mean that our students have opportunities to experience and access facilities far beyond those available at other colleges and hear from high-level visiting academics from their chosen subject area.

Even though we have the resources of a large University behind us, we are still a small college. We offer a truly personalised experience – we know all of our students by name and ensure that they get the help and support that suits them best, whether that means providing extra help with English and Maths or for some, taking them right out of their comfort zone – you won't be just another number in our computer system, along with thousands of others.

Come along to one of our open events to meet and talk to our teachers in person – get inspired and 'Experience BLC'.

Len Tildsley, Principal

Check out my Principal's Blog at
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We have done everything we can to make sure the information in the Prospectus is correct and up-to-date. However, because we wanted to make sure you had this information early enough to give you time to make your decisions, some courses and other information may change. Our website is the best place to check for the most up-to-date information.

CAMPUSES

BUXTON
1 Devonshire Road,
Buxton, SK17 6RY

LEEK
Stockwell Street,
Leek, ST13 6DP

HARPUR HILL
Specialist Training Centre
Unit 28, Harpur Hill Business
Park, Buxton SK17 9JL

GETTING
HERE

It's easy to get to us
from Stoke-on-Trent, the
High Peak and Derbyshire,
Stockport, Macclesfield and
the Staffordshire Moorlands.

BUXTON CAMPUS

By bus - easily accessible by local bus
and annual bus passes are available.
You can find up-to-date timetables on
the BLC website. We will send you a
letter about bus passes before you enrol.

By train - Buxton connects with
Stockport and Manchester Piccadilly and
the station is less than 5 minutes' walk
from the Campus. Apply for a rail card
at www.railcard.co.uk and plan your
journey at www.nationalrail.co.uk.

By car - Student car parking is only
available for blue disabled badge
holders. The nearest public car
park is at Pavilion Gardens on
Burlington Road.

LEEK CAMPUS

By bus - The bus station is a short walk from
Campus and you can buy a '**Your Staffordshire
Travel Card**' to reduce costs. Download the
timetable at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/
transport/publictransport/buses](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/buses).

By car - There are reasonably priced local car
parks close by but many students find free
parking on side streets.

BLC transport service - We offer a service from
**Buxton, Ashbourne, Alton
and Cheadle to Leek.**

There are various
stops in each location.
For more information
visit our website.

We also provide
**inter-campus
transport** for certain
courses. Please
enquire for more
information.

01298 330644
transport@blc.ac.uk
www.blc.ac.uk/transport

HOW TO APPLY

If you're ready to experience BLC, it's easy to apply online at:
www.blc.ac.uk/apply. Alternatively, you can request an application
form by calling us on **0800 074 0099**, emailing enquiries@blc.ac.uk
or by calling in to one of our Campuses to pick up a form.

WHAT NEXT?

- Once you've applied our Admissions Team will
be in touch to invite you for an interview
- If this goes well we'll offer you a place on a course
- We'll send your enrolment and induction instructions in July
- You'll be invited to a BLC Experience Day where
you'll meet your Tutors and other students
starting at the same time as you.

We'll also send you updates about the
College and the course you've applied for
throughout the year!

GCSE RESULTS DAY

We are available all day from **9am - 5pm on GCSE
Results Day** if you want to talk to us about your
results. We can also answer any questions and
discuss what is right for you. You can call
us or pop in to Campus for a one-to-one
appointment.

If you've got the grades you needed for
the course you have been offered, you
don't need to confirm this to us.
You will just need to
bring your results
statements on your
enrolment day.

COME & SEE US

OPEN DAYS

Come and experience College life
for yourself! At an Open Day you
will get a real taste for College life
with interactive sessions from your
chosen subject and a tour of our
fantastic facilities. Open Days take
place at both the Buxton and Leek
Campuses from 10am-1pm.

Sat **14 OCT 2017**
Sat **03 MAR 2018**
Sat **02 JUN 2018**

ADVICE EVENINGS

If you want to find out more about our courses, come and
meet our friendly Tutors and chat to some of our current
students we have Advice Evenings which run from 5pm-7pm.

Leek Campus

Wed **15 NOV 2017**
Wed **17 JAN 2018**
Wed **18 APR 2018**

Buxton Campus

Thu **16 NOV 2017**
Thu **18 JAN 2018**
Thu **19 APR 2018**

Book on to
an **Open day** or
Advice Evening
online and we'll send
you a reminder a few
days before!

EXPERIENCE BLC



REAL WORLD LEARNING

Classrooms are great but there's nothing like learning in a room which has all the same equipment and facilities that you'll find when you go on work experience or find a job.

LEARN YOUR WAY

Everyone learns differently so choose a study method that suits you.

HUGE CHOICE

Over **220** career-focused courses in **21** subject areas, across three Campuses.

BE INSPIRED

Learn from Tutors who've had successful careers in the industries they now teach. Who better to prepare you for your future?

OPEN DOORS

We are proud of our strong links to local businesses and employers.

STAND OUT

Boost your CV with a huge range of enrichment activities, as part of your study programme.

GET STUCK RIGHT IN

Engaging work placements mean you'll leave College work ready, with skills that make you more attractive to employers.

GO FURTHER

Continue your experience and take advantage of us being part of the University of Derby. You may be eligible for a £1,000 bursary!

BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE

Belong to a friendly College that's big on student success and small enough to care.

COME & JOIN US



MORE THAN JUST A CLASSROOM



PROUD OF OUR FACILITIES

Here at BLC you'll spend most of your time in our real world learning environments rather than a classroom. Our industry standard facilities are designed with input from employers, so you can develop the practical skills for an exciting career.





DIVE RIGHT IN

STUDENT LIFE AND ENRICHMENT

The BLC experience is about being encouraged and challenged to try new things, broaden your horizons and become more confident. Our Union of Students and Enrichment Teams provide the opportunities – it's up to you to do the rest!

SOCIAL EVENTS

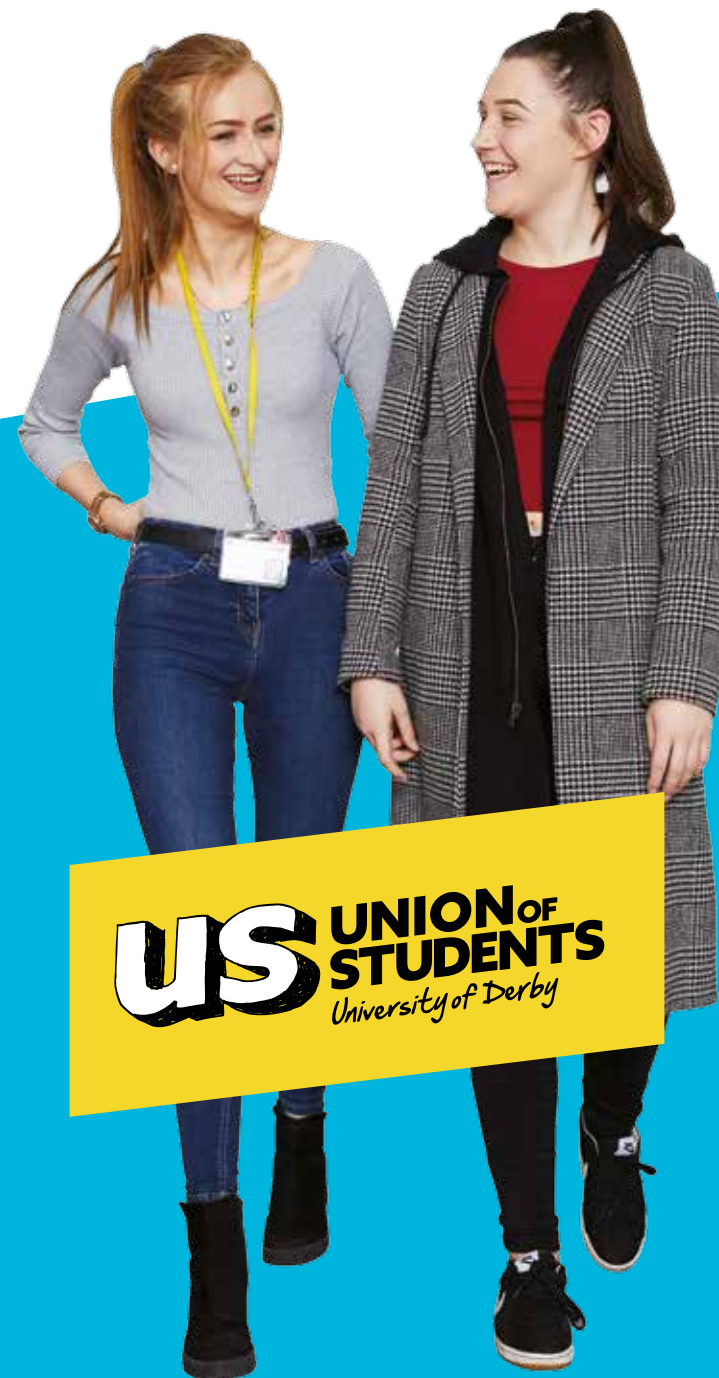
Get involved and meet new friends with our organised trips to Alton Towers, Awesome Walls, Paintballing and Manchester's Christmas Markets to name just a few.

