



**BUXTON & LEEK  
COLLEGE**

# **YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

2019/20  
PROSPECTUS

**EXPERIENCE BLC**



# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Our new prospectus is very career focussed and highlights how choosing to come to college can help you to take your first steps into the future. The qualifications you will study, although important, represent your 'passport' to the next stage of your career pathway and so we have included what we feel is the essential information 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 college 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 quite a small college. This means that we can 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, providing experiences and challenges that they have only dreamed about.

Come along to one of our Open Days or Advice Evenings to meet and talk to our teaching and support staff in person – get inspired and 'Experience BLC'.

Len Tildsley, Principal

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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 information may change. Our website is the best place to check for the most up-to-date information.

# EXPERIENCE

# BLC



## REAL WORLD LEARNING

Classrooms are great but there's nothing like learning in an environment that has all the same equipment and facilities that you'll find when you go on work experience or find a job. Our industry standard facilities help you gain hands-on experience to prepare you for your future career.

## HUGE CHOICE

Career focused courses in 21 subject areas, across three Campuses.

## LEARN YOUR WAY

Everyone learns differently so choose a study method that suits you. If you enjoy hands-on learning and creating your own projects, maybe one of our full-time study programmes is for you. Looking to get out of the classroom and learn 'on the job'? A traineeship or apprenticeship might be the perfect choice for you. Whatever you enjoy, there's something for you at BLC.

## INDUSTRY INSIGHT

Tailored towards industry needs, our courses are designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience required for future employment.

## BE INSPIRED

Our Tutors have had successful careers in the industries they now teach. Who better to prepare you for your future? Learn from their industry knowledge and experience to get ahead in your chosen career.

## STAND OUT

Boost your CV and develop new skills with a huge range of enrichment activities as part of your study programme.

## OPEN DOORS

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

## GET STUCK RIGHT IN

Many of our courses include engaging work placement opportunities, so you'll leave College work ready, with skills that make you more attractive to employers.

## GO FURTHER

Take advantage of us being part of the University of Derby so you can easily progress in your chosen career industry. Continue your experience into Higher Education and you may be eligible for a £1,000 bursary!



## BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE

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

## CAREERS ADVICE

We understand that it can be hard to decide where you want your career to go. Our in-house Careers Consultants offer continued support with expert advice and guidance, from choosing your College course to creating your CV and completing a job application.



## YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

# OPEN DAYS

Sat 24 November 2018  
Sat 2 March 2019  
Sat 11 May 2019

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.



# ADVICE EVENINGS

LEEK Wed 17 October 2018  
Wed 16 January 2019  
BUXTON Thu 18 October 2018  
Thu 17 January 2019

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

Book your place on an **Open Day** or **Advice Evening** by calling us on 0800 074 0099 or by visiting [www.blc.ac.uk](http://www.blc.ac.uk)



## HOW TO APPLY

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

## WHAT'S 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
- You'll be invited to a **BLC Experience Day** in June where you'll meet your Tutors and other students starting at the same time as you.
- We'll send your **enrolment** and **induction** instructions in July to get you ready to join us in September!

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 - 6pm** 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 achieved the grades you needed for the course you've been offered, you do not need to confirm this to us. You will just need to bring your results statements on your enrolment day.

Don't worry if you haven't got the results you were expecting - come and speak to us!

# GETTING HERE

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

## FREE TRAVEL ON BLC BUS ROUTES

If you live along one of our Buxton & Leek College bus routes you can apply for a pass which will allow you to travel on our bus services for FREE.

For more information and to find out what routes are covered visit [www.blc.ac.uk/transport](http://www.blc.ac.uk/transport)



## 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](http://www.railcard.co.uk) and plan your journey at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://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, Meir Park, Blythe Bridge** and **Cheadle** to **Leek**. There are various stops in each location. Just visit our website for more information.

**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

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

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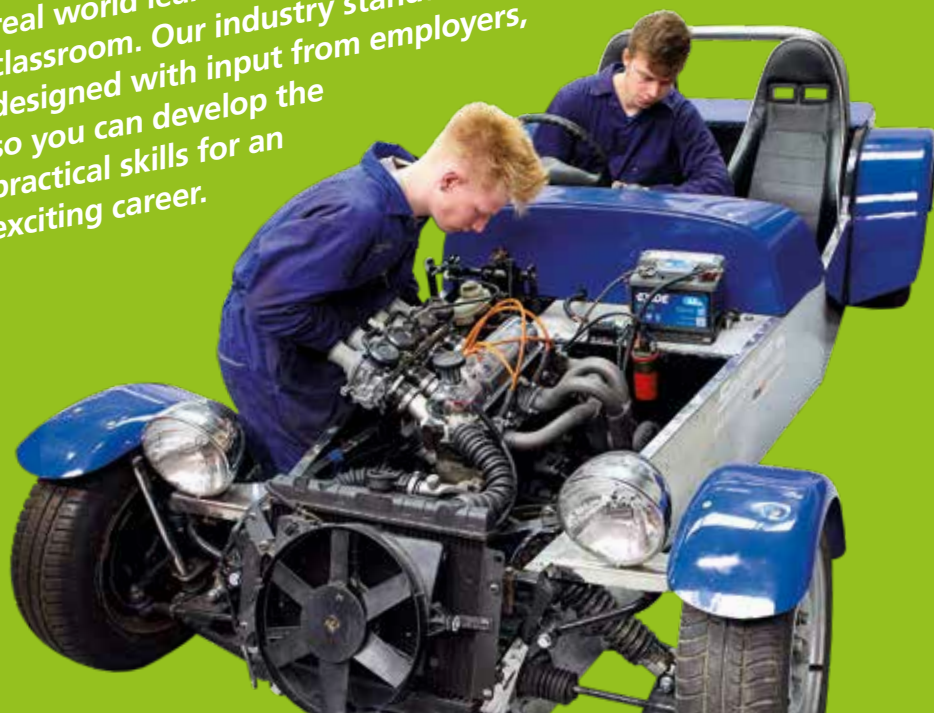
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# MORE THAN JUST A CLASSROOM



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.



PROUD OF OUR FACILITIES



# STUDENT LIFE AND ENRICHMENT DIVE RIGHT IN

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. Students can come and get involved with interactive stalls, activities and competitions at our Welcome Fair and Campus wide events.

## 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. You could even be awarded for your volunteering efforts by taking part in our College Heroes scheme.



