

Waltham Forest College



ADULT PROSPECTUS

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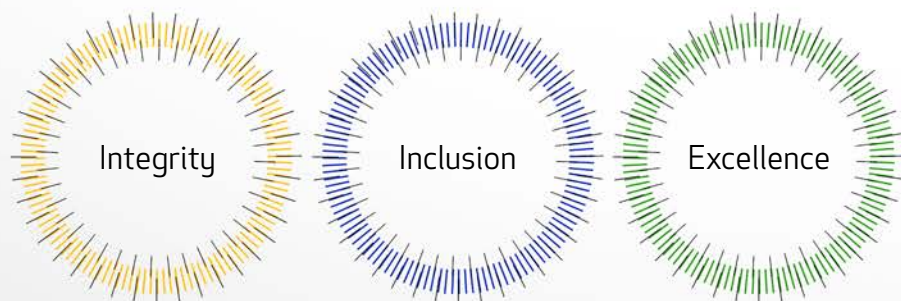
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Your leading college

Waltham Forest College is a leading further education college and a highly aspirational place to study. Each year thousands of adults enrol onto a course with us to either retrain, upskill or just to learn something new.

College Values



Principal's welcome

“ Welcome to Waltham Forest College! I am so pleased that you are seeking to take the next step to learn new skills and confidence to continue your education and career. We will provide you with all the support you need to develop the skills to enable you to enter employment or progress with the next steps in your career.

Returning to study as an adult can be daunting, but you are not alone. Our highly skilled and supportive staff will guide you throughout your journey and can assist with study skills, learning support, financial advice, and wellbeing matters. You will be joined by thousands of other adult learners which provides an opportunity to meet new people, develop your own networks and progress to great jobs.

Waltham Forest College is an aspirational place to learn with highly skilled, supportive staff and industry standard specialist facilities. We work closely with employers, to co-design industry-standard training, and specialist facilities for high quality technical education and training.

In addition to the outstanding grade, Waltham Forest College has been graded as strongly meeting skills needs by Ofsted, demonstrating its close alignment to employers' needs. ”

Janet Gardner
Principal & CEO





- | Top 5% nationally for student outcomes
- | 90% of adults progressed onto a positive destination
- | Over 96% of adult enrolments studied for free in 2024/25
- | 94.7% adult pass rate
- | Association of Colleges National Beacon Award winner
- | 4.4 star Google review



Recognised for excellence

Mayor's Skills Academies

We have been awarded the Mayor's Skills Academies Quality Mark in recognition of our outstanding training in key sectors including green industries, health and social care, hospitality, creative, digital and construction. This reflects our commitment to connecting students to real opportunities and delivering the skills employers are looking for.

WorldSkills UK

Through our Training Centre of Excellence you will train to industry standards and develop skills that stand out in the workplace. Selected courses also compete nationally, so you can display your technical excellence, while proving to future employers that you have the skills to get the job done.

Sub-Regional Green Skills Hub

As a member of the Mayor of London's Sub-Regional Green Skills Hub, we are helping to drive the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable economy across our region. We are proud to act as the sub-regional hub, working collaboratively with colleges and partners across London to lead and coordinate specialist training in green and retrofit skills. This includes cutting-edge technologies such as Passivhaus standards, ensuring our learners are equipped with the expertise required for low-carbon construction and energy-efficient retrofitting.

Industry Specialist Staff

Many of our lecturers are dual professionals with extensive industry experience in the sectors they teach. They bring real-world insight, up-to-date industry knowledge and employer connections to every lesson ensuring you gain practical skills and confidence that employers value.



Leading London's skills revolution

In today's competitive world you may want to upskill to stay up-to-date or retrain for a new career. If you've moved to the UK, you might also need recognition for the skills you already have. We're here to support you to make your goals happen.

Retrain

Retraining helps you to stay competitive in the jobs market and move into high-demand industries or sectors where your skills will thrive and be highly valued.

Future-proof employment

Work and skills demands are changing rapidly. Revolutions in sustainability and artificial intelligence mean that some jobs may become obsolete while new types of jobs are created. Retraining is your way to shift into in-demand and emerging sectors to future-proof your employment.

Increased job satisfaction

Retraining can be a path to roles that align with your personal interests and provide a new challenge. It can also lead to a better work-life balance and increased earnings. All of this can lead to a more satisfying and rewarding career.



Upskill

You may want to strengthen your position in the workplace, aim for a promotion or simply keep your skills up to date, upskilling ensures you maintain your competitive edge within your current career.

Increase job security

Adults who upskill are more likely to protect their existing job role. As technology and business needs change, upskilling can provide you with new or updated skills, strengthening your value within the organisation.

Career progression

Developing higher-level skills can open opportunities for promotion or higher potential earnings. Upskilling shows a passion for the sector you work in and an ambition for greater responsibility.

We can help you realise your goals

We have a large variety of courses that cover a broad range of industries. Take a look at the course pages later in this guide or visit our website www.waltham.ac.uk to see if any courses inspire you.