VOLUNTEERING

We encourage and provide you with lots of opportunities to volunteer in the community. Not only will it boost your CV it will develop skills vital for employment.



US UNION OF STUDENTS
University of Derby



COMPETITIONS

We'll help you to enter regional and national competitions, putting your skills to the test against other students across the country and even around the world!

FUNDRAISING

Get involved in our many fundraising activities for local and national charities. It's great fun as well as great for team working, event and project management skills. Last year our students raised £28,933 for charities!

SPORTS CLUBS

Your Enrichment Team are committed to providing sporting opportunities for all students. These range from team sports like football and netball to more unusual sports like Boccia and paddle boarding.

SOCIAL SPACES

For you to relax with friends - experience The Boiler House in Buxton and The Gallery in Leek.



Look out for our newspaper **The BLC Messenger** packed with our student stories



EXTRA QUALIFICATIONS

Stand out from the crowd when it comes to applying for jobs by taking additional qualifications that may be open to you on your course. For example, our Travel & Tourism students can also study for Cabin Crew and Resort Representative qualifications and our Sport and Public Services students complete their First Aid Certificate and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



We have lots of pictures and videos of our students getting involved on our social media - search **BuxtonLeek** to keep up to date

HERE TO HELP

SUPPORT SERVICES

At BLC we are all here to support you in your studies and ultimately help you on the way to the future career you want.

INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

If you'd like information on which course is best for you, our friendly Advisers will chat through your options and make sure you find your perfect study programme.

PROGRESS COACHES

Progress Coaches will monitor your progress and achievement, ensure that your learning needs are met and support you with your 'next steps'.

LEARNING SUPPORT

We have support and assessments for students with specific learning difficulties. Your needs will be considered via a pre course assessment and then throughout your time at College.

STUDENT MENTORS

Mentors can help with anything that may be stopping you reaching your potential at College. It can be anything from worries about finances and family problems to housing issues.

CAREERS ADVICE

The Careers and Employment Service is here to offer information, advice and guidance on any career related issue you may have. They can help you find a job whilst at College and beyond.

OUR PROGRESS COACHES



SCHOOLS LIAISON

Our dedicated Student Recruitment Manager is here to offer a comprehensive service for Careers Advisers and Teachers and is a first point of contact for any information you require about the College, from courses to facilities, support and more.



We know that while you study with us there will be times when you need extra support for many different reasons, so we have a range of services to help you, in any way you may need.

CHAPLAINCY

We are here to offer support and care to all staff and students. We have a special interest in the spiritual side of life, but whether you believe in God or not, we'd love to meet you.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

We offer a range of activities to develop everyone's understanding of diversity and to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and has a positive experience.

HELP & ADVICE SERVICE

Offered by our Union of Students, this is an impartial and confidential service where you can ask about anything that is troubling you from your course to your health.

SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Coordinators are committed to promoting your wellbeing and will make sure that you feel safe at College. You'll be given advice on how to manage your own safety and directed to the staff who can help you.



WELLBEING

Your health and wellbeing is as important to us as it is to you. Our Student Wellbeing Service provides confidential advice and information on issues such as general health and mood, stress, childcare support and sexual health.

For more information on our any of our support services call **0800 074 0099**, email **support@blc.ac.uk** or visit **www.blc.ac.uk/student-handbook**

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Various schemes are available to help fund your course or support you while you study. We're committed to helping students access these schemes and make sure you get the funding you're entitled to.

If you're a UK or EU student and under 19 when you start your course, you don't pay tuition fees.

However, you may be required to pay for equipment and resources. If you are aged 19 or over, you will need to pay either the full tuition fee or a subsidised tuition fee, depending on your circumstances.

If you are undertaking an Apprenticeship, the fee charged will be subject to a contract negotiated with your employer. You will not be required to pay a fee yourself. Fees for commercial rate, workplace or higher education courses will be different and have different criteria applied for fee reduction or waiver.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND

The Financial Support Fund is available if you need help towards the cost of things like your uniform, equipment or transport and your parents have a low household income, of less than £25,000 per year*.

£1,200 BURSARY

You'll need to be at least 16, but younger than 19 years of age and meet one of the following criteria:

- In care
- A care leaver
- In receipt of income support or Universal Credit
- A disabled learner in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit AND Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments in their own right.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS SCHEME

Financial support may be available with College meals for eligible learners. If you receive free meals at school you will normally be eligible to receive them at College.

CARE TO LEARN SCHEME

If you're under 20 years old and need assistance with the cost of childcare, you may be able to apply for funding through the Government's Care to Learn Scheme. The bursaries are dependent on age and certain criteria. Check www.gov.uk for information.

CHILDCARE FUNDING

If you need support looking for the right childcare for your son or daughter, we have a list of registered childcare providers. For those students aged 20+ who are in the receipt of a means tested benefit, it's possible for the College to contribute towards childcare costs.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS

If you're aged 19 and above you may be eligible for the Advanced Learner Loan if you wish to study a Level 3 course or higher (subject to course eligibility). This will contribute towards your course fees. This is a Government loan and eligibility criteria apply. You won't start to pay this back until you are in employment and earning £21,000 a year or more. For example when you earn £22,000 a year the repayments will be £7 a month which will be paid back through the tax system. The monthly payments will increase the more you earn. Please visit www.gov.uk.

For more information on our fee policy, fee remissions, evidence of entitlement and financial support visit www.blc.ac.uk/courses/fees or call us on 0800 074 0099.

Please note: (*Subject to change) Schemes listed may be subject to change in line with Government policy. Keep up-to-date with any changes on our website.

EXPLAINED

FULL-TIME STUDY PROGRAMME

Do you prefer to learn with friends on Campus?
A full-time vocational study programme such as a BTEC or NVQ would be great for you.

BTECs are career-based qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to move on to higher education or go straight into employment. More employers and Universities than ever before are choosing BTEC qualified candidates for their academic and practical knowledge and skills.

NVQs are designed by employers to ensure students acquire the skills they are looking for. You will be assessed on work related tasks.

If you are aged 16 to 18, and choose to study full time, the study programme is made up of:

1. Your qualification

This will be the course you choose, which will be studied on Campus. This will be your recognised qualification.

2. Maths & English

If you didn't achieve GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above at school you will study either GCSE or Functional Skills alongside your main qualification. If you did achieve grade C/grade 4 or above, development and application of Maths and English will still be incorporated into your learning.

3. Work experience

All our courses have work experience embedded into them to ensure you have experience of the real working world.

4. Enrichment

You're encouraged to take part in extra enrichment activities whilst at College to make the most of your time and boost your CV. Our Enrichment team offer opportunities to take part in sports, volunteering, charity work, clubs and societies.

5. Study support

Our Learner Journey team can support you with all aspects of your course, should you need it. They will also come and talk to you in class about your options after College and help with University or job applications.

All study programmes are tailored to the individual learner and are designed to support learning, development and growth leading to employment or further education.

Instead of a full-time study programme, would you like to get a job, earn a salary and just come to College one day a week? An Apprenticeship would be perfect! Find out more on page 16.



EARN & LEARN APPRENTICESHIPS



If you know what career you would like to go into, an Apprenticeship could be the perfect choice for you!

An Apprenticeship combines the best of both worlds as you'll learn job specific skills and have the chance to develop your career from an early age. They are an alternative option to full-time campus based courses; an employer provides your on-the-job training and BLC will look after the rest, usually this is at College one day a week. The Government set a **national minimum wage for Apprentices**, but depending on your employer, you could earn over £100 a week during your Apprenticeship.

A completed Apprenticeship is a real and recognised qualification that can enable you to progress into full-time work or a Higher/Degree Apprenticeship. A Higher/Degree Apprenticeship can offer progression routes into managerial positions while giving you the opportunity to earn a higher level qualification, such as a degree, without the burden of a student loan.

A new style of Apprenticeships has been designed to help apprentices develop the skills they need to be successful in their industry and make a real contribution to employers.

• On and off the job training

An Apprenticeship is a partnership between an employer and the College. The skills and knowledge learnt during the time at College will be practiced and developed in the workplace.

• English & Maths

If you didn't achieve GCSE Grade C/4 or above at school, you will study either GCSE or Functional Skills alongside your Apprenticeship. All apprentices will be required to develop Maths and English skills and align them to their job.

• Knowledge

You will learn about the things you need to know about the job you are training for. This will include industrial working practice.

• Skills

Practical and real world learning of the skills required in the industry. This will be hands-on and technical training.

• Behaviours

Making you work-ready with employability skills including team working, standards of commitment and work rate and professionalism.

WHAT APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

We offer Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships in most of our curriculum areas! Take a look at the index on pages 58-61.

WHAT DO I NEED AND HOW DO I APPLY?