## 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.



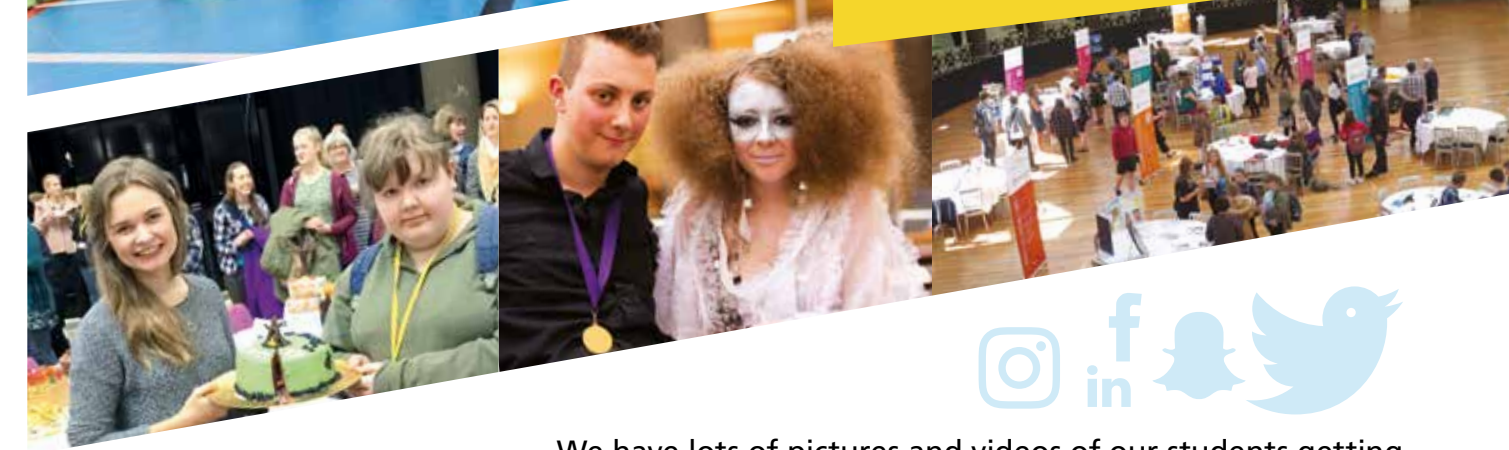
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University of Derby

## SOCIAL SPACES

Relax with friends in our social spaces - experience the Balcony Cafe at the Buxton Campus and The Gallery at the Leek Campus.

## 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.

# SUPPORT SERVICES HERE TO HELP

**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/STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Mentors and Student Support 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.

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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 Co-ordinators 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.

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



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

# MONEY MATTERS

**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](http://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 an Advanced Learner Loan if you want to study a Level 3 course or higher (subject to course eligibility). This Government loan contributes towards your course fees and eligibility criteria applies.

Repayments start the April after you complete or withdraw from your course. You start to pay back your loan (plus interest) when you are earning more than £25,000 a year. Your repayments will stop if your income drops below £25,000 a year. Your annual repayment amount will be 9% of any income you earn over £25,000. For example your monthly repayments would be:  
 - £15 a month - if you earn £27,000 a year  
 - £37 a month - if you earn £30,000 a year  
 Please visit [www.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.blc.ac.uk/courses/fees) or call us on 0800 074 0099.

# FULL TIME STUDY PROGRAMME

# EXPLAINED

**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 AND 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 pages 16-17.



# APPRENTICESHIPS EARN & LEARN

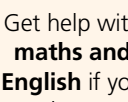
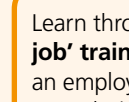
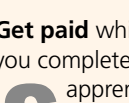


**An apprenticeship can be a great route into full-time work or Higher Education.**

Are you ready to earn while you learn and get your career started now? Do you want to learn a trade and pick up skills and experience alongside a recognised industry qualification? Then an apprenticeship could be for you!

Buxton & Leek College apprentices are **more likely to complete** their apprenticeship than the national average\*

As part of an apprenticeship you will:

-  Gain **skills, training and experience** to last a lifetime
-  Study in **industry standard facilities**
-  Get help with **maths and English** if you need support
-  Learn through '**on-the-job**' training with an employer of your choice
-  Get **real life industry experience** and employability skills
-  **Get paid** whilst you complete your apprenticeship, including paid holidays
-  Learn from **experienced Tutors and assessors** as well as your employer
-  Spend **a day or more a week at College** to gain your qualification and develop your skills



**THE EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH SAID THAT THEY WERE LIKELY OR VERY LIKELY TO RECOMMEND BUXTON & LEAK COLLEGE\*\***

\*\*Said 94% of those surveyed by Education & Skills Funding Agency Employer Satisfaction Survey 2016-17.

**Here at Buxton & Leek College, we offer a range of apprenticeships and traineeships in different subject areas including:**

- Accounting
- Barbering
- Beauty
- Business Administration
- Carpentry
- Customer Service
- Early Years
- Education
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Nail Technology
- Motor Vehicle
- Team Leading

\*Completion of apprenticeships at Buxton & Leek College 2017



The Staffordshire Moorlands Chamber of Commerce is located on our Leek Campus site in the Business Lounge, giving us fantastic links with local employers.

Here are just a few of the companies that we're working with:



## Traineeships

We also offer traineeships for those who aren't ready to start an apprenticeship just yet. These combine work experience with your course to get you ready for an apprenticeship and can take up to 6 months to complete.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Adam Harper (left), Head Chef at Rowleys, Baslow was a former student at Buxton & Leek College who studied the **Level 2 & 3 Professional Cookery Apprenticeship**. Since leaving the College Adam has enjoyed a prestigious career working in Michelin Star Restaurants and celebrity chef kitchens. Having learnt his craft, Adam is now looking to recruit apprentices himself and still has excellent links with the College giving cookery demonstrations across FE and HE.

Adam said "I really appreciate everything that Buxton & Leek College has done for me, lessons in both cooking and life – I really do value everything they have taught me. Hopefully this year I can feed back into the College by recruiting apprentices and emerging talent going through the ropes."

## DID YOU KNOW?

As part of the **University of Derby**, we can offer apprentices progression on to a **Higher or Degree Apprenticeship** all in one institution. Apprentices at the University of Derby work with high-profile organisations such as the **NHS, JCB and Rolls-Royce** to name just a few!

Take a look at our subject area pages from **23-57** to find out where an apprenticeship could take you in your chosen industry!

# APPLYING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school as long as you meet the following criteria:

- Be 16 years or older (there's no upper age limit)
- Living in England
- Not in full-time education
- You'll need GCSE maths and English at grade A\*-D (9-3). If you don't have your GCSEs, you can work towards them whilst completing your apprenticeship.

If you have an employer in mind, or an employer who wants you to work for them as an apprentice, then that's great! If you don't, don't worry, we can help you find the right employer for your apprenticeship. You can check out our latest apprenticeship vacancies on our website at **www.blc.ac.uk/apprenticeships**

If you're actively seeking an apprenticeship, we also advertise our vacancies on **www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship** and the Get My First Job website.



# LEVELS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ON YOUR LEVEL

**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.**

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.

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?

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 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 introductory 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. In some industries you're ready to start work with a Level 2 qualification.

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 advanced knowledge and skills in your subject area, which link to a job you'd like to do or university degree you would like to progress on to.

5 GCSEs grade C/grade 4 or above including maths and/or 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 21** for more information.