Our Careers Team are also on hand to help you find the best route towards your end goal.



Award-winning careers provision

Our award-winning Careers Team is here to offer support and help you plan your future. Whether you're exploring course options, preparing a university application or mapping out your next career move, our team will provide guidance every step of the way.

We are proud to hold college-wide Matrix Standard accreditation which recognises the exceptional quality and consistency of our careers information, advice and guidance services.



Visit our website to find out more about **Careers Guidance**.



Careers support when you need it

CV Workshops

Supporting you to create professional and effective CVs.

Job Application Support

Tailored guidance to complete applications that stand out.

Interview Preparation

Build confidence with practical tips and personalised coaching.

UCAS Support

Receive guidance through every stage of your university application.

1:1 Career Guidance

Personalised advice to plan your next steps and achieve your goals.

Building connections

Research shows that students who connect with employers can earn up to 22% more over the course of their career. At Waltham Forest College we introduce you to our extensive network of employers, providing you opportunities to gain experience and meet industry professionals throughout the year.

Employers we work with

We work with over 600 employers to ensure you get the best experience possible. Here's a quick look at some of the top companies you could be exposed to during your time at college.



Business mentoring

Through our employer links, you can access a range of mentoring opportunities. Business Enterprise sessions delivered with external organisations will support you in developing the skills and knowledge needed to start or grow your own business.

Connect for the future

Through our employer links you can access different types of mentoring. Business Enterprise sessions with external organisations will help with starting or growing your own business, and quickfire interview practice with multiple employers on the same day keeps you sharp and ready for your future.

Supporting SMEs and start-ups

Our Business and Enterprise Hub in partnership with Grow London Local, delivered by London & Partners, is dedicated to supporting local micro-businesses and SMEs to strengthen the local economy and create opportunities in the community. It provides professional office and conference facilities alongside tailored business support.

Through the partnership with Grow London Local, businesses can access expert advice and on-site support, from developing an initial idea into a viable business through to early-stage growth and supporting established SMEs to scale.



Skills Builder *Gold Award*

We use the Skills Builder framework to help you build the confidence, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills that you will need whether you go to university or employment. The framework is embedded into everything you do at college.



Did you know?

People with stronger employability skills can earn up to 12% more than their peers.

Progression pathways

Planning your future is just as important as choosing your course. Here are the main routes our students take, with a guide to help you explore your options.

University

Build on your studies and specialise in your chosen field. Our Careers Team will support your UCAS application and help you choose the right course and university.

Employment

Graduate career-ready with the skills and confidence to succeed. Connect with employers through events and develop key employability skills throughout your course.

Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn through paid employment combined with structured training. Apprenticeships are available at a range of levels and sectors.

Progress in College

Advance to the next level of study, whether progressing from Level 2 to Level 3 or achieving key GCSE grades to unlock further opportunities.

Progress onto a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ)

HTQs are Level 4 or 5 qualifications such as a Higher National Certificate or Higher National Diploma. These practical, employer-focused programmes develop the specialist skills needed for higher-level careers or further study.

Progression map

Whether you are exploring course options, preparing a university application or mapping out your next career move, our award-winning Careers Team will provide guidance every step of the way.



Visit our website to find out more about Progression Pathways.



Financial support

Over 96% of all adult enrolments studied for free in 2024/25

At Waltham Forest College, we offer a wide range of courses that you may be able to access for free. Discover the financial support options that can make it easier to study, upskill or take the next step in your career.

Study for free

You may be entitled to study for free if:

- You earn an annual gross salary of less than £28,860 or are in receipt of benefits.
- Or you are 19-23 and this is your first time studying a full Level 2 or full Level 3 course.
- Some courses we run, such as English and maths, are free.
See our course pages to discover which courses could be free for you.

Please note: Salary amount can change mid-year. Fee information will be confirmed at enrolment during fee assessment.

Visit our website to find out more about **Fees & Funding.**



Free Courses for Jobs

You can study a free Level 3 qualification if you:

- Are aged 19 or over and do not already have a Level 3 qualification.
- Or already have a Level 3 qualification or higher but earn below the London Living Wage annually (£28,860).
- Or already have a Level 3 qualification or higher but are unemployed and looking for work.

Advanced Learner Loan

The Advanced Learner Loan supports students on a Level 3 course with an approved loan by the Student Loans Company. The bursary can help with childcare fees and travel costs.

Eligibility for the loan doesn't depend on a learner's income and there are no credit checks.

If you take out an Advanced Learner Loan to fund your Access course and go on to complete a degree, you will not need to pay back the loan for your Access course.

Bursaries

The Discretionary Learner Support Fund assists students who have financial difficulties while studying at the College. The fund contributes towards course related expenses. These include but are not exclusive to:

- Course fees
- Essential equipment
- Uniform
- Trips
- Travel costs
- Childcare fees



Supporting you to succeed

Additional Learning Support (ALS)

Whether you're returning to study, aiming for a qualification, building new skills, thinking about starting your own business or looking to strengthen your future prospects, we're here to support you every step of the way.