The usual requirements to become an Apprentice are:

- You must be 16 years or older
- You'll need GCSE Maths and English at grade A*- D (3-9). If you don't have your GCSEs you can work towards them whilst doing your Apprenticeship
- If you haven't currently got a job you should have an employer in mind, or be able to work with us to find you an employer – check out our latest Apprenticeship vacancies on our website www.blc.ac.uk/apprenticeships

If you are actively seeking an Apprenticeship all of our live vacancies are also advertised on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and the Get My First Job website. Here you can register your information and search for vacancies in your local area.

▶ STUDENT SUCCESS

Just a year after finishing her **Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship** with SAABTec in Glossop, Lauren Crook is now Assistant Manager heading a team of five at the garage which offers sales, servicing and repairs for all SAAB models. The garage's latest Apprentice, Alex Jordan, 18, from New Mills, is following in Lauren's footsteps with an Apprenticeship involving day release training at Buxton & Leek College's specialist training centre.

Lauren's Manager Richard Elliott said: "We are always happy to take on apprentices because, if you get the right people with the right attitude, you can grow your own talent."



◀ STUDENT SUCCESS

Matt Stone (pictured left), from New Mills, secured an apprenticeship at St Mary's Primary School following some volunteering at the school. He attends college but is also based at the school supporting Reception and Year 1 students with their reading, writing and PE. Matt said: "My apprenticeship has been challenging but so rewarding, I've loved every minute of it."

Traineeships

For students who are not quite ready for an Apprenticeship, we offer Traineeships in a range of subjects for young people aged 16-24. Contact us for information.



THE FACTS

20⁺ subject areas to choose from

At any one time there are **15,000 jobs** available for Apprentices in the UK

90% of Apprentices stay in employment after their training with **71%** staying with the same employer

You can start a BLC Apprenticeship at any time throughout the year

IN EMPLOYMENT? Upskill in your current role and move up the career ladder

On average Advanced Apprentices will **earn up to £117,000 more** throughout their lifetime, compared to those with a Level 2 qualification

Training is **paid for** by the employer and the Government

3 out of 10 senior management positions are filled by former Apprentices

Sources: www.gov.uk and www.yougov.co.uk



ON YOUR LEVEL

LEVELS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It's not only important to choose the right course for you, it's also important to get the right level to match your ability and preferred way of learning.

Be realistic about the grades you'll achieve in your GCSEs. Use your predicted grades as a guide.

Consider your future goals – what qualifications and skills do you need to get the job you want, or university place you'd like?

Don't worry if you are unsure about the level that will be right for you. You can call us, email us or come and see us at an Open Day or Advice Evening to find out more. This will also be discussed with you at your interview once you have applied.

Whether you get the GCSE results you are expecting, get better results, or don't do as well as expected, we will help to find the right course for you.

WHAT TO EXPECT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY LEVEL 1-3

For students who need extra support with their learning and have few qualifications. You will be given the support you need in an all-inclusive learning environment.

No formal entry requirements. You will be offered a place based on a successful interview and short assessment to ensure you are on the right course for your ability.

LEVEL 1

Learn vocational subjects and improve your Maths, English and ICT skills. Learn basic skills related to a job you'd like to do.

GCSE English at grade D/grade 3 plus 3 GCSEs at grade E/grade 2 or above. For some courses you may not need any entry requirements.

LEVEL 2

Build skills and knowledge in your subject area, which link to a job you'd like to do.

4 GCSEs grade D/grade 3 or above including Maths and English. Science or ICT may be required for specific subjects or a Level 1 qualification.

LEVEL 3

Learn and apply more detailed knowledge and skills in your subject area, which link to a job you'd like to do.

5 GCSEs grade C/grade 4 or above including Maths and English. Science or ICT may be required for specific subjects or a Level 2 qualification.

BEYOND

Progress onto a University Level qualification such as a Higher Apprenticeship, Foundation Degree or Honours Degree. See page 22 for more information.



BLC NEWS

STUDENT STORIES

CARING STUDENT WINS NATIONAL APPRENTICE AWARD

Student Bria Kiely from Fairfield, overcame personal loss to win national recognition for her dedication to childcare. She was awarded the title of Apprentice of the Year by the UK Council for Care, Health and Education (CACHE) for her commitment and passion.

She was nominated for her 'hard work, dedication and fantastic attitude' whilst completing her **CACHE Children's and Young People's Apprenticeship** at Buxton's Serpentine Nursery, one of the College's outstanding training partners.

"Bria has demonstrated a clear intuition for the needs of others and readily uses her initiative to support her colleagues who say that she is always keen to offer her help and takes on anything that is asked of her with determination and a smile," said Jill Hutchinson, Assessor in Childcare and Education at the College.

"An apprenticeship is a great way to learn," said Bria, who wants to go on to degree level: "You can't put the theory into practice unless you do a placement, and I can use my future experiences in my future course work."



SKI TO SUCCESS IN THE ALPS

14 **Outdoor Sports** students spent a week honing their skiing and resort skills in the French Alps. The students spent their time learning more about working life at a ski resort to prepare them for future industry employment alongside skills development and coursework.

Allan Shaw, Outdoor Sport tutor said: *"In only a week they have gone from novices to be able to take on red runs. They're also learning more about how a ski resort works, preparing them for their future employment alongside skills development."*

STUDENTS CONQUER SNOWDONIA FOR THEIR GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to our **2nd year Outdoor Sports** students who spent 5 days travelling the length, breadth and heights of the Snowdonia National Park to successfully complete their GOLD Duke of Edinburgh. Carrying all of their equipment they were trekking for up to 10 hours a day and managed to scale numerous mountains including Snowdon, Glyder Fawr, Glyder Fach, & Y Garn. Their next long distance travelling will be down to Buckingham Palace to collect their awards.



LAND ROVER SAVED FROM THE SCRAP HEAP

Level 3 Motor Vehicle students spent their time in practical lessons refurbishing an old Land Rover to make it as good as new again for it's owner. The Land Rover even featured in the Buxton Carnival in all its glory.

Duncan Mould, Motor Vehicle tutor said: *"When it came, it was an absolute wreck. The students have stripped, rebuilt and reworked it. They've learnt a lot and shown real skill and attention to detail throughout the project."*



STUDENTS PROVIDE THE FEEL GOOD FACTOR FOR NESTLÉ EMPLOYEES

Our students visited employees at Buxton based Nestlé Waters for an afternoon of pampering and relaxation.

Level 2 and 3 Beauty Therapy students provided staff with hand and foot massages, giving the learners the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the local community.

The event proved such a hit with employees that the students have been invited back to run future sessions. Peter Ward, General Services Manager for the site services partner Sodexo said: *"The students were a credit to the college. I've never had a massage before but I'd definitely do it again, I felt so relaxed."*

"Ensuring our people are happy and healthy is really important to us. Working with Buxton & Leek College enables us to extend our employee wellness programme whilst also providing local students the opportunity to learn and develop their

skills" said Steph Hill, Interim Head of HR for Nestlé Waters UK.

Amanda Garrington, Operations Coordinator for Hair, Beauty and Spa at The Dome said: *"It's fantastic to take our learners out into different organisations and see the benefits of their treatments. Employees reported back that they felt de-stressed, valued and privileged to grab some precious me time."*

The Salons at both Buxton and Leek are open throughout the week, serviced by students on programmes, offering a variety of treatments at greatly subsidised prices. In addition to this we also offer a full commercial hair & beauty service by our fully qualified graduate team that operate on Saturdays and throughout the holiday periods.



STUDENT CHEFS COMPETE IN REGIONAL COMMIS COMPETITION

Following our win at last year's event, Buxton & Leek College we hosted this years prestigious Commis Chef competition. The event, organised by North West Branch Association Culinaire Francaise, saw over 17 entrants from 8 further education colleges compete in the 7 industry standard kitchens and restaurant at the College's Buxton campus.

Two competitions took place, which required the students to showcase their skills, technique and natural flair. Students faced strict time limits and were scored across a number of areas including food preparation, presentation and taste. Every move was scrutinised by the judges both within the kitchen and front of house.

Competition Judge Terry Woolcock described the contest as a 'once in a lifetime opportunity', he said: *"The standard of the students and the hospitality shown by Buxton & Leek College were both fantastic."*



TOP STUDENTS RECOGNISED AT COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHTS

Over 150 students received awards at the College's annual awards ceremony.

Buxton's iconic Devonshire Dome hosted the ceremony and was attended by student award winners, their families, local businesses, staff and governors of the College and University of Derby. The event saw a range of awards presented including Student of the Year for each curriculum area offered at BLC, Apprenticeship achievement and outstanding achievement awards.

Hosting Principal Len Tildsley welcomed the students and guests, by saying: *"This is a point in the year I always look forward to. A time for reflection and celebration to honour learners who have gone above and beyond during their time here. We are immensely proud to be able to celebrate their achievements and put them in the spotlight on these special evenings."*

Awards were presented to students from both Buxton and Leek campuses by Professor Kath Mitchell, Vice Chancellor of the University of Derby. Additional awards were presented by the University of Derby Union of Students, who handed College Hero awards to seven students who have been involved with enrichment activities in the local community.