# BLC NEWS

## STUDENT STORIES



## STUDENTS FIGHT CRIME

**Business and Health & Social Care** Students at Leek are taking steps to make College campuses and their neighbourhood safer by meeting regularly with Staffordshire Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

The group will raise concerns and issues about crime and safety in the local communities in and around Leek, with the Staffordshire Safer Neighbourhood Panel feeding students' ideas back to the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

## INSPIRE THROUGH SPORTS

A sports day was held at Brough Park Leisure Centre for special education children from Crescent Academy Primary School, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent. The event marked the end of a six-week coaching programme delivered by the **Level 3 BTEC Sports** students. The programme was designed to improve self-esteem whilst improving coordination and sports skills.

Sports Lecturer, Dan Tapley, who organised the event along with his students, said: *"The programme has provided our Level 3 BTEC Sports students with an excellent experience of proper coaching practice, working with Primary School children. This is helpful should they go on to train in physical education teaching or community sport coaching roles in the future."*



## BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO AN OLD BRITISH CLASSIC

**Motor Vehicle** students have been working hard to restore an old Land Rover at the College's Harpur Hill site. Among a long list of faults were snapped head bolts in the engine and the students tackled retro power steering, unlike anything they had seen before. They also set about removing the body from a very rotten chassis, repairing and respraying.

Student Daniel Mottram, said: *"It's been a real challenge but very rewarding to see the Land Rover come back from the abyss. All aspects of refurbishing a classic car require problem solving and we had to adapt our existing skills. I learnt a great deal and as a result I'm now working at Cruso Auto Repairs, Leek."*

## CELEBRATING REGIONAL BUSINESSES AT APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS



The College celebrated regional businesses and their commitment to training the workforce through apprenticeships, at the annual Apprenticeship Awards. The Awards took place at the Devonshire Dome in Buxton and included nominees selected from around 150 businesses the College works with to deliver apprenticeships.

Ruth George, MP for High Peak who attended the awards, congratulated local businesses for investing in apprentices saying: *"This is a fantastic example of employers developing young people. Particularly in this area, it is so important that we retain and nurture our talent and let young people know they can develop a career and build a life here in the High Peak and wherever they are working in small communities."*

# 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. 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.



Buxton & Leek College is proud to be part of the University of Derby, Top 10 for Tourism, Hospitality & Events according to the Guardian University Guide 2018 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, students also automatically become part of the University of Derby Union of Students, giving you access to a wealth of societies, sports, activities and support.

Did you know that our Buxton Campus is being developed to become a world-leading Centre for Contemporary Hospitality & Tourism? With events and tourism booming, there's never been a better time to plan a career in these exciting industries. With a rich cultural and events scene, Buxton is a perfect base to start studying for a career that could take you anywhere in the world.



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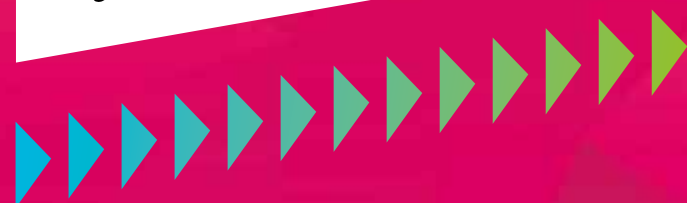
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## DEVELOPING SKILLS

Our Developing Skills programmes help those who need to build on their confidence and develop maths and English skills further. The course will prepare you for the world of work or progression into a vocational programme.

### REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Develop confidence and independence
- Attend trips to enhance learning
- Participate in a residential visit
- Learn in small groups within a supportive environment
- Gain employability skills through a work ready programme
- Participate in a suitable work placement.



### ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

20 year old Aaron Leather (pictured left) is celebrating success after securing a maintenance role at Macclesfield Bowling Alley. He was unsure of what he wanted to study, but after helping his dad to fix cars, his Tutors suggested he would be well placed to consider an **Developing Skills Engineering** course. Aaron said: "I can't thank the College enough for pushing me - my Tutors were amazing and got me to where I am now. I'm really enjoying my job but if it wasn't for my course I don't think I'd have had the confidence to apply."



### ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Isaac Ryde (pictured above) studied **Developing Skills in ICT**, with further development on his maths and English.

During his time he created YouTube videos of a computer build, supported in creating presentations to be displayed at events and improved his social and communication skills. He was also named Student of the Year.

As part of his course he carried out work experience and is progressing on to a Level 2 ICT programme next year.

## DEVELOPING SKILLS COURSES

### DEVELOPING SKILLS

#### FUTURE PROGRESSION

- Further education with work experience
- Traineeship
- A job with further training and support
- Full time job

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"I started Buxton & Leek College with no GCSEs and working at a fast food restaurant not really knowing what I wanted to do with my life. At College I became more confident and was put in for my English Level 1 Functional skills, which I passed and I am now working towards my Level 2. I would like to thank Buxton & Leek College for helping me get my confidence back to progress in my studies."

Georgia Beardmore, student

# SEN FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



Our Working Towards Employability programmes are for students who have varying learning difficulties.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

21 year old Jack Evans (pictured right) has completed his **Diploma in Personal Progress** at BLC. During his time at College, Jack has gone from lacking confidence as a result of his hearing impairment to someone who is vocal, confident and full of fun. He carried out work experience at Morrisons through his course and also attended a College residential at the Calvert Trust, learning more about teamwork, communications and independent living skills. He did so well he received the Student of the Year Award for 2017/18.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Tom Neil studied **Developing Skills** and carried out work experience in housing associations and Morrisons, gaining different skills and meeting new people.

He also took part in a project with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, presented to Governors on what it's like to be a SEN student and attended the residential visit to the Calvert Trust.

He has now progressed to a supported internship with leading charity Mencap.



## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Develop confidence and employability skills through enterprise activities
- Opportunities to attend trips and residential experiences
- Learn in small groups and a really supportive environment
- Build your aspirations with confidence through a personal development programme
- Promoting independence and life skills to prepare for adulthood.



## SEN FOUNDATION PROGRAMME COURSES

STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE (LDD)

PREPARATION FOR LIFE AND WORK (LDD)

WORKING TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE (LDD)

BUILDING ASPIRATIONS (LDD)

FUTURE PROGRESSION

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

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# ART & DESIGN

Government statistics show that creative industries could be worth £128.4 billion to the UK economy by 2025 and help to create up to one million jobs by 2030. Leek School of Art has an enviable reputation and is the place to be if you want to study Art & Design and work in this sector. Practical qualifications are the ideal way to create a portfolio that employers in the industry are looking for.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Art & Design** student (pictured left), 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.



*"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

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Industry facilities including textiles, 3D, ceramics, traditional lithograph printing, glass, 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.

## 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 National Average Wage for a Graphic Designer is around **£22,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around £13 an hour.

