Create Your Future

Young People's Course Guide 2018-19

Waltham Forest College

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Welcome to Waltham Forest College

I'd like to wish you a very warm welcome to Waltham Forest College. I'm really pleased that you're looking to continue your education or training and are thinking of coming here to study. We have such a wide range of courses that I'm sure you will find the right subject and level for you.

Whether you want to start the journey to the job of your dreams or a qualification to go to university we can help you achieve your goals. Our vision is to enable individuals to reach their potential. Waltham Forest College is a great place to learn with high quality resources and specialised learning areas to support you to achieve. You can see what has attracted so many people to study with us by coming to our next Open Event or by calling our advisers on 020 8501 8501.

This is your opportunity to look around one of the most popular colleges in London, talk to the tutors and see why our students choose to come here. Whether you are just leaving school, continuing to higher level education or training, returning to education or simply looking to learn, our advisers can talk to you about your needs and aspirations, and guide you through the choices you will have.

If you are a parent or guardian wanting to help your son or daughter or ward make an informed choice, we do our best to provide you with all the support you need. Our role is to work with you to help prepare young people for work and life in today's and tomorrow's world.

Our students tell me that what they like about Waltham Forest College is that it's a really safe, friendly and open place, where you are free to be yourself, in a supportive atmosphere and where there is respect for the views of others. They say it is not like a school as they are treated like adults and feel stretched and challenged.

I hope you find what you need in this guide and on our website and with our advisers to help you decide which course to study. If you have any questions, please get in touch with our team by calling them on 020 8501 8501, email myfuture@waltham.ac.uk or pop in to the College and speak to an adviser.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the College.

Penny Wycherley
Principal and Chief Executive

Why study at Waltham Forest College?

Our Mission - Preparing you for employment

We will:

- Deliver responsive, outstanding teaching, learning and support to meet the needs of individuals and employers
- Inspire our students to develop the high quality skills and knowledge they need to be successful in their future lives

Vocational Excellence

We give you the opportunity to develop your skills and prepare you for the world of work. All courses and enrichment activities incorporate key English and Maths skills as well as an emphasis on punctuality and attendance – essential skills that employers look for.

You will also have access to work placements, work related trips, careers fairs, and enterprise projects to help you take the first steps to your future career.

You will also be helped in your future opportunities with guest speakers and helping with College events.

High-quality Facilities

Our students have access to over 1300 computers, extensive IT support and a free Office 365 account to store their files (with 5 free copies of Microsoft Office). The modern Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is stocked with books, newspapers, magazines and online resources to support your studies.

Each learning area is fully-equipped with industry standard resources from the commercial kitchens in Catering to the dedicated design spaces in our Creative Industries Centre.

In 2017, we opened our brand new STEM Centre (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), a multi-million pound facility for our brand new Engineering courses. It is full of modern, industry standard equipment.

Celebrating Equality and Diversity

We are very proud of our diverse College community. Our students and staff come from all over the world and speak dozens of languages. We celebrate the variety of cultures, religions and individuals who form and strengthen our community. Prejudice, abuse and harassment is not tolerated at Waltham Forest College.

Safeguarding and Prevent

The safety and well-being of our students is paramount. Our students and staff have the right to feel safe in College and must also respect the right of others to feel safe. Any abuse, prejudice, discrimination or extremist views will always be challenged.

Ofsted says: "Learners feel and are very safe"

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Life at College

At College, there are amazing opportunities for you to meet new people, share your talents and take part in activities and trips.

Freshers' Fair

At the start of the year, we hold a Freshers' Fair with local companies giving out great discounts for our students. It's also a great time to meet other students.

Places to Meet and Eat

There are plenty of food and drink options at the College, including our Costa Coffee in Café on 2, the Deli in the Market Place and our lunch restaurant Café on 4, all offering a range of hot and cold meals, drinks and snacks.

The Student Common Room on 3 is a great place to unwind and relax during your breaks. It features pool tables, an Xbox, a meeting area, PCs and is often used for events.

Students, staff and the public also have the option to eat at the College's fine dining restaurant, The Mallinson. Lunch is served every Tuesday (during term time) and Thursday evenings regularly have themed dinners.

LRC

The Learning Resource Centre is the perfect place to work when you need a quiet space. Print and digital resources are available for all students.

Listening to our Students

The feedback we get from our students is very important. Each course nominates a representative who will meet with staff regularly to provide feedback from their class. We also have an elected Student Union who are actively involved in the decision making of the College and organise student activities. Getting involved in these roles is a brilliant way to strengthen your CV.

Free WiFi Access

Free WiFi is available to all students at the College.

Enrichment Activities

Every year we run a programme of sports activities that