YOUR FUTURE PROGRESSION



It's never too early to start thinking about what you'd like to do after College. Whether you want to move into your chosen career or continue with a University Level course, we'll support your next steps.

While you're at College you'll be able to chat to our Careers Advisers, Placement Officers and Learner Journey Team about your future career aspirations and work experience.



Part of  UNIVERSITY of DERBY

Buxton & Leek College is proud to be part of the University of Derby, a Top 20 University for Teaching Quality* and rated Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

This unique position offers students a seamless transition from Level 1 all the way through to University Level courses such as Foundation Degrees, Bachelor Degrees, Masters Degrees and PhDs.

All students get the opportunity to engage directly with the University Tutors and learn about University life. Students who progress from Buxton & Leek College onto a full time Degree at the University of Derby will have access to a £1,000 bursary. Not only that, Buxton & Leek College students automatically become part of the University of Derby Union of Students, giving you access to a wealth of societies, sports, activities and support.

*The Times & Sunday Times University League Table 2017

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EXPERIENCE FOUNDATION SERVICES @BLC



Our Working Towards Independence and Independence & Employability programmes are for students with complex learning difficulties.

Our Developing Skills programmes help those who didn't gain qualifications at school or require additional support to go further.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Ben Shaw (centre) was nominated as Foundation Services Student of the Year for his development, focus and participation levels in class and during activities.



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Develop confidence and life skills through enterprise activities
- Become more independent by attending trips and taking part in work experience
- Learn in small groups and a really supportive environment
- Build your aspirations with confidence and through a personal development programme.

"I struggled at school and was home-schooled for a while but I love College and the supportive Tutors understand that I find it hard to concentrate."

Aaron Leather, student



MEET THE TUTOR

Sheila Hughes is our High Needs Operations Manager. She works closely with Tutors experienced in Special Educational Needs to ensure that you develop all the skills required to move forward with your life and career, and provides you with tailored support throughout your time at College.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Arthur Copplestone, aged 24, has grown in confidence thanks to his Foundation Learning course, so much so that he is now part of the College's governing body. He enjoys playing an active role in College life and as a student governor Arthur attends regular meetings where he can voice students' opinions to the Management Board.

Arthur said "At Buxton & Leek College I have received a lot of help and support. I've done a variety of taster courses including horticulture, IT, Maths and English, Woodwork and my Independent Living course which I gained a lot from. I'm now living on my own for the first time after living in shared accommodation and I'm aiming to do some voluntary work before returning to college in September."



FOUNDATION SERVICES COURSES

WORKING TOWARDS
INDEPENDENCE AND
EMPLOYABILITY

INDEPENDENCE AND
EMPLOYABILITY

DEVELOPING SKILLS

- ICT
- Hair & Beauty
- Childcare
- Hospitality & Catering
- Public Services & Sport
- Engineering
- Motor Vehicle
- Carpentry

FUTURE PROGRESSION

- Further education with work experience
- Voluntary work and independence
- A job with further training and support
- A full time job.

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EXPERIENCE ART & DESIGN @BLC



Government statistics show that in 2015 the creative industries contributed £87 billion to the UK economy. Leek School of Art has an enviable reputation and is the place to be if you want to study Art & Design. Practical qualifications are the ideal way to create a portfolio that employers in the industry are looking for.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Leek art scene is booming with lots of community art events that our students attend to help them establish themselves as recognised artists.

The average earnings for the skilled crafts sector is £18,800 per year

"I've really enjoyed my Art & Design course. It's allowed me to explore techniques that I would never have discovered in my school sixth form."

Sophie Maskell, student



CAREER PATHS

FASHION DESIGNER
FINE ARTIST
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

PHOTOGRAPHER
PRODUCT DESIGNER



SEE OUR NEW FACILITIES



STUDENT SUCCESS

Art & Design student, Courtney Lovatt, was given the rare opportunity to have her work showcased at the 'Origins Exhibition', which displayed the work of the best Art & Design and Creative Media Production & Technology further education students from across the country.

Courtney, who has just completed the first year of her course, exhibited a stunning garment that was her end of year project, at the event held at the Old Truman Brewery on Brick Lane in London.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Industry facilities for textiles, 3D print and ceramics, traditional lithograph printing, glass making, silkscreen print and laser cutting
- Spacious studios
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Annual Fashion Show
- End of Year Art Exhibitions
- Craft markets and events
- Guest speakers and educational trips.



ART & DESIGN COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-4

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- Art & Design
- Photography
- Art & Design Creative Futures
- Art & Design Pre Degree

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject are available including FdA Creative Art & Design Practice at Buxton & Leek College or Art & Design courses at the University of Derby.

ual: university of the arts london awarding body

The only specialist art, design and creative industries awarding organisation in England.

EXPERIENCE

PERFORMING ARTS @BLC



The average earnings for the Culture sector is £27,000 per year

This course is aimed at students who want to go to Drama school. You'll receive professional training in Acting with a focus on characterisation, voice production and technique. This will prepare you for auditions, performances and a career in the profession.

DID YOU KNOW?

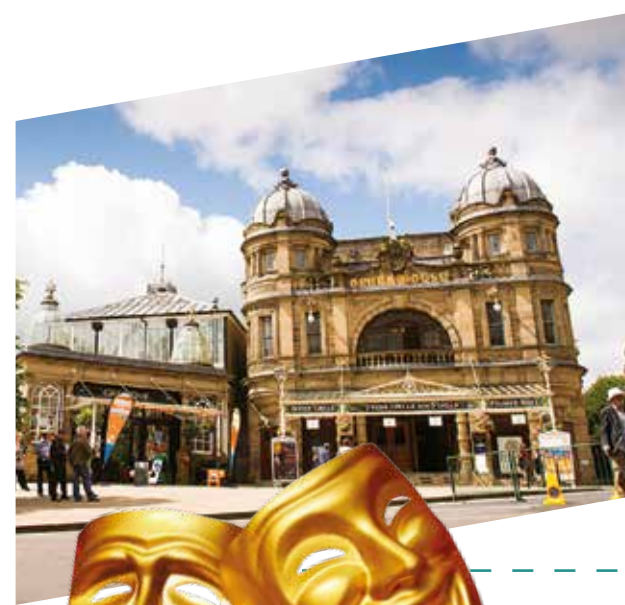
Students who study the arts subjects are more employable and are more likely to stay in employment and 86% of working actors have received professional training (ManpowerGroup survey).

CAREER PATHS

ACTOR OR ACTRESS
FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER
SCREEN OR PLAY WRITER
SET DESIGNER
THEATRE MANAGER

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Live performances and assessments
- Links with local employers like Buxton Opera House
- Links with the University of Derby's learning theatre
- Tours
- Work experience.



DID YOU KNOW?

The fastest growing area of creative industry employment since 2011 has been Music, Performing and Visual Arts followed by IT, software and computer services. Between 2011-2015 the fastest growing industry by employment was Music, Performing and Visual Arts which grew by 34.7%.



PERFORMING ARTS COURSES

LEVEL 3

- Performing Arts

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

There are 22 accredited UK Drama schools and top universities specialising in Theatre and Acting, including Performing Arts at the University of Derby.



EXPERIENCE MEDIA @BLC



Almost two million people are now employed in the UK's creative organisations. Our innovative and employable students here at BLC are helping to meet the needs created in the North West by the continued growth of MediaCity UK.

CAREER PATHS

ANIMATOR
EVENT MANAGEMENT
PRINT / BROADCAST JOURNALISM
TV / FILM PRODUCTION
WEB DESIGN AND MARKETING

DID YOU KNOW?

The North West region has the largest creative and digital economy outside of London and developments such as MediaCity UK are supporting continued growth and job opportunities.



"I am becoming more and more confident with each assignment thanks to my incredibly supportive Tutors and fellow students."

Charlie Woodward,
student



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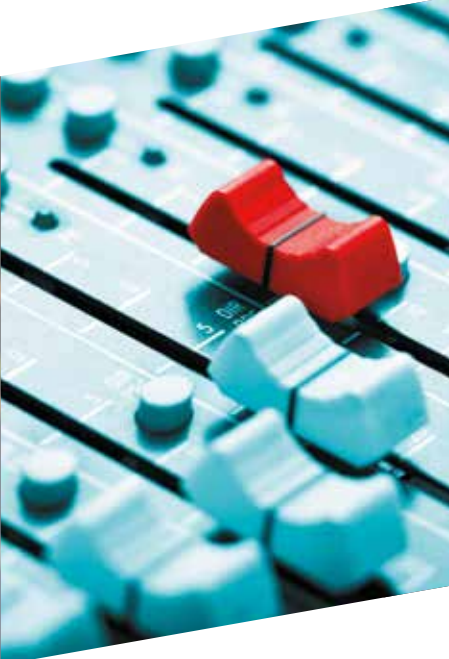
First year Media Students went for a Scholarship Day at Peak FM. They produced a 20 minute radio show - writing all the content themselves and even had time to create BLC its very own radio advert!