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

## YOU COULD BE...

FASHION DESIGNER, GRAPHIC DESIGNER, FINE ARTIST, PHOTOGRAPHER, PRODUCT DESIGNER

## ART & DESIGN COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-4

- Art & Design
- Art & Design Creative Futures
- Art & Design Foundation Studies

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

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

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**ual:** university of the arts london awarding body

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



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted that there'll be a **4% increase** in employment in Media, Art and Design.

# PERFORMING ARTS

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

The value of the Film, TV, Music, Arts and Culture industry is estimated at over £23 million in the UK, with over 3 million people working in creative industries. [thecreativeindustries.co.uk](http://thecreativeindustries.co.uk)

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Live performances and assessments
- Links with local employers like Buxton Opera House
- Links with the Foxlowe Arts Centre learning theatre
- Work experience
- Tours.



## 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.



The national average wage for an actor or actress is **£18,000**. The average hourly wage in this sector is £9.37 an hour.



## YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

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

Over the next 5 years, it's predicted that there'll be a **2% increase** in employment in the Performing Arts sector.

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.



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

Charlie Woodward, student

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

After finishing her **Level 3 Media** course at Buxton & Leek College, Shelby Brown (pictured right) progressed to Sunderland University and achieved a First class honours degree in Marketing, PR and Journalism. She also carried out her work experience work at the Derbyshire Times and had work published as well as carrying out work experience at ITV's marketing department. Shelby now works as a PR & Digital Marketing Executive at leading PR firm MHW PR in Newcastle.



## 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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

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!



## 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, TV sets and watching shows being filmed
- Guest speakers from the media industry
- Local art shows and exhibitions
- End of year Media Expo.

The National Average Wage for photographers and Audio Visual Equipment Operators is around **£30,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£13** an hour.



**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

## YOU COULD BE...

TV/FILM RESEARCHER, TV/FILM RUNNER, PHOTOGRAPHER, TV & FILM PRODUCER, BROADCAST JOURNALISM, WEB DESIGNER

# MEDIA COURSES

FROM LEVEL 3

- Broadcast, Digital Media & Journalism

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

Jobs in the media sector are increasingly dominated by graduates. This course could lead you to a variety of University Level courses 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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Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **4% increase** in employment in Media, Art and Design.

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# BEAUTY, SPA & MEDIA MAKE UP



BLC is one of the top places to study Beauty, Spa & Media Make Up in the UK with fantastic links to industry, training and the latest developments. Join us and you'll join the high growth Leisure sector, set to expand to 5,980,000 jobs by 2020.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★



Sophie Kennerk (pictured left) has carved out a successful career, working as a hair and beauty specialist on board Steiner Cruise ships around the world. Sophie said her College course gave her the confidence to apply for the role and leave the UK for a nine month work schedule.

Sophie said: "I was very shy when I started at the College but the course really brought me out of my shell and pushed me out of my comfort zone. After a one-year work placement on the College beauty salon reception, I really did feel the world was my oyster."



## 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!

# 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, Spa 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.

The National Average Wage for a Hairdressing and Beauty Salon Manager is around **£24,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£12** an hour.

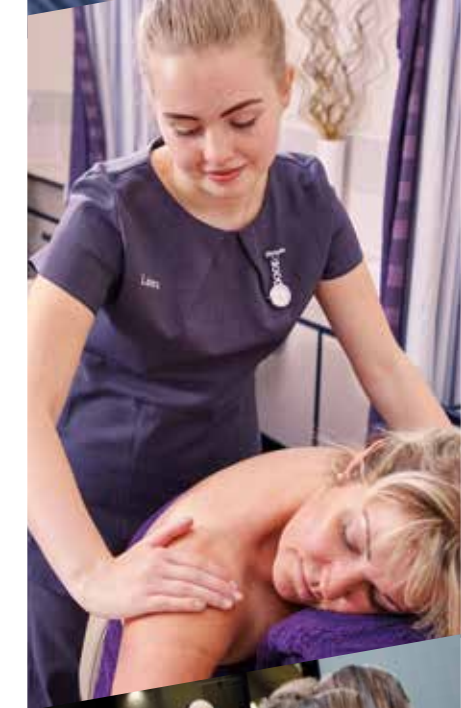


## DID YOU KNOW?

The Devonshire Spa - based at our Buxton Campus - won the Luxury Emerging Spa in Northern Europe at the World Luxury Spa Awards 2017 and was named as Professional Beauty's Day Spa of the Year in 2016 and shortlisted for the same award for 2017.

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Commercial Spa and Beauty Salons offering professional salon treatments
- Enter regional, national and international industry competitions
- Educational trips and CPD training with professional brands
- Work experience
- Using leading industry brands like Dermalogica, Ishga, MAC and Nailtiques
- Annual Hair & Beauty Competition where students can showcase their fantastic creative and professional work
- Links with local and national employers
- Guest speakers from industry, including high profile make up artists and industry specialists.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

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



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **5% increase** in employment in the Hair and Beauty industry.

# HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING

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 industry skills. You'll get lots of external work experience as part of your course, making you very employable.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Hairdressing** students Paige Roose, Neamh Webster and Paulina Stobierska (pictured right) are all finalists in the Wella Xposure 2018 Competition – alongside their Instructor Christian King, a previous Buxton & Leek College student, who's also through to the next round of the professional standard category at Wella.

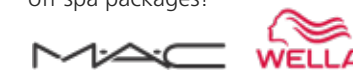


## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Providing professional treatments on clients in our commercial salons
- Enter regional, national and international industry competitions
- We are an exclusive Wella Gold Salon
- High profile training at the Wella Studios in Manchester
- Links with many local and national employers
- The annual Hair & Beauty Competition where students can showcase their most creative and professional work
- Take extra qualifications to improve your future employability.

## 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!



## YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

SENIOR COLOURIST OR STYLIST, BARBER, SALON OWNER OR MANAGER, FREELANCE HAIRDRESSER / BARBER

# HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING COURSES

## FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Hairdressing
- Hair & Beauty Therapy
- Barbering
- Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Make up
- Apprenticeships & Advanced Apprenticeships in Hairdressing & 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.

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The National Average Wage for a Hairdressing and Beauty Salon Manager is around **£24,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around £12 an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **5% increase** in employment in the Hair and Beauty industry.

# BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

BLC's dynamic Business, Management & Finance department has strong links in the region, making sure you have the experience employers are looking for. Our courses will equip you with well-rounded sector skills and knowledge including Marketing, HR, Finance, Operations and Customer Service, leaving you many career options for you to progress into. There are also great progression opportunities for Foundation Degrees in Business Management or a Business Degree.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Business students have worked with travel agents TUI 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 his BTEC National Diploma in **Business Studies**, 25 year old Daniel Wardle, is putting his business skills to good use running his own business as a magician alongside working in Collateral Management at Bank of New York Mellon.