If you'd like to share a learning difficulty, disability, or medical condition, you can let us know on your college application form. You can also contact the ALS Team directly at learning.support@waltham.ac.uk.

Welfare and wellbeing

As a Waltham Forest College student, you have free access to confidential support through our Welfare and Wellbeing Team.

Our team is here to help you manage any challenge that might affect your studies or personal life including issues around mental health, housing, relationships, finances, bullying, safeguarding or general wellbeing.

You can book a one-to-one appointment with a member of the team to talk things through in a safe, non-judgemental space. We can also connect you with specialist external services for further advice and support if needed.

Learning resources

You'll have access to modern learning facilities, well-equipped study spaces and extensive digital resources. Our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) provides books, journals and online materials to support independent study alongside quiet zones and collaborative spaces. If you need extra help with study skills, maths or English, our specialist support teams are here to help you build confidence and succeed academically.

Free breakfast

We know that a great day of learning starts with a good meal. That's why we offer a free breakfast to all students to support your wellbeing and help you stay focused in class. Available each morning, our breakfast provision includes a selection of healthy options and hot drinks. It's a welcoming space where you can relax, catch up with friends and start the day feeling energised and ready to learn.

Adult enrichment

Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Our adult enrichment programme is designed to help you build confidence, develop new interests and connect with others while you study. Whether you want to improve your wellbeing, gain practical life skills or simply try something new, our enrichment activities offer a wide range of opportunities.

College of Sanctuary

As a College of Sanctuary, we are proud to offer a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment for all students, particularly those seeking sanctuary including refugees and asylum seekers.

Visit our website to find out more about **Asylum Seeker Support**.



How we support you

We provide financial and academic support, access to wellbeing and counselling services and dedicated staff who work closely with students to ensure they feel safe, valued and empowered.

Through awareness-raising events, inclusive curriculum practices and strong partnerships with local community organisations, we actively promote understanding, compassion and opportunity.

Asylum seeker support

If you are an asylum seeker and need assistance with your college application, we invite you to attend one of our Open Events or reach out to us via email at myfuture@waltham.ac.uk for support.

During enrolment, you can apply for the Hardship Fund to receive financial support to cover essential needs like food, clothing, transportation or medical costs.

Once you are enrolled we will continue to provide ongoing support with advice and assistance throughout your time with us.



Mid-year Courses

If you're ready to start learning and don't want to wait until September, explore our upcoming courses. Every year we offer a variety of courses that start mid-year to help you take the next step, whether you want to retrain for a new career or progress in your current one.

JANUARY	LEVEL
AAT Bookkeeping (Day / Evening)	2
Construction Skills (Day)	1
Cosmetic Make-up (Day)	2
Digital Skills for Work (Day)	EL3
Digital Skills for Work (Day / Evening)	1
Entry to Social Care (Day)	2
Fashion Sewing Skills (Day)	2
Plumbing (Day)	1

FEBRUARY	LEVEL
Baking for Beginners (Day)	-
Barbering (Day)	2
Beauty Specialist Techniques - fast-track (Day)	2
CSCS card (Day)	-
Electrical Energy Storage Systems (Day)	3
Fashion Sewing Skills (Day)	1
Patisserie and Confectionery (Day)	2

FEBRUARY	LEVEL
Digital and IT Skills (Day)	2
Entry to Social Care (Day)	2
Fashion Sewing Skills (Evening)	2
Introduction to Culinary Skills (Day / Evening)	1
Nail Technology (Day)	3
Solar Photovoltaic (Day)	-

MARCH	LEVEL
Caring for Children (Day)	1
Construction Skills (Day)	1
Construction Skills: Electrical (Day)	1
Construction Skills: Plumbing (Day)	1
CSCS card (Day)	-
Entry to Social Care	2

APRIL	LEVEL
Baking for Beginners	-

MAY	LEVEL
CSCS card	-

JUNE	LEVEL
CSCS card	-

Please note: This is a guide to the courses that may run mid-year. All courses and start dates are subject to change.

Skills Bootcamps for Londoners

Skills Bootcamps are free courses that help adults in London to enter employment, upskill or change career. They are training courses that provide access to in-demand skills training and offer a guaranteed job interview on completion.

Our offer

LEVEL 2 Entry to Social Care

Multiple start dates | 3 weeks, 5 days a week, 10am to 3pm | In-person learning

Eligibility

To be eligible for this programme you must meet the below criteria:

- You must have the right to work in the UK
- You must be a London resident
- Aged 19 or over on 31 August 2026
- Be ready to gain employment in the course sector
- You should not currently be in full-time education
- Have a reasonable level of English

Funded by

The Skills Bootcamp Programme is funded by the Mayor of London and the Department for Education.



MAYOR OF LONDON

Learn more about Skills Bootcamps and Apply Now!