The average earnings for the Media sector is £35,800 per year

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Apple Mac suites
- Cameras, lighting equipment and editing software
- Work experience at local newspapers, radio stations and marketing agencies
- Trips to Peak FM, Bradford Media Museum and film sets
- Guest speakers from the media industry
- Student led newspaper
- End of year Media Expo.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Callum Ward completed his work experience at Signal 1 Radio, the biggest and most listened to radio station in Staffordshire and Cheshire.



MEDIA COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Media & Technology
- Broadcast & Digital Media & Journalism

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject including Media Production at the University of Derby. Graduate entry roles in this industry are often at assistant level and include jobs such as Runners, Media Researcher, Production Assistant and Editorial Assistant.

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EXPERIENCE BEAUTY, SPA & MEDIA MAKE UP @BLC

WINNER Professional Beauty
Day Spa of the Year 2016

BLC is one of the top places to study Beauty, Spa & Media Make Up in the UK. In fact, our Spa is the best in the country, as voted by Professional Beauty Magazine, beating The Urban Retreat at Harrods. Join us and you'll join the high growth Leisure sector, set to expand to 5,980,000 jobs by 2020.

CAREER PATHS

BEAUTY OR SPA THERAPIST
PRODUCT REPRESENTATIVE
SPECIALIST MAKE UP ARTIST
NAIL TECHNICIAN
SALON OWNER



L3 Nail Services student Vicky
Bowyer won Gold at World Skills!

The average
earnings for the
Leisure sector is
£18,500 per
year

DID YOU KNOW?

As a Buxton & Leek College student you, your friends and family receive 30% off Hair & Beauty treatments at our commercial salons. You can also buy MAC at cost price and get 20% off other retail products including Wella and 10% off spa packages!



PROFESSIONAL
beauty 2016
WINNER Awards



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Commercial Spa and Beauty Salons taking on real clients
- Enter regional, national and international industry competitions
- Educational trips to Europe and in the UK to Spas and the Harry Potter Studios
- Work experience
- Using leading industry brands like: Caudalie, Comfort Zone, Dermalogica, Mii, Ishga, Jessica, Elemis and MAC
- The Hair & Beauty Competition
- Links with local and national employers
- Guest speakers from industry, including high profile make up artists.

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Victoria Brennan (below left) studied a Beauty Therapy course and is now in her dream job working on a cruise ship as a Massage Therapist.



BEAUTY, SPA & MEDIA MAKE UP COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

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- Hair & Beauty
- Beauty Therapy
- Nail Technology
- Beauty & Spa Therapy
- Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Make Up
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Beauty Therapy & Nail Technology

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including International Spa Management at the University of Derby or a degree in Media Make Up. These may be useful if you want to progress to Salon Management. To become a fully qualified therapist you will usually require a Level 2 or 3 qualification. You can start working in a Salon or Spa as an assistant and study for qualifications on the job.

EXPERIENCE HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING @BLC



The average earnings for the Hairdressing & Barbering sector is £18,500 per year

If you're interested in Hairdressing or Barbering you'll be inspired at BLC! Both our Campuses boast commercial Salons open to students, staff and the general public, where you'll learn your skills. You'll get lots of external work experience as part of your course, making you very employable.

DID YOU KNOW?

As a student you, your friends and family receive 30% off Hair & Beauty treatments at our commercial salons. You can also buy MAC at cost price and get 20% off other retail products including Wella and 10% off spa packages!



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Practice your skills on real clients in our Commercial Salons
- Enter regional, national and international industry competitions
- We are an exclusive Wella Salon
- High profile training at the Wella Studios in Manchester
- Links with many local and national employers
- The Hair & Beauty Competition
- Take extra qualifications to improve your future employability.



MEET THE TUTOR

Karen Wardley is our Curriculum Leader for Hairdressing & Beauty Therapies. She has a wealth of experience in the industry, with ten years running her own hair and beauty salon before using this knowledge to train others over the last fifteen years. Karen is passionate about her industry which is reflected in her ability to gain the leading brands and top products in the salon, through her established links with local and national employers and awarding bodies and the high profile Hair and Beauty Show. Karen has also project managed the Spa, which is currently recognised as the best in the country.

CAREER PATHS

SENIOR COLOURIST OR STYLIST

BARBER

SALON OWNER OR MANAGER

FREELANCE HAIRDRESSER
OR BARBER



STUDENT SUCCESS

Three Hairdressing students Charlotte Trivett, Natalie McGlinchey and Freya Andrew competed in the regional final of the annual Wella Xposure competition where they created a commercial cut and colour on a live model using Wella products in front of a panel of industry experts. Hairdressing lecturer Ruth Nuttall explained: "To begin with we had an inter-college photographic competition, which resulted in us sending ten sets of photos to Wella for judging and were delighted that three of our learners made it through to the regional heat of the contest. This was their first step into the world of competitive hairdressing and we were thrilled to see them make their mark."



HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING COURSES

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- Hair & Beauty
- Hairdressing
- Barbering
- Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Make Up
- Apprenticeships & Advanced Apprenticeships in Hairdressing and Barbering

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Hairdressing Management or Business Management. Our Hairdressing & Barbering courses will develop your customer service and people skills, as well as creativity and practical knowledge.

EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

@BLC

BLC's dynamic Business, Management & Finance department has strong links in the region, making sure you have the experience employers are looking for. With great progression opportunities for Foundation Degrees in Business Management or a Business Degree.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Educational trips to multinational organisations such as Coca-Cola
- Our Tutors have worked in business themselves
- Work experience and enterprise opportunities
- Links with local employers

CAREER PATHS

ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MARKETING EXECUTIVE

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

RETAIL ASSISTANT

"I don't know where I'd be without the help and guidance of my Tutors at College. I've found that I am much better suited to work-based learning than academic study."

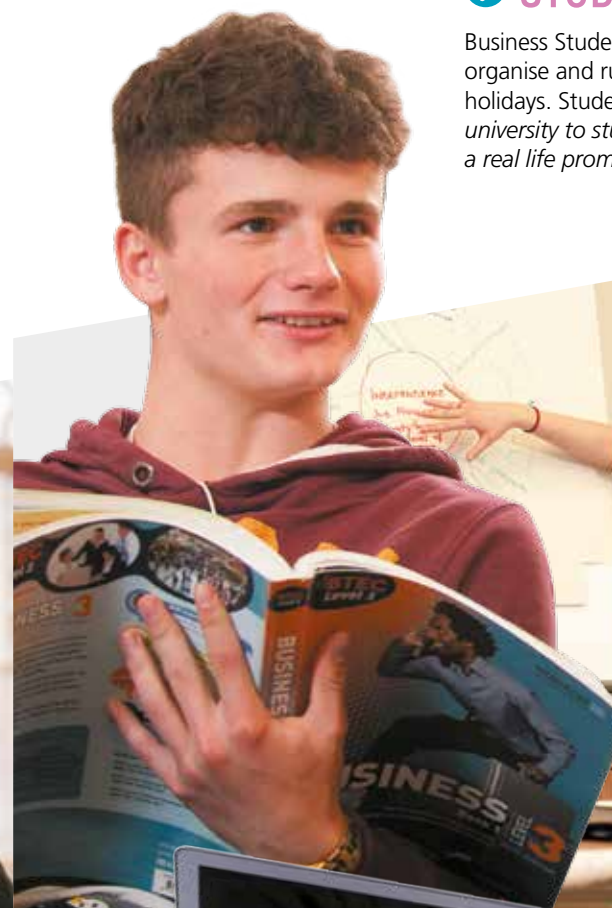
Jess Podmore, student



The average earnings for the Business, Management & Finance sector is £32,300 per year

STUDENT SUCCESS

Business Students worked with travel agents Thomson in Leek to organise and run a promotional event to promote their 18-25 'Scene' holidays. Student Phoebe McDonald said "I am hoping to go to university to study Events Management so helping manage a real life promotion has been a great experience."



STUDENT SUCCESS

After completing her **L3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business**, Buxton student Hollie Wild has her sights set on a career in Law. Hollie applied through UCAS to five universities to study a LLB Law degree. She received five offers from all her UCAS choices including York, Sheffield, Newcastle and two unconditional offers from Manchester Metropolitan University and Sheffield Hallam University.

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business
- Business, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
- Customer Services

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses are available including HND/C Business & Management at Buxton & Leek College or Business Studies at the University of Derby.

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EXPERIENCE COMPUTING & ICT @BLC

There's more to Computing & ICT at BLC than word processing and spreadsheets - our qualifications provide students with skills in gaming, software development and much more! With 37 million smartphone users in the UK and estimates that the gaming market will be worth £5.2 billion by 2021, we're equipping our students with the knowledge and experience to move into this growing sector.