Daniel said: "My Business course enabled me to get a place at Manchester Metropolitan Business School, studying accounting and finance. The College also supported my ambitions to be a magician and I got the chance to perform at some of their Christmas parties for external clients. That was a great experience as I was building my reputation for future events. BLC also put me through key skills modules to help with professionalism in the workplace."

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Educational trips to exciting businesses such as Chatsworth House
- Our Tutors have worked in business themselves
- Links with local employers
- Work experience and enterprise opportunities.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

ADMINISTRATOR, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER, MARKETING EXECUTIVE, PERSONAL ASSISTANT, RETAIL ASSISTANT

## BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Business
- Principles of Customer Service & Business Administration
- Apprenticeships & Advanced Apprenticeships in Team Leading, Business Administration, Customer Service & AAT

## 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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The National Average Wage for a Management Consultant or Business Analyst is around **£48,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£13** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **2% increase** in employment in the Business sector.

# COMPUTING & ICT

Computing and ICT offers fantastic job opportunities in technology, whether you're interested in becoming an IT Technician, networking, hardware or programming, this is the course for you! Our qualifications provide students with skills in gaming, software development and much more! Students that study at Buxton & Leek College benefit from world-class IT and technology resources on offer due to our extensive links with the University of Derby.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Many sectors employ significant numbers of IT professionals including Financial Services, Manufacturing, Public Sector and Retail.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Matthew Watson (pictured above) studied **BTEC IT Level 3 Extended Diploma** and is heading off to Sheffield Hallam University to study Games Design and pursue a career in the Games Design industry.

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

Sam Horton, student



## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Fully equipped computer suites with the latest software and programs
- 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 to keep up to date with the latest technology.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, WEBSITE DEVELOPER, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, IT TECHNICIAN, NETWORK TECHNICIAN, COMPUTER GAMES DESIGNER / DEVELOPER

## COMPUTING & ICT COURSES

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FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Computing & ICT

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

Skills shortages in key areas of the digital economy mean there are many different

Computing & IT careers available for College leavers and graduates with relevant qualifications and experience.

The National Average Wage for an IT Engineer is around **£30,000 pa**. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£18.50 an hour**.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **4% increase** in employment in the IT industry.

# CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

BLC has an excellent reputation in Childcare & Education, helping you to build your social and professional abilities. Our courses enable you to progress into a variety of Early Years settings such as day care, nurseries and schools. Many of our learners secure a job with the same employers they do 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.

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

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



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

23 year old Lauren (pictured right), from Whaley Bridge, studied the **CACHE Diploma in Childcare & Education** and is now a primary school teacher. Through work placements and her course experience, Lauren found her passion for teaching. This allowed her to focus on her next steps into teaching and gaining the relevant qualifications.



She said: "I really enjoyed the course and made some fantastic friends. The lecturers were lovely and really supported me in achieving the grades I needed to progress in my career. Always believe in yourself and use the support of your Tutors and lecturers as they have a great range of experience and will support you with your goals."



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Anna McNally (pictured left), 23, graduated after studying a **CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare & Education**, going on to win a prestigious training opportunity as a Norland Nanny of Bath. Norland Nannies was a dream come true for Anna with the childcare trainers a favourite of the Royals for their childcare needs. They continue to wear their Norland Uniform after graduation and are known in the industry as real life Mary Poppins.



Maxine Lees, Course Co-ordinator of Childcare & Education Level 3 and Anna's Tutor said: "Anna was a driven, self-assured, mature student who had high aspirations and a clear focus for her career goals."

cache

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER, HOME BASED NANNY, NURSERY MANAGER, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ASSISTANT, TEACHER / TEACHING ASSISTANT

# CHILDCARE & EDUCATION COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Early Years Education & Care
- Childcare & Education
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Early Years Workforce and Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

## 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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The National Average Wage for a Teaching Professional is around **£30,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£21** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **5% increase** in employment in the Education industry.

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# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

With 3,350,000 jobs expected in the UK's Health Support sector by 2020, your skills and commitment are widely sought after. 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.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Health & Social Care** student Phoebe Middleton (pictured right) gained a place at Keele University to progress onto a degree in Nursing.



## 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.



## 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.



## YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

NURSE OR MIDWIFE, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, SOCIAL WORKER, PSYCHOLOGIST, PRISON OFFICER, CRIMINOLOGIST, CARE WORKER

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

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

## 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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The National Average Wage for a Mental Health Nurse is around **£28,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£18** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **3% increase** in employment in the Health and Social Care industry.

EXPERIENCE BLC

# HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Employers across the UK look to BLC for new recruits because of the standard of our Hospitality & Catering students. We have seven fantastic, industry-standard kitchens as well as our own restaurant located in the Devonshire Dome, where students get real, practical experience of working in hospitality and catering.



## REAL WORLD LEARNING

- Seven industry standard kitchens for varying specialities 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Buxton Campus is being developed to become a world-leading centre for contemporary hospitality? With events and tourism booming, there's never been a better time to plan a career in these industries.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Hospitality & Catering** student Julia Knowles (pictured right) is working at Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire - owned by world famous chef Raymond Blanc.

After carrying out her work experience at the restaurant, she was asked to apply for a role there on completion of her course.



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## HOSPITALITY & CATERING COURSES

### FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Hospitality & Catering
- Professional Catering
- Professional Cookery
- Food & Beverage Service Supervision
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Chef de Partie, Professional Hospitality Services, Professional Hospitality Supervision and Commis Chef

### 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.

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The National Average Wage for a Restaurant Manager is around **£28,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£8** an hour.



**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

## YOU COULD BE...

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

Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **5% increase** in employment in the Hospitality & Catering industry.

# PUBLIC SERVICES

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.

The Public Services course covers the full spectrum of work opportunities in the sector, with a focus on practical work experiences including trips to the Houses of Parliament.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Public Services**, Student of the Year, Alfie Tomkinson (pictured above, far right) was chosen to visit the House of Commons with the College Principal as part of the 2018 emfec conference.

He said: "I was really grateful to get the opportunity to go to Westminster, it was one of a number of highlights since I've started studying Public Services. We were covering a unit on "Government policy" and the visit really brought the subject alive. It has even made me consider politics as a career."



"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



## 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, Royal Marines, the Army and Voluntary groups
- Community and voluntary work opportunities and work experience placements, including residential weeks with the Army, Navy or RAF
- Guest speakers from the sector.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

EMERGENCY SERVICES, ARMED FORCES, PRISON AND SECURITY SERVICES, LOCAL AUTHORITY, VOLUNTARY SERVICES

## PUBLIC SERVICES COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Preparation for Public Services

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area such as Policing at the University of Derby.

Detailed course index on **page 60**



The National Average Wage for a Logistics Specialist is around **£33,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£15** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **2% increase** in employment in the Public Services industry.

# SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS

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.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Student Leah Chandler (pictured left), who is studying **Level 3 Sports Coaching, Development & Fitness**, has found success as a Trampoline Coach at North Staffordshire Trampoline Club. Leah will be continuing her sports studies by progressing to a degree in Sport & Exercise Science at the University of Derby.