Progression routes

On the Entry to Social Care course you will gain the practical skills, knowledge and workplace behaviours employers value. Successful completion of the course can lead directly to employment in entry level roles across the Care Sector such as:

- Care Worker
- Support Worker
- Healthcare Assistant

The Adult Social Care Sector offers clear progression routes, with many leaders and managers beginning their careers in frontline care roles. With experience and further training you could progress to:

- Senior Care Worker
- Team Leader
- Care Coordinator
- Management roles





Visit our website to learn more about **Apprenticeships** and to explore our live vacancies.



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are paid employment while you train. You will work with an employer as well as having off-the-job time to study. This mix of on-the-job and off-the-job training means you can put into practice what you learn in the classroom.

Our offer

At Waltham Forest College we currently offer **Intermediate** and **Advanced Apprenticeships** in the following areas:

- Business Administration
- Childcare
- Electrotechnical
- Hairdressing
- Plumbing, Gas & Non-Domestic

If you are between 18 and 21 (or 25 with an EHCP) you can also access **Foundation Apprenticeships** in the following areas:

- Finishing Trades
- Onsite Trades
- Health and Social Care

Eligibility

To join an Apprenticeship you need to meet the below criteria:

- Aged 16 or over (there is no upper age limit)
- You must have the right to work in the UK
- Living in England
- Not be in full-time education



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Learn more about our courses in this area. **Apply now!**



“ The College environment makes me feel inspired. It has been an amazing experience doing this course. The teaching has been exceptional, it has been the stepping stone I needed to get ready for university.

Oluwakemi Odubera
Access to Nursing and Midwifery

Access to Higher Education

If you're aiming to join university or move into a new career path, our Access to Higher Education courses offer a focused one-year route. These widely recognised courses build your study skills, grow your subject knowledge and increase your confidence, ensuring you are ready for your next career step.

LEVEL 3	Computing	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£3,384	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Law & Business	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£3,022	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Law & Criminology	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£3,022	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Nursing & Midwifery	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£3,384	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Teaching & Education	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£3,384	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Pre-Access: Business	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£348	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Pre-Access: Health & Social Care	Starts Sept	34 weeks	£1,080	Study for Free*

*Fees may be free for eligible learners: See page 20

Higher Education

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and **Higher National Diplomas (HNDs)** are work-related, or vocational, higher education qualifications. They are specialist technical courses that will help you gain the skills, knowledge and behaviours you need for employment within your chosen field or to prepare you for further study. Together, they are referred to as **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)**.

HTQs are at Level 4 and Level 5, these programmes are suitable for students who want a more practical, employer-directed programme of study. They focus on learning by implementation, providing skills that can be applied to a particular job or specialism. They are highly valued by employers and in some instances can also count towards membership of professional bodies and organisations. A HNC will take about one year to complete full-time whilst a HND will usually take two years to complete studying full-time.

Run in partnership with:



LEVEL 5 HTQ in Engineering

HNC/D Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Full-time | Eligible for loan

LEVEL 5 HTQ in Leadership & Management

HNC/D Leadership & Management

Full-time | Eligible for loan

LEVEL 5 HTQ in Healthcare Professionals

HNC/D Healthcare Professionals

Full-time | Eligible for loan

Please note: These courses will run subject to validation.

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Business, Accounting & Bookkeeping

Whether you're aiming to continue your studies at a higher level or step directly into an entry position within finance, business or accounting, we'll help you build a strong foundation that prepares you for the next stage of your career.



LEVEL 1	AAT Bookkeeping	Starts Sept	12 weeks	Day/Eve	£269	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	AAT Bookkeeping	Starts Jan	18 weeks	Day/Eve	£410	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	AAT Bookkeeping	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£1,265	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	AAT Accounting	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£937	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	AAT Accounting	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£2,573	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Access to HE: Law and Business	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,022	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Access to HE: Law and Criminology	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,022	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Pre-Access: Business & Employability Skills	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£348	Study for Free*

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“ I'd been thinking about changing careers for a while, and finally decided to make the move. The biggest benefit has been the direct exposure to employers; gaining experience with Trust Ford, Mercedes, and Bennetts Car Parts has been incredibly valuable. It's given me insight into different parts of the industry and helped me realise I'd like to explore more of the commercial side.