*"I chose IT because of the
job opportunities in the sector."*

Sam Horton, student



CAREER PATHS

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER
WEBSITE DEVELOPER
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ENGINEER
ANIMATOR
COMPUTER GAMES DESIGNER
OR DEVELOPER

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Fully equipped computer suites with the latest software and programmes
- Attend the Insomnia Gaming Festival each year to meet games developers and designers
- Work experience with local companies
- Enter regional, national and international skills competitions
- Virtual reality headsets.

STUDENT SUCCESS



Mohsen Fazeli made it to the national final of the WorldSkills competition, competing against some of the best young graphic designers in the country, and is one of only ten students from across the country that made it through to the final.



COMPUTING & ICT COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Creative Technology
- Creative Computing & Games Design
- IT, Software, Web & Telecoms

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including a Higher Apprenticeship in IT, Software, Web & Telecoms at Buxton & Leek College or a Computer Games Degree at the University of Derby.



Our Leek Campus is a CISCO
approved centre for Computing & ICT.

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EXPERIENCE CHILDCARE & EDUCATION @BLC



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BLC has an excellent reputation in Childcare & Education, helping you to build your social and professional abilities. Many of our learners secure a job with the same employers they did their work placements with. The UK sector is growing, with an estimated 107,600 day nurseries, pre-schools, childminders and out-of-school childcare providers.

MEET THE TUTOR

Rachel McVeigh is our Curriculum Leader for Childcare & Education and has worked at the College for 18 years. Before becoming a Tutor, Rachel had many roles in the sector, including an Early Years Practitioner, Childminder, Nanny and Special Educational Needs Practitioner. Rachel studied at BLC herself and is passionate about seeing her students develop. She gains most pride from knowing that the learners she's taught will make a difference to many young people's lives, and that she has had an input into the practitioner they will go on to become.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Training nursery
- Work experience and work placements
- Links with local employers including schools, nurseries and education and care providers.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Matt Stone secured an apprenticeship at Saint Mary's Primary School in New Mills and has now been offered a full time role at the school. Matt said *"My Apprenticeship has been very challenging but so rewarding. I have loved every minute of it."*

CAREER PATHS

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

HOME BASED NANNY

NURSERY MANAGER

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ASSISTANT

TEACHER / TEACHING ASSISTANT

All of our Childcare & Education courses are awarded by NCFE CACHE, these qualifications are a ladder for success for those who care and educate. NCFE CACHE are continually investing in high quality qualifications for the care and education industry, making them the UK's leading sector specialist. BLC Childcare Apprentice Briar Kiely was recently awarded the NCFE CACHE Apprentice of the Year Award!



STUDENT SUCCESS

Twenty-year-old Hannah Naden recently finished her Childcare course and has now set up her own Childcare business in Buxton. She said: *"I loved doing the course at Buxton & Leek College because there was so much practical experience involved. The course leaders are lovely and they come from different backgrounds so it's been great to learn from their experience."*



STUDENT SUCCESS

Anna McNally from Buxton has recently completed her **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare & Education** (Early Years Educator) and will be making the journey down to the prestigious 120 year old Norland College to become the first BLC 'Norland Nanny'.

The average earnings for the Education sector is £36,700 per year



CHILDCARE & EDUCATION COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Caring for Children
- Early Years
- Early Years Education
- Childcare & Education
- Teaching Assistant
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Early Years Education

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of higher level courses in a related subject area including a Foundation Degree in Early Years Education Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner or a Higher Apprenticeship in Childcare at Buxton & Leek College.

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EXPERIENCE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

@BLC

With 3,350,000 jobs expected in the UK's Health Support sector by 2020, your skills and commitment are widely sought after. You will learn from the best at BLC. Our Tutors have worked in the Health & Social Care sector themselves, eager to pass on their expertise to you. With a career in Health & Social Care you can make a real difference to people's health and wellbeing and help to improve lives.

"Doing work experience whilst studying helps us apply our new skills in the workplace. It's the best thing about the course."

Kayleigh Booth, student



The average earnings for the Health Support sector is £25,300 per year

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Work placements embedded into the courses
- Project and campaign based learning
- Take extra qualifications to make you more employable like First Aid, Dignity in Care and Equality and Diversity
- Tutors with experience in Counselling, Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology, Sociology and Psychology
- Industry standard facilities such as diet and fitness testing equipment, hoists and blood pressure testing kits
- Links with local employers such as The Royal Stoke Hospital and Macclesfield Hospital, Douglas Macmillan, Brighter Futures and Moorlands Rehabilitation, local care homes, schools, nurseries, charities and mental health hospitals.

CAREER PATHS

CARE WORKER
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
SOCIAL WORKER
PSYCHOLOGIST
PRISON OFFICER
CRIMINOLOGIST

STUDENT SUCCESS

17 Health & Social Care students took part in an intergenerational project organised in partnership with Derbyshire County Council and Whitestones Care Home in Chapel-en-le-Frith. The students visited Whitestones for three consecutive weeks as part of their Health & Social Care course, to help them gain more knowledge of dementia and develop their skills in communicating effectively with older people. They were able to learn about the different types of dementia from one of the nurses, Gronia Hall, who has worked as a carer for six years. Throughout the visit, the students built up relationships with the residents through organised activities.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our students have gone on to work in Nursing, Midwifery, Teaching, Orthodontic Care, Plastic Surgery and Social Work. The largest Health sector employer is the NHS, which employs more than 1.6 million people.



STUDENT SUCCESS

After passing her **Level 3 Health & Social Care course**, 18 year old Amy Ferns gained a qualification and also a career at the care home where she completed her first placement. Amy is now a care assistant at Abbey Court Nursing Home, where she enjoys her work immensely and is a valued member of the team. Amy said "I chose to do Health & Social Care because it opens the door to so many different careers."



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Health & Social Care
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Health & Social Care

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including a Degree in Nursing, Social Work, Psychology, Criminology and Occupational Health at the University of Derby.

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EXPERIENCE HOSPITALITY & CATERING @BLC

The average earnings for the Leisure sector is £18,500 per year

Employers across the UK look to BLC for new recruits because of the standard of our Hospitality & Catering students. Our restaurant has been awarded an AA College Rosette in recognition of our clear commitment to students, the industry, and the standard our students achieve.



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Seven industry standard kitchens for varying specialties including bakery
- Commercial restaurant
- National, regional and international competitions
- Over 85% of our Tutors learned at the College and have had vast experience working in the Leisure industry
- Work experience and work placements
- Links with some of the best hotels and restaurants in the region.

CAREER PATHS

BAKER
CATERING MANAGER
EXECUTIVE HEAD CHEF
EVENTS MANAGER
FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER



DID YOU KNOW?

After leaving College Mitchell Collier from Leek, who studied **Hospitality** at the Buxton Campus, worked at South Lodge Hotel in Horsham, West Sussex, one of the most luxurious 5-star hotels in the UK. He now works for the renowned Chef, Raymond Blanc in his restaurant at Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire. He was recently shortlisted as a finalist in the Customer Service Star of the Year award run by Boutique Hotelier. With more than 260 nominations from 100 hotels he was one of just five finalists.



MEET THE TUTOR

Chef Mark Hudd has many years of Catering experience to pass on to his students and has taught at the College for 20 years. A career in the Army gave him the chance to work around the world and he has had the privilege of serving the Queen Mother and the Royal Household.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Following our win at last year's event, this year we hosted the prestigious annual Commis Chef competition. The event, organised by North West Branch Association Culinaire Francaise, saw 17 entrants from 8 further education colleges compete in the 7 industry standard kitchens and restaurant at the College's Buxton campus. Two competitions took place over the course of the day, which required the students to showcase their skills, technique and natural flair.



HOSPITALITY & CATERING COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

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- Hospitality & Catering
- Catering
- Professional Chef
- Professional Bakery
- Professional Hospitality
- Professional Cookery
- Food & Beverage Service Supervision
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Hospitality & Catering

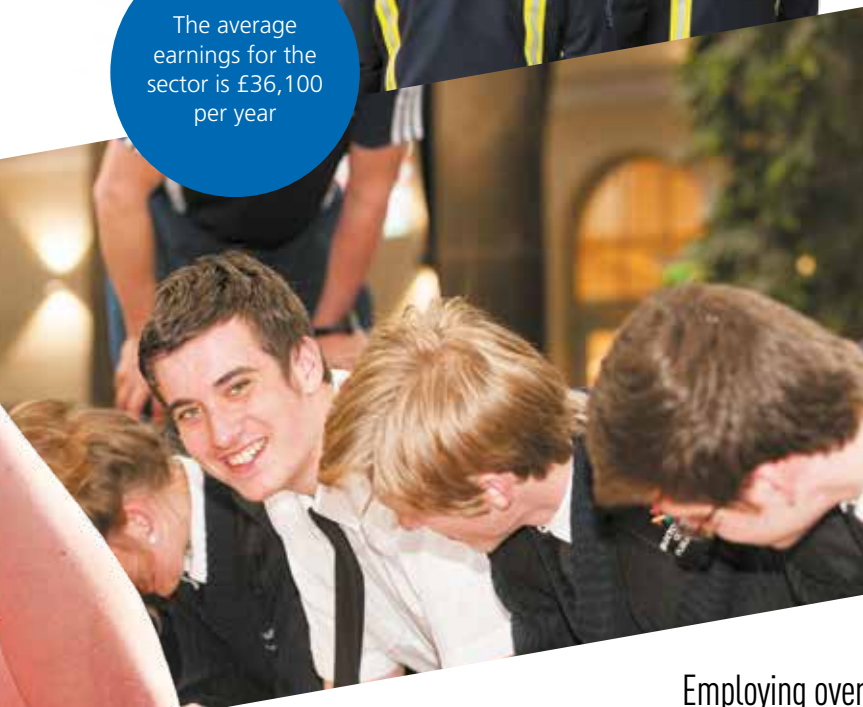
FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including a Degree in International Hospitality Management or Professional Culinary Arts at the University of Derby.