Leah, from Cheadle, said: "I feel that this course has built up my confidence and I have enjoyed doing the different units – Fitness Testing & Sports Coaching has been my favourite so far!"



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Outdoor Sports** student Jack Ramsden spent his summer representing Team GB in climbing competitions across the French Alps as part of the Bouldering Team.

Jack has previously competed and won a variety of competitions including first place in the BMC Youth Open competition, IFSC World Youth Championships and the Junior British Boulder Cup.

He also recently undertook his Climbing Wall Award which means that he will be a qualified rock climbing teacher. His Tutor Allan Shaw said: "Jack is always really happy to help and support other students. He has set his sights on continuing to progress with Team GB and hopes to be selected for the next Olympics."



## 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, University sports facilities and local football clubs
- 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.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

OUTDOOR & FITNESS INSTRUCTOR, SPORTS THERAPIST, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, SPORTS NUTRITIONIST, SPORTS SCIENTIST, GYM INSTRUCTOR, PERSONAL TRAINER

## SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Sport
- Adventurous Activities & Leadership

Detailed course index on **page 60**

## 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.



The National Average Wage for a Personal Trainer is around **£19,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£9** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **3% increase** in employment in the Sports industry.

# TRAVEL & TOURISM

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.

*"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

## REAL WORLD LEARNING

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

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

A variety of University Level courses in a related subject area including Tourism Management at the University of Derby.

Detailed course index on page 61

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can work in a range of environments in this sector, in both customer-facing or behind-the-scenes roles.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Alisha Vernon (pictured above) is now flying high after fulfilling her dreams of becoming Cabin Crew with Thomas Cook Airlines.

She studied **Travel & Tourism** and said: *"My College course was great at preparing me for life in the air."*

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

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

The National Average Wage for a Travel Agent is around **£16,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£9** an hour.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **3% increase** in employment in the Travel industry.

# ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

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. Plus with around 4,880,000 jobs predicted in the Engineering sector by 2020, you'll be in real demand.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Harrison Tudor-Jackson (pictured below) studied **Level 3 Engineering** at our Leek Campus and has progressed to an Apprenticeship in Engineering with JCB.



## 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.



## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

**Level 3 Engineering** student Jordan Hine (pictured left) will be studying Engineering at Sheffield Hallam University after receiving offers from all of his University applications, including an unconditional offer from the University of Sunderland. Jordan also completed the Maths and Science Bridging unit at Buxton & Leek College which helped him with his University application.



The National Average Wage for a Design and Development Engineer is around **£42,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£21** an hour.



**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

## YOU COULD BE...

CAD DESIGNER, CNC OPERATOR/PROGRAMMER, MAINTENANCE/MECHANICAL/MANUFACTURING ENGINEER, QUALITY AND INSPECTION TECHNICIAN

## ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

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

Detailed course index on **page 61**

## 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.



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **5% increase** in employment in Engineering.

EXPERIENCE BLC

# MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT

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.



"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

"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.



## 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.

YOUR FUTURE  
STARTS  
HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

GARAGE MANAGER, MECHANIC, MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN/INSPECTOR, MOTOR VEHICLE/MOTOR SPORT ENGINEER, DIAGNOSTICS ENGINEER



The National Average Wage for a Vehicle Technician is around **£27,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around £12 an hour.

## MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT COURSES

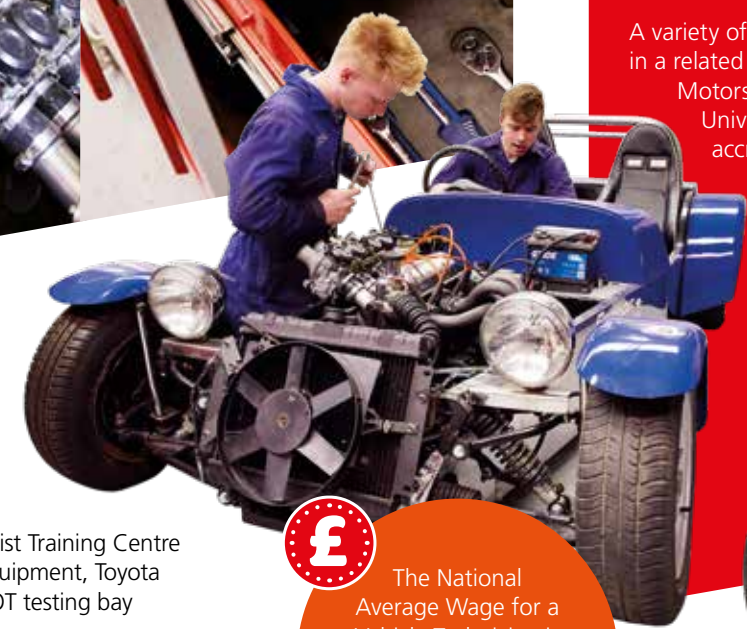
FROM LEVEL 1-3

- Motor Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport
- Light Vehicles
- Traineeship in Motor Vehicle
- Apprenticeships & 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.

Detailed course index on page 61



Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **1% increase** in employment in the Motor industry.

# CARPENTRY & JOINERY



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.

## 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.

## ★ STUDENT SUCCESS ★

Luke Sidebottom (pictured right) is working at Peakcraft in Buxton whilst studying a diploma in Site Joinery/ Bench Carpentry.

He's also been on DIY SOS and competed in the SkillBuild construction skills competition, coming in third place against competition from students across the country.



The National Average Wage for a Builder is around **£25,000** pa. The average hourly wage in this sector is around **£11** an hour.

## CARPENTRY & JOINERY COURSES

FROM LEVEL 2-3

- Bench Joinery
- Site Joinery
- Apprenticeships & Advanced Apprenticeships in Bench Joinery & Site Joinery

Detailed course index on **page 61**

## FUTURE PROGRESSION

You can progress onto 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.