Chris Burnett
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair

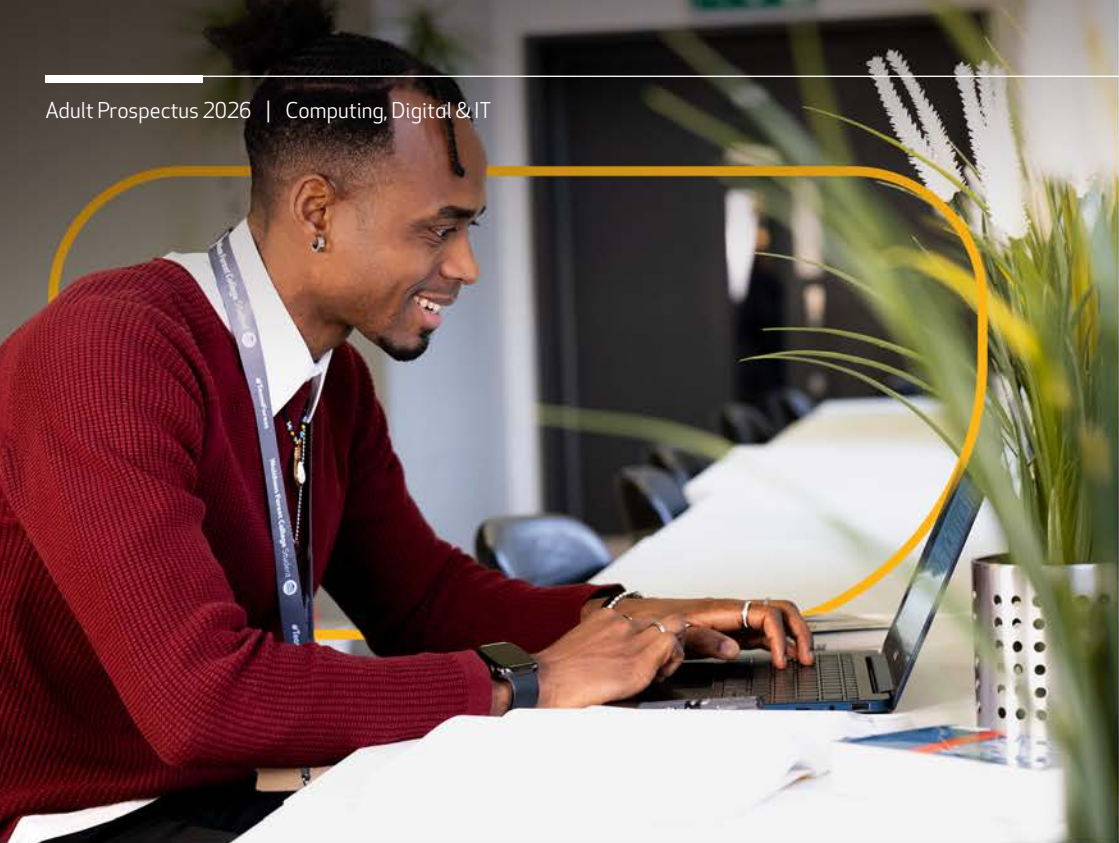
LEVEL 1	Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day £681 Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Light Vehicle Maintenance
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day £1,920 Study for Free*

Automotive Engineering

As an automotive engineering student, you will be based in our purpose-built STEM Centre where you will receive expert tuition from tutors with real industry experience. We have strong industry links and work with companies such as Audi, BMW and Mercedes to bring you insights into the latest technology and professionalism within the sector.



*Fees may be free for eligible learners: See page 20



Computing, Digital and IT

Our adult digital courses are designed to teach you a range of essential skills from entry level confidence to search and apply for jobs online, through to competently using computer programs that allow you to type documents, generate presentations and manage data or money.

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Learn more about our courses in this area. **Apply now!**



LEVEL E3	Digital Skills for Work				
Starts Sept	18 weeks	Eve	£135	Study for Free*	
Starts Jan	18 weeks	Eve	£135	Study for Free*	
LEVEL 1	Digital Skills for Work				
Starts Sept	18 weeks	Eve	£135	Study for Free*	
Starts Jan	18 weeks	Eve	£135	Study for Free*	
LEVEL 2	Digital & IT Skills				
Starts Sept	18 weeks	Day	£360	Study for Free*	
Starts Feb	18 weeks	Day	£360	Study for Free*	
LEVEL 3	Access to HE: Computing				
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,384	Study for Free*	

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“ I’ve received support that’s been genuinely transformative, and I’ve learned so much from engineers who’ve shared their skills with me. I’ve really come to enjoy the intricacy of plumbing. The industry is always changing, so there’s a constant need to keep learning and building my knowledge, especially as demand for green skills grows.

Lisa Paul
Plumbing Apprentice

Construction

Waltham Forest College holds specialist academy status for construction and green technologies and is recognised for producing highly skilled, job-ready tradespeople. Our wide range of courses all include modern construction practices, including sustainable techniques, so you will be ready for a career in the industry.

LEVEL 1	Construction Skills			
	12 week and 36 week courses with specialisms available. Check the website for full details.	£450	Study for Free*	
LEVEL 1	Electrical Installations			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£1,248 Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Electrical Installations			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£1,362 Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Electrical Installations			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£3,345 Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	Plumbing			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£1,080 Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Plumbing			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£1,359 Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Plumbing			
	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£3,345 Study for Free*

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Commercial Skills Training

These courses are designed to help individuals and businesses gain the practical skills needed to grow, adapt and succeed. Whether you're an employer looking to upskill your team or a self-employed professional wanting to boost your expertise or retrain, we offer flexible training tailored to real workplace needs.