EXPERIENCE PUBLIC SERVICES @BLC



The average earnings for the sector is £36,100 per year



Employing over 5.4 million people, you're joining one of the biggest sectors in the UK, with fantastic prospects and opportunities for a career. Study at BLC and you'll have excellent progression opportunities.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Public Services Student Ben Dale from Leek received his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award whilst studying Public Services at Buxton & Leek College. He earned his award through volunteering as a martial arts instructor, took part in jujitsu and learned a skill, mastering the art of bonsai growing.



CAREER PATHS

EMERGENCY SERVICES (POLICE, FIRE AND RESCUE, PARAMEDICS)
ARMED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY, RAF)
PRISON AND SECURITY SERVICES
LOCAL AUTHORITY
VOLUNTARY SERVICES



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Gain skills for your career such as leadership, teamwork, communication and problem solving
- Take extra qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Basic Expedition Leader, Pool Lifeguard, Personal Trainer, First Aid and Water Safety
- Links with local Public Services like the Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Prison Services, Local Authorities, Security Services and Voluntary groups
- Community and voluntary work opportunities and work experience placements
- Guest speakers from the sector.



"The course prepared me to work effectively in a team with people who have different opinions and varying strengths and weaknesses, a vital skill when working in the Public Services."

Gareth Dickinson, student

PUBLIC SERVICES COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Public Services
- Preparation for Public Services

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including a Foundation Degree in Public Safety, Disaster Management & Resilience at Buxton & Leek College or Policing at the University of Derby.



EXPERIENCE

SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS

@BLC

There are few places that can compete with BLC to study Sport, Outdoor, Coaching & Fitness. Set on the edge of the Staffordshire Moorlands and Peak District, these outstanding places of natural beauty mean you can get involved in exciting pursuits such as rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, rafting and gorge walking.

CAREER PATHS

COACH

PE INSTRUCTOR

OUTDOOR AND FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

SPORTS THERAPIST

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



The average earnings for the Leisure sector is £18,500 per year



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Fully equipped Sports Centre and Gym
- Links with local leisure centre and employers
- Work experience opportunities with local outdoor leadership centres, gyms and sports clubs
- Take additional qualifications to boost your CV such as First Aid, the Basic Expedition Leaders Award, Gym Instructor Certificate, Powerboating, Coaching Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Educational trips to Awesome Walls, Chill Factore, Manchester and Derby Velodromes and local football clubs



Our students spent five days travelling the length, breadth and heights of the Snowdonia National Park to successfully complete their GOLD Duke of Edinburgh.



- Learn how to ski, paddleboard, scuba dive and much more
- Take part in Sporting Enrichment activities and clubs
- Learn from Tutors who are experts in their specialisms
- Coach youngsters from local primary schools
- Opportunities to work abroad during the summer.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students have secured jobs with PGL in France, EcoVenture in Dubai and Sri Lanka, whilst others staying closer to home are now working for Awesome Walls and Tittesworth Watersports Centre.

SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

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- Sport
- Leisure & Fitness
- Adventurous Activities & Leadership

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Outdoor Leadership and Management, and Sport Therapy and Rehabilitation at the University of Derby.

"I would highly recommend this course to anyone who is interested in outdoor sports and the industries connected to it. I have learned a vast amount across a wide range of activities, not to mention the awesome trips to the likes of India, Italy and France!"

Jack Bassett, student

EXPERIENCE TRAVEL & TOURISM @BLC

With our Campuses set on the edge of the Peak District and Staffordshire Moorlands, attracting around 12 million visitors each year, Buxton and Leek are both living, breathing case studies of how tourism works, and the perfect places to study a Travel & Tourism course.

CAREER PATHS

CABIN CREW
HOLIDAY REPRESENTATIVE
HOTEL AND EVENTS MANAGER
TRAVEL AGENT
TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICER



STUDENT SUCCESS

Nina Bound now travels the world as part of the Cabin Crew for Virgin Atlantic.

"There's a lot more to this course than learning how to be Cabin Crew. You learn skills in event management, preparation for employment and marketing."

Sarah Hayes, student

The average earnings for the Leisure and Travel sector is £18,500 per year



REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Air Cabin Room
- Guest talks and career guidance from industry professionals
- Educational trips to major cities in the UK
- Work experience and placement opportunities with local employers
- Take extra qualifications to boost your CV.

TRAVEL & TOURISM COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Travel Academy
Travel & Tourism students can also study for Cabin Crew, Resort Representative and First Aid qualifications as part of their Study Programme.

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Tourism Management at the University of Derby, which is a top 5 UK University for Tourism Management in the 2016 Guardian league table.



EXPERIENCE

ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES @BLC



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Develop your talent for Engineering in the specialist Engineering facilities at our Leek Campus. Our Tutors have lots of experience working in the industry so you'll really benefit from their advice. And with around 4,880,000 jobs predicted in the Engineering sector by 2020, you'll be in real demand.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Purpose built facility with a range of industry standard equipment including milling machines, centre turning lathes, a Harrison Alpha CNC Lathe and CNC Mill along with a 3D Printer, Laser Cutter and state-of-the-art materials testing equipment
- Links with engineering companies across Staffordshire and Derbyshire like Belle Engineering, Esterchem, Tuff Truk and Churnet Valley Engineering
- Work experience and placement opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW?

You'll be encouraged to bring your own projects to College and an afternoon a week is set aside for you to work on them. Previous students have machined gearbox components for VW camper vans, made BMX pegs, drones and 3D printers.



STUDENT SUCCESS

Sarah Sharp did a **Level 2 qualification in Mechanical Engineering** before progressing to an **Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering**, working at Esterchem in Leek. The role has enabled her to develop skills in several new areas including producing detailed CAD technical drawings.

Sarah would recommend an apprenticeship as an alternative to a purely college based route. Sarah added: *"It is good working for a company willing to invest in me and develop my talents with the added bonus of being paid."*

CAREER PATHS

CAD DESIGNER

CNC OPERATOR/PROGRAMMER

MAINTENANCE/MECHANICAL/
MANUFACTURING ENGINEER

QUALITY AND INSPECTION TECHNICIAN

The average earnings for the Engineering sector is £27,600 per year

STUDENT SUCCESS

A YouTube channel set up by the Engineering department has reached over 100,000 views from around the world. Viewers from as far afield as Tanzania, Japan and Chile have used the content to gain a greater understanding of engineering, automation and 3D Printing. Search 'FutureFab CNC & 3D Printing' on YouTube to see our Engineering department, the equipment available in our new £3 million engineering training facility and our tutors.



ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Engineering
- Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- Welding & Fabrication
- Advanced Apprenticeships in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including a Higher Apprenticeship in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering at Buxton & Leek College or Manufacturing & Production Engineering at the University of Derby.

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EXPERIENCE MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT @BLC



BLC's innovative Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport department has the latest engineering equipment and strong links with local motor industry employers, putting you in pole position when you're looking for the job of your dreams.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Get your hands on the latest industry equipment in our Specialist Training Centre including computer diagnostic equipment, Toyota hybrid cars, Snapon tools and MOT testing bay
- Learn from Tutors who have worked in the industry
- Enter regional and national skills competitions
- Work experience and placement opportunities.

CAREER PATHS

GARAGE MANAGER

MECHANIC

MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN/INSPECTOR

MOTOR VEHICLE/MOTOR SPORT
ENGINEER

DIAGNOSTICS ENGINEER

The average earnings for the Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport sector is £39,000 per year

DID YOU KNOW?

Our students work on real life projects restoring Land Rovers and building kit cars. Check out the videos on our Facebook page!

"The equipment at BLC is really good which is great because I'm particularly interested in the diagnostics side of Motor Vehicles. In the future I'm hoping to work with Toyota, Renault, Citroen or BMW."

Daniel Askew, student



Meet the Tutor

"The motor vehicle profession is very high tech as modern vehicles are repaired and serviced using computer diagnostic equipment. There is certainly no shortage of work for trained technicians and the career path is there for young trainees to take and progress as far as they want to. Job security comes guaranteed." **Mike James, Motor Vehicle Curriculum Leader.**



MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT COURSES

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FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Motor Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport
- Light Vehicles
- Plant Machinery
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Light Vehicles

FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Motorsport Engineering at the University of Derby, which is accredited by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.