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

Billie-Jo Simpson, student (pictured above)



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

## YOU COULD BE...

BUILDER, FURNITURE MAKER, KITCHEN OR SHOP FITTER, WOOD MACHINIST, PROPERTY DEVELOPER

Over the next 5 years, it's predicted there'll be a **4% increase** in employment in the Construction industry.



|  | LEVEL | ENTRY REQUIREMENTS | CAMPUS | DURATION |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|

| DEVELOPING SKILLS |   |                                                                                                                                                   |       |        |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Developing Skills | 1 | One to one interview with the course Tutor. Willingness to learn new skills and to further develop maths and English in a supportive environment. | B & L | 1 year |

| SEN FOUNDATION PROGRAMME            |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Steps to Independence (LDD)         | Entry 1 | You will be aged 16-19 or up to 25 years if you have relevant EHCP. There are no formal entry requirements but successful application will be dependent on an interview with your course Tutor and completion of a pre-initial assessment to ensure that you start on the right course for you. One to one interview with a course Tutor and a Transition meeting along with taster days. | B & L | 1 year |
| Preparation for Life and Work (LDD) | Entry 1 | You will be aged 16-19 or up to 25 years if you have relevant EHCP. There are no formal entry requirements but successful application will be dependent on an interview with your course Tutor and completion of a pre-initial assessment to ensure that you start on the right course for you. One to one interview with a course Tutor and a Transition meeting along with taster days. | B & L | 1 year |
| Working towards Independence (LDD)  | Entry 2 | You will be aged 16-19 or up to 25 years if you have relevant EHCP. There are no formal entry requirements but successful application will be dependent on an interview with your course Tutor and completion of a pre-initial assessment to ensure that you start on the right course for you. One to one interview with a course Tutor and a Transition meeting along with taster days. | B & L | 1 year |
| Building Aspirations (LDD)          | Entry 3 | You will be aged 16-19 or up to 25 years if you have relevant EHCP. There are no formal entry requirements but successful application will be dependent on an interview with your course Tutor and completion of a pre-initial assessment to ensure that you start on the right course for you. One to one interview with a course Tutor and a Transition meeting along with taster days. | 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  |
| 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 Foundation Studies | 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 | L | 2 years |

| MEDIA                                 |   |                                                                |   |         |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|
| 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                          |   |                                                                                             |       |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Hair & Beauty Skills                                 | 1 | 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English                                        | L     | 1 year       |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Make up | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English and Level 2/3 Beauty Therapy | L     | 1 year       |
| 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       |
| 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                             |   |                                                                                               |       |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Hair & Beauty Skills                                 | 1 | 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including English                                          | B & L | 1 year       |
| Barbering                                            | 2 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Hairdressing        | B & L | 1 year       |
| Hairdressing                                         | 2 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Hairdressing        | 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 |
| Barbering                                            | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English and Level 2 Barbering          | L     | 1 year       |
| Hairdressing                                         | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English and Level 2 Hairdressing       | B & L | 1 year       |
| Theatrical & Special Effects in Hair & Media Make up | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English and Level 2 / 3 Beauty Therapy | 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 |

| BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE                           |   |                                                                 |       |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Principles of Customer Service & Business Administration | 2 | 4 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 and above                             | B & L | 1 year    |
| Apprenticeship in Business Administration                | 2 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths or English  | B & L | 18 months |
| Apprenticeship in Customer Service                       | 2 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths or English  | B & L | 18 months |
| Business                                                 | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 2 years   |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Team Leading                  | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 18 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Business Administration       | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 18 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Customer Service              | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 18 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship AAT                              | 3 | AAT Level 2                                                     | B & L | 18 months |

| COMPUTING & ICT |   |                                                                                                                                 |       |         |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Computing & ICT | 2 | 4 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English                                                                  | B & L | 1 year  |
| Computing & ICT | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English and ICT or Computing or demonstrable skills in Computing and ICT | B & L | 2 years |



|  | LEVEL | ENTRY REQUIREMENTS | CAMPUS | DURATION |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|

| CHILDCARE & EDUCATION                                                   |   |                                                                                                        |       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Introduction to Early Years Education and Care                          | 2 | 4 GCSEs at grade 3 / grade D or above including English Language                                       | B & L | 1 year       |
| Apprenticeship for the Early Years Workforce                            | 2 | FS Level 1 / GCSE grade E or above in two of the following: maths, English or ICT                      | B & L | 15-18 months |
| Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)                          | 3 | 5 GCSEs at grade 4 / grade C or above including English Language                                       | B & L | 2 years      |
| Advanced Apprenticeship for the Early Years Workforce                   | 3 | GCSE grade C / grade 4 or above, or FS Level 2 in two of the following: maths, English Language or ICT | B & L | 18-24 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship for Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools | 3 | GCSE grade C / grade 4 or above, or FS Level 2 in two of the following: maths, English Language or ICT | B & L | 18-24 months |

| HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE                  |   |                                                                 |       |           |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Health and Social Care                | 2 | 4 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 and above                             | B     | 1 year    |
| Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship      | 2 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 18 months |
| Health and Social Care                | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 2 years   |
| Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship | 3 | 3 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 and above including maths and English | B & L | 18 months |

| HOSPITALITY & CATERING                                          |   |                                                                |   |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Introduction to Hospitality Industry                            | 1 | None                                                           | B | 1 year       |
| Professional Catering                                           | 2 | 4 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English | B | 1 year       |
| Apprenticeship in Commis Chef                                   | 2 | 2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English | B | 12-15 months |
| Apprenticeship in Hospitality Team Member                       | 2 | 2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English | B | 12-15 months |
| Advanced Professional Cookery                                   | 3 | Professional Catering Diploma                                  | B | 1 year       |
| Food & Beverage Service Supervision                             | 3 | Professional Catering Diploma or Accredited Prior Learning     | B | 12-18 months |
| Hospitality                                                     | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English | B | 1 year       |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Chef De Partie                       | 3 | Apprenticeship in Commis Chef                                  | B | 12-18 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Professional Hospitality Supervision | 3 | Apprenticeship in Professional Hospitality Services            | B | 12-18 months |

| PUBLIC SERVICES                 |   |                                                                                                       |   |         |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|
| 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                                                                    | B | 2 years |

| SPORT, OUTDOOR, COACHING & FITNESS  |   |                                                                                                     |   |         |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Sport                               | 2 | 2 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths & English | L | 1 year  |
| Sport                               | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and / or English OR a Level 2 Diploma in Sport   | L | 2 years |
| Adventurous Activities & Leadership | 3 | 4 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above OR Level 2 Preparation for Public Services                       | B | 2 years |

|  | LEVEL | ENTRY REQUIREMENTS | CAMPUS | DURATION |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|----------|

| 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 | 2 years |

| ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES                          |   |                                                                                       |   |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering                            | 2 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Engineering | 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                            | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English                        | L | 2 years      |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade C / grade 4 or above including maths and English                        | L | 18-24 months |

| MOTOR VEHICLE & MOTOR SPORT              |   |                                             |   |              |
|------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Introduction to Motor Vehicle            | 1 | 2 GCSEs at grade D / grade 3 or above       | B | 1 year       |
| Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport              | 2 | GCSE grade C / grade 4 or above             | B | 1 year       |
| Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle          | 2 | GCSE grade C / grade 4 in maths and English | B | 18-24 months |
| Motor Vehicle & Motor Sport              | 3 | Level 2 Motor Vehicle                       | B | 1 year       |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle | 3 | GCSE grade C / grade 4 in maths and English | B | 12-18 months |