-	18th Edition		
Multiple dates	3 Days	Eve	£195
-	CSCS Card		
Multiple dates	1 Day	Eve	£285
LEVEL 3	Air Source Heat Pump Systems		
Starts Feb	3 Days	Day	£565
LEVEL 3	Inspection and Testing		
Starts Sept	6 Days	Day	£1,800
LEVEL 3	Electric Vehicle Charging Point Installers		
Starts Sept	2 Days	Day	£130
LEVEL 2	Solar Panels		
Multiple dates	3 Days	Day	£565
LEVEL 2	Battery Storage		
Multiple dates	2 Days	Day	£450

“ I can confidently say that the support I've received from the College has exceeded my expectations. I've had a long-standing interest in the workings and installation of plumbing systems, but until now I hadn't found a suitable pathway as an adult learner. I'm truly grateful to Waltham Forest College for giving me this opportunity.

Darren Bunch
Plumbing Level 3

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English & Maths

Strong English and maths skills provide opportunities for work, further study and everyday life. These courses are designed to help you build confidence, improve job prospects and achieve your goals. Whether you're starting from the basics or refreshing your skills, support is available every step of the way.

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MULTIPLE	Functional Skills English	Multiple dates	34 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	GCSE English	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
MULTIPLE	Functional Skills Maths	Multiple dates	34 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	GCSE Maths	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*

*Fees may be free for eligible learners: See page 20



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Strong English skills give new opportunities in work, study and everyday life. Our ESOL courses are designed to help you improve your speaking, listening, reading, writing and maths so you can communicate with confidence at work, at home and in your community.

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Learn more about our courses in this area. **Apply now!**



MULTIPLE	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)			
Multiple dates	18 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL E3	ESOL Digital Skills			
Multiple dates	34 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL E3	ESOL Skills for Employability with Maths			
Multiple dates	18 weeks	Day	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL E3	ESOL Maths			
Multiple dates	18 weeks	Day/Eve	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	ESOL Skills for Employability with Maths			
Starts Sept	18 weeks	Day	No fee	Study for Free*



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“ I arrived expecting to pick up the basics of sewing, but the experience has gone far beyond that. My experience has been incredibly positive, and I’ve learned so much in a short time. The teachers are wonderfully patient and genuinely helpful. I’ve built confidence through learning a new skill and developed a real appreciation for the craft.

Jane Ubani
Fashion Sewing Skills Level 1

Fashion

As a fashion student, you will be learning in our Creative Industries Centre which contains all the resources you need to learn and experiment with your craft. The courses build a strong foundation from which you can move on to higher levels of study or employment in the Fashion Sector.

LEVEL 1	Fashion Sewing Skills			
Multiple dates	18 weeks	Day/Eve	£240	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Fashion Sewing Skills			
Starts Jan	18 weeks	Day/Eve	£210	Study for Free*

*Fees may be free for eligible learners: See page 20

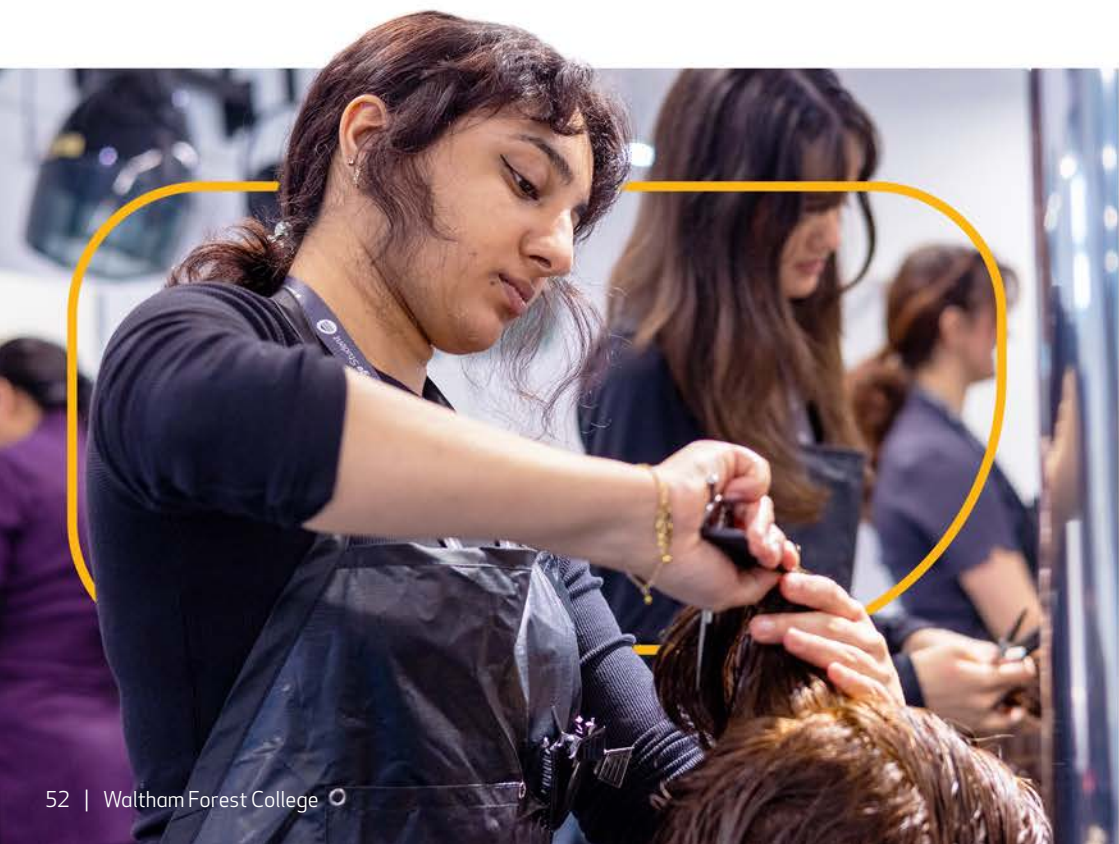
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Hairdressing, Beauty & Barbering