The Institute of the Motor Industry sets standards for training throughout the sector, promotes automotive job opportunities to young people, and campaigns for greater recognition for professionals.

EXPERIENCE CARPENTRY & JOINERY @BLC

Learn your trade at BLC and you'll be in real demand in the local economy. Why? Because we'll help you develop your practical carpentry and joinery skills and use our strong links with local businesses to provide you with lots of work experience opportunities and placements.

The average earnings for the Skilled Trades sector is £28,100 per year

CAREER PATHS

BUILDER

FURNITURE MAKER

KITCHEN OR SHOP FITTER

WOOD MACHINIST

PROPERTY DEVELOPER

STUDENT SUCCESS

Luke Sidebottom was entered into SkillBuild – the UK's biggest construction skills competition - in his first year of studying Carpentry at Buxton & Leek College. Luke, who works at Peakcraft in Buxton, was awarded second place in the regional heats of the competition held in Birmingham.

REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Regional and national trade competitions
- Strong links with local employers
- Work experience and placement opportunities
- Specialist workshop for Bench and Site Joinery.

"I am enjoying my job and, as well as earning a wage, I will gain my Carpentry & Joinery qualification."

Billie-Jo Simpson, student (pictured right)

CARPENTRY & JOINERY COURSES

FROM LEVEL 1-2

- Site Joinery
- Bench Joinery

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FUTURE PROGRESSION

You can progress on to a Level 3 qualification in a related subject or go into employment. After Level 3 you can choose a variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Construction Management & Property Development at the University of Derby.

COURSE INDEX

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
FOUNDATION SERVICES				
Foundation Studies	Entry	None	B & L	3 years
Independence & Living Skills	Entry	None	B & L	2 years
Working Towards Independence	Entry	None	B & L	1 year

ART & DESIGN				
UAL Art & Design	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	L	1 year
Photography	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including English and Art subject	L	1 year
UAL Art & Design Creative Futures	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including English and Art subject	L	2 years
UAL Art & Design Pre-Degree Foundation Diploma	3/4	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 1 A Level	L	1 year

PERFORMING ARTS				
Performing Arts	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including English	B	2 years

MEDIA				
Media & Technology	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	B & L	1 year
Broadcast & Digital Media & Journalism	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	2 years

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
BEAUTY, SPA & MEDIA MAKE UP				
Diploma Hair & Beauty Skills	1	2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B & L	1 year
Certificate in Beauty Therapy	1	None	B	1 year
Apprenticeship in Beauty Therapy	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Beauty Therapy	B & L	12-15 months
Technical Diploma in Beauty Therapy/Nails	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Beauty Therapy	B & L	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Beauty & Spa Therapy	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Beauty Therapy	B & L	12-18 months
Advanced Apprenticeship in Nail Technology	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Beauty Therapy	L	12-18 months
Advanced Diploma in Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Makeup	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2/3 Beauty Therapy	L	1 year
Diploma in Beauty & Spa Therapy	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Beauty Therapy	B & L	1 year
Advanced Diploma in Nail Technology	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Beauty Therapy	L	1 year

HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING				
Certificate in Hairdressing	1	2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B	1 year
Diploma in Hair & Beauty Therapy	1	2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B & L	1 year
Apprenticeship in Hairdressing	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Hairdressing	B & L	18-24 months
Technical Diploma in Barbering	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Hairdressing	B & L	1 year
Technical Diploma in Hairdressing	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Hairdressing	B & L	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Barbering	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Barbering	L	12-18 months
Advanced Apprenticeship in Hairdressing	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Hairdressing	B & L	12-18 months
Advanced Diploma in Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Makeup	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2/3 Beauty Therapy	L	1 year
Advanced Technical Diploma in Hairdressing	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English and Level 2 Hairdressing	B & L	1 year

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE				
Traineeship in Accounting	1	None		6 weeks-6 months
Traineeship in Business Administration	1	None		6 weeks-6 months
Traineeship in Customer Service	1	None		6 weeks-6 months
Advanced Apprenticeship in Business & Administration	2	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	12-15 months
Apprenticeship in Business Administration	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	12-15 months
Apprenticeship in Customer Services	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	12-15 months
Business	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	B & L	1 year
Traineeship in Team Leading	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	2 years
Business, Marketing & Entrepreneurship	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years
Advanced Apprenticeship in Customer Services	3	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	12-15 months

COMPUTING & ICT				
Developing Skills in Creative Technology	1	None	B	1 year
Media & Technology	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	B & L	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in IT, Software, Web & Telecoms	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	L	18-24 months
Creative Computing & Games Design	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
CHILDCARE & EDUCATION				
Diploma in Caring for Children	1	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B & L	1 year
Apprenticeship for the Early Years Workforce	2	Assessment to confirm capability to achieve Level 1 Maths, English and ICT	B & L	12-15 months
Apprenticeship for Teaching Assistants	2	Assessment to confirm capability to achieve Level 1 Maths, English and ICT	B & L	12-15 months
Introduction to Early Years	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B & L	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeships for the Early Years Workforce	3	Assessment to confirm capability to achieve GCSE Maths and English at grade C / grade 4 or above and ICT Level 2	B & L	12-18 months
Diploma in Childcare & Education	3	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE				
Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	1 year
Health & Social Care	2	3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	12-15 months
Health & Social Care	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years



	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
HOSPITALITY & CATERING				
Developing Skills Hospitality & Catering	1	None	B	1 year
Apprenticeship in Professional Bakery	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	12-15 months
Apprenticeship in Professional Chef	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	12-15 months
Apprenticeship in Professional Hospitality Services	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	12-15 months
Professional Catering Certificate	3	4 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	B	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Professional Bakery	3	Apprenticeship in Professional Bakery	B	12-18 months
Advanced Apprenticeship in Professional Chef	3	Apprenticeship in Professional Chef	B	12-18 months
Advanced Apprenticeship in Professional Hospitality Supervision	3	Apprenticeship in Professional Hospitality Services	B	12-18 months
Advanced Professional Cookery	3	Professional Catering Diploma	B	1 year
Food & Beverage Service Supervision	3	Professional Catering Diploma	B	1 year
Hospitality	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	1 year
Professional Catering Diploma	3	Professional Catering Certificate	B	1 year
PUBLIC SERVICES				
Pathway to Public Services	2	Good reference	B	1 year
Preparation for Public Services	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English	B	1 year
Preparation for Public Services	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	2 years

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS				
Pathway to Sport	1	Good reference	B	1 year
Essential Leisure & Fitness	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B & L	1 year
Sport	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B	1 year
Adventurous Activities & Leadership	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B	2 years
Sport	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years
TRAVEL & TOURISM				
Travel Academy	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English	B	1 year
Travel Academy	3	4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	B & L	2 years
ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES				
Pathway to Engineering	1	Good reference	L	1 year
Apprenticeship in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Engineering	L	12-15 months
Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Engineering	L	1 year
Welding & Fabrication	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Engineering	L	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	3	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	L	18-24 months
Advanced Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	3	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including Maths and English	L	2 years
Higher Apprenticeship in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	4	Level 3 Engineering qualification or A Levels including Maths or relevant experience	L	18-24 months

	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAMPUS	DURATION
MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT				
Introduction to Motor Vehicle	1	2 GCSEs at grade D / grade 3 or above	B	1 year
Pathway to Motor Vehicle	1	None	B	1 year
Traineeship in Motor Vehicle	1	None	B	up to 6 months
Apprenticeship in Light & Heavy Vehicles	2	GCSE grade C / grade 4 in Maths and English	B	18-24 months
Apprenticeship in Plant Machinery	2	GCSE grade C / grade 4 in Maths and English	B	18-24 months
Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport	2	2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above	B	1 year
Advanced Apprenticeship in Light & Heavy Vehicles	3	GCSE grade C / grade 4 in Maths and English	B	12-18 months
Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport	3	Level 2 Motor Vehicle	B	1 year
CARPENTRY & JOINERY				
Introduction to Carpentry & Joinery	1	Good reference	L	1 year
Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery	L	12-15 months
Apprenticeship in Site Joinery	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery	L	12-15 months
Bench Joinery	2	5 GCSEs grade C / grade 3 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery	L	1 year
Site Joinery	2	5 GCSEs grade D / grade 4 or above including Maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery	L	1 year

Campus Key: B = Buxton L = Leek

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Statistics information has been sourced from:

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
www.manpowergroup.co.uk
www.ccskills.org.uk
www.parliment.uk
www.artscouncil.org.uk



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Apprentices usually come into College for one day per week at the Campus location identified.

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10am-1pm

Sat **14 OCT 2017**
Sat **03 MAR 2018**
Sat **02 JUN 2018**

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5pm-7pm

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Wed **15 NOV 2017**
Wed **17 JAN 2018**
Wed **18 APR 2018**

Buxton Campus

Thu **16 NOV 2017**
Thu **18 JAN 2018**
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