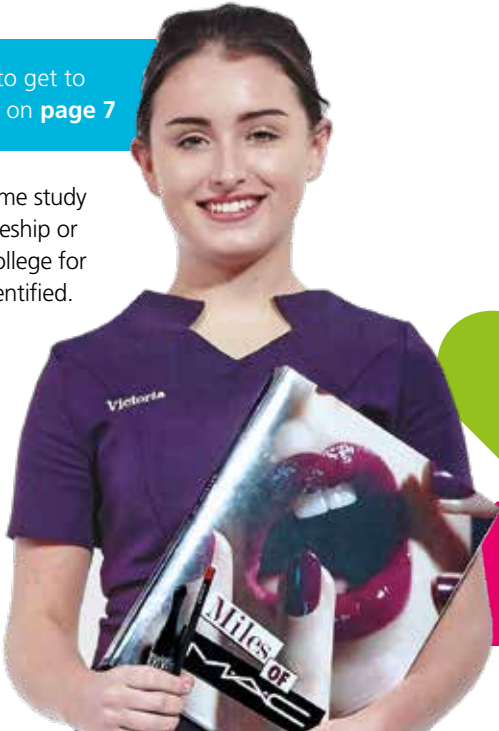
| CARPENTRY & JOINERY                      |   |                                                                                               |   |              |
|------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Bench Joinery                            | 2 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 1 year       |
| Site Joinery                             | 2 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | 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 | 18-24 months |
| Apprenticeship in Site Joinery           | 2 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 18-24 months |
| Bench Joinery                            | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 1 year       |
| Site Joinery                             | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 1 year       |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 18-24 months |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Site Joinery  | 3 | 5 GCSEs grade D / grade 3 or above including maths and English or Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery | L | 18-24 months |

**Campus Key:** Find out how to get to our Campuses on **page 7**  
B = Buxton L = Leek

All courses are part of a Campus based full time study programme, unless identified as an apprenticeship or traineeship. Apprentices usually come into College for one day per week at the Campus location identified.

Statistics information has been sourced from:

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



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APPLICATION FORM

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Gender Male ☐ Female ☐

Title ..... First Name .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....

Phone number .....

Mobile .....

Email address .....

National Insurance Number .....

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) .....

Nationality .....

Country of birth .....

SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED

Name of last school .....

Address .....

.....

.....

Phone number .....

Attended from ..... to .....

COURSES

Which Campus are you looking to study at?  
Buxton ☐ Leek ☐ Derby ☐

Would you like to study for an Apprenticeship or Traineeship?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

1st choice course .....

2nd choice course .....  
(optional)

**NOTE: Only students who will be aged under 18 on 1 September need to fill in this section.**

Name of parent/guardian .....

Address of parent/guardian .....

.....

Phone number(s) Home .....

Daytime .....

QUALIFICATIONS

| Level | Subject | Estimated Grade | Actual Result Grade | Date  |
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience at school/  
voluntary or other paid work .....

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Buxton & Leek College welcomes applications from students with learning difficulties, disabilities or medical conditions and aims to provide appropriate support for their specific needs. It is advisable to discuss any additional support needs you may have. Any information given is confidential and will not affect your application.

- ☐ I don't have a disability and I'm not aware of any additional support requirements for my studies
- ☐ I have dyslexia
- ☐ I am blind/partially sighted
- ☐ I am deaf/have a hearing impairment
- ☐ I am a wheelchair user/have mobility difficulties
- ☐ I need personal care/support
- ☐ I have mental health difficulties

I have a disability or require support in an area not listed above (such as numeracy, language difficulty). Please give us more details

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I have an unseen disability (such as diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, Aspergers syndrome). Please give us more details

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Are you 16-19 and living independently/in care/with foster parents/in supported lodgings? If yes, please give us more details

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Do you have any unspent criminal convictions (excluding motoring offences)? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you're applying for a course in teaching, health, social work or a course which involves working with children or vulnerable adults, you must also tell us about any spent sentences and cautions (including verbal cautions) and binding over orders. For these courses you may need an 'enhanced disclosure document' from the Disclosure and Barring Service or the Scottish Criminal Record Office Disclosure Service.

**Reference** (Not to be filled in by applicants currently at school)

Name of referee .....

Position/occupation .....

Address .....

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Daytime telephone number .....

**How did you hear about the College and the course?**

- ☐ School open day
- ☐ College Advice Day
- ☐ Careers teacher or other teacher from school
- ☐ Friend or family
- ☐ Our website
- ☐ Careers convention at school
- ☐ Careers service
- ☐ Visiting or calling the college
- ☐ Newspaper or other advertisement
- ☐ Other

Privacy Notice:

We use the information on this Application Form to assess your suitability for the course you have applied for at Buxton & Leek College, part of the University of Derby (as Data Controller), we may also use this data to consider and advise you of an alternative course which may be available to you.

We share this data with other departments within Buxton & Leek College and the University of Derby to ensure fair assessment of your application and to provide relevant support services. On successful acceptance to Buxton & Leek College your information will be converted to create a student record.

We may contact you to request any additional information that we require to enable us to consider your application in full or invite you to interview where applicable. We will contact you to inform you of the progression of your application and to provide additional information to support you through to enrolment and attendance on your programme of study.

For the purposes of obtaining a reference, your data may be shared externally with your most recent educational institution and local Multi-Agency Teams. Your data may be shared with a local authority such as Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands Council Alliance and Derbyshire County Council for monitoring purposes to ensure all school leavers have an appropriate post-16 education, employment or training option in place. Your data may also be used for statistical analysis. It will not be used for any other purpose.

The information you supply on this Application Form will be held and processed in line with the Data Protection Act 2018, GDPR and subsequent legislation. Our lawful basis for processing this data is legitimate interest.

We retain this application data for two academic years, after such time it will be securely deleted/ destroyed.

**PLEASE NOTE that your data is required to be processed as detailed above to progress your application, if you do not agree to your data being used for the stipulated purposes please contact us at gdpr@derby.ac.uk and do not submit your application.**

We would like to send you further information about our courses and about studying at Buxton & Leek College. If you would like us to send you this information please select your communication preferences.

Email ☐ Post ☐

Our lawful basis for processing this data is consent.

As a data subject you can request withdrawal of consent at any time by contacting gdpr@derby.ac.uk. Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is James Eaglesfield on (01332) 591762. Our Deputy DPO is Helen Rishworth on (01332) 591954. Alternatively you can email gdpr@derby.ac.uk

Further information on how we handle your information can be found here on our website - www.derby.ac.uk/its/datagov/privnotice

Print name: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Post or take this completed form to:**  
Buxton & Leek College, Admissions Department,  
**at either:** Buxton Campus, Leek Campus,  
1 Devonshire Road, Stockwell Street, Leek,  
Buxton, Derbyshire Staffordshire ST13 6DP  
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## OPEN DAYS

10am-1pm

**Sat 24 Nov 2018**

**Sat 2 Mar 2019**

**Sat 11 May 2019**

## ADVICE EVENINGS

5pm-7pm

LEEK

**Wed 17 Oct 2018**

**Wed 16 Jan 2019**

BUXTON

**Thu 18 Oct 2018**

**Thu 17 Jan 2019**

Book your place  
on either of these  
events by calling us  
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