As a hair, beauty and barbering student you will train in our professional Elite Salons where you will learn the hands-on skills needed to become a confident hair and beauty practitioner. You will learn your craft alongside our supportive, expert staff while gaining experience working with real clients who visit our salons for treatments. You will master skills like cutting, colouring or classic barbering techniques.

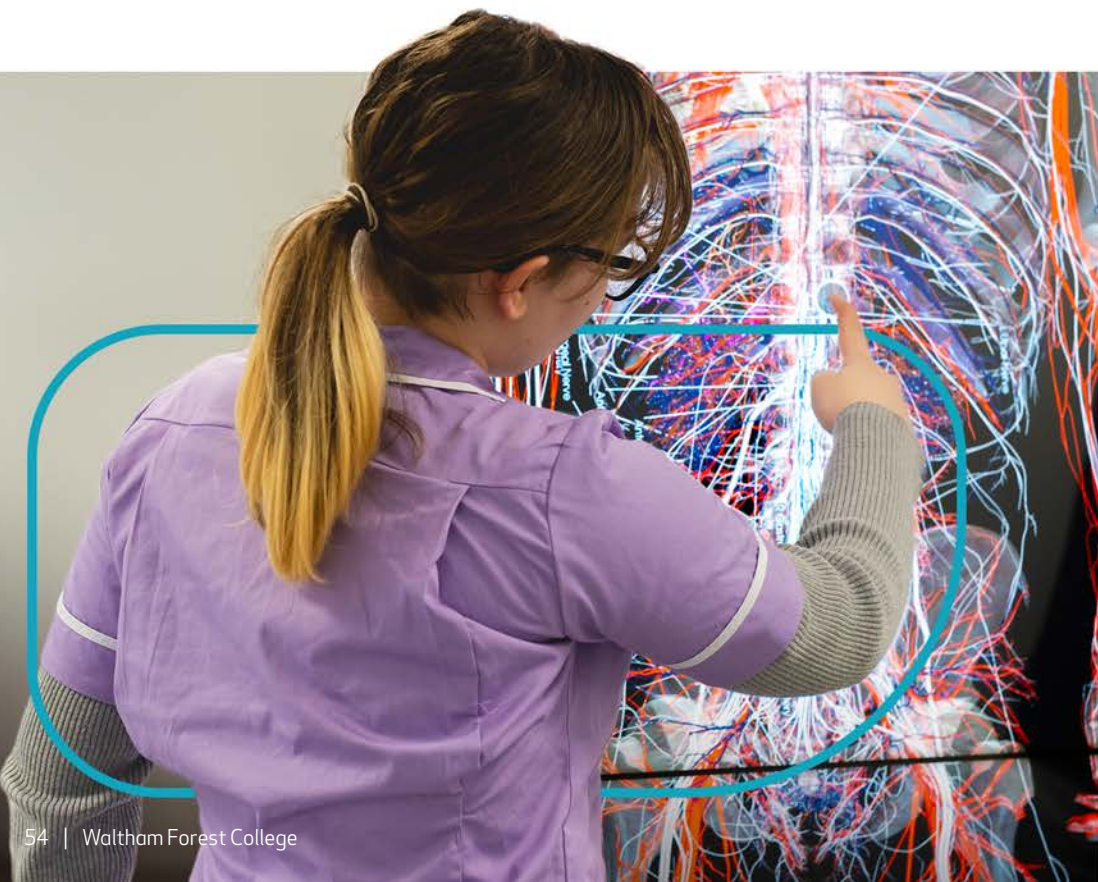


LEVEL 2	Barbering	Multiple dates	17 weeks	Day/Eve	£1,356	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Beauty Specialist Techniques (fast-track)	Starts Sept	18 weeks	Day	£1,368	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Beauty Therapy	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day/Eve	£1,368	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Beauty Therapy (and 24 week fast-track option)	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day/Eve	£3,345	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Cosmetic Make-up	Multiple dates	16 weeks	Day	£525	Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	Hairdressing	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£930	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Hairdressing	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day/Eve	£1,683	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Hairdressing	Starts Sept	36 weeks	Day	£3,345	Study for Free*
LEVEL 4	Laser and IPL	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,345	Eligible for loan
LEVEL 2	Nail Services	Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£987	Study for Free*

*Fees may be free for eligible learners: See page 20

Childcare and Health & Social Care

Our specialist Health and Assisted Living Suite will be the backdrop to your education at Waltham Forest College. Our courses cover life from conception to the elderly and put the focus on care and support for communities within nursery, hospital and domestic settings.



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ENTRY 3	Introduction to Childcare			
Starts Sept	8 weeks	Day	£75	Study for Free*
ENTRY 3	Entry to Childcare			
Starts Nov	29 weeks	Day	£525	Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	Caring for Children (CACHE)			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£960	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Caring for Children and Young People (CACHE)			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£927	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Early Years Practitioner (NCFE CACHE)			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£879	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Entry to Social Care (Skills Bootcamp)			
Multiple dates	3 weeks	Day	No fee	Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	Health and Social Care			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£636	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Health and Social Care			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£918	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Pre-Access: Health & Social Care			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£1,080	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Access to HE: Nursing & Midwifery			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,384	Study for Free*

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Hospitality & Culinary Arts

Our professional kitchens and training restaurant will be your base while studying. From courses that introduce you to the Hospitality & Culinary Industry through to Professional Cookery, you will build creativity and science into your dishes. You'll also have opportunities to take part in competitions that challenge what you have learnt.



	Baking for Beginners			
Multiple dates	8 weeks	Day	£111	Study for Free*
LEVEL 1	Culinary Arts			
Starts Oct	34 weeks	Day	£600	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Hospitality and Cookery			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£657	Study for Free*
LEVEL 2	Patisserie and Confectionery			
Multiple dates	17 weeks	Day	£300	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Patisserie and Confectionery			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£1,645	Study for Free*
LEVEL 3	Professional Cookery			
Starts Sept	34 weeks	Day	£3,345	Study for Free*

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Teacher Training

If you're passionate about helping others learn and grow, our courses offer the perfect pathway into the Education Sector. Whether you're starting out or already working as a teaching or learning support assistant, we provide professional training to develop your skills and gain recognised qualifications.

LEVEL 1	Teaching Assistant				
Starts Sept	32 weeks	Day	£675	Study for Free*	
LEVEL 3	Teaching Assistant				
Starts Sept	32 weeks	Day	£2,225	Study for Free*	



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Foundation Learning

Foundation Learning courses are designed for students aged 16-24 who have a current EHCP. These courses will allow students to develop skills for independent living and community involvement while working on improving self-confidence and communication.

If you would like to apply please follow these next steps:

- Apply for your chosen course on the College's website at www.waltham.ac.uk
- Contact your local authority to request they send a copy of the student's EHCP to the College for consultation.



PRE-ENTRY 1	Focus on Independence
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 1	Exploring Life Skills
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 2	Independence Building
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 2	Preparation for Life & Work
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 2	Skills Build
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 3	Pathways to Vocational Studies
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
ENTRY LEVEL 3	Pre-Supported Internship
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee
LEVEL 1	Project Search Supported Internship
Starts Sept	36 weeks Day No fee

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How to apply

Follow these simple steps to make your application:

1. Find your Perfect Course

Browse this guide or visit www.waltham.ac.uk to explore our range of courses.

2. Submit your Application

Complete the form at the back of this prospectus or apply online.

3. Attend your Interview

You'll meet the course tutor for an interview. This will help determine if the course is the right fit for you.

4. Receive your Course Offer

At the end of your interview, you'll find out if you've been offered a place. This will either be conditional or unconditional.

5. Enrol

When it's time to enrol, we'll contact you with all the details so you can officially become a Waltham Forest College student.



Open Events

Visit one of our Open Events to explore our facilities, meet our tutors and find your perfect course.



Visit our website to register for an Open Event.



31 January
2026

Saturday
10am - 2pm

11 March
2026

Wednesday
4pm - 7pm

6 May
2026

Wednesday
4pm - 7pm

17 June
2026

Wednesday
4pm - 7pm



How to find us



By Train

Overground trains run to Walthamstow Central from Liverpool Street station.

The Overground also connects to Wood Street station which is approximately a 10 minute walk from the College.

Overground trains also run to Walthamstow Queens Road Rail Station from the Barking to Gospel Oak line.



By Tube

The Victoria Line ends at Walthamstow Central, which is approximately a 15 minute walk to the College. Alternatively, you can get a bus.



By Bus

Walthamstow Central:

Bus 275 stops outside the College.

Bus 212 stops across the road from the College.

Buses 34, 97, 215 and 357 stop at the 'Bell Corner' (junction of Hoe Street and Forest Road).

Blackhorse Road Tube Station:

Bus 123 also stops outside the College.



Superloop

SL1 - North Finchley to Walthamstow Central.

SL2 - Walthamstow Central to North Woolwich.



By Bicycle

Bicycle parking is available at the College for all students, staff and visitors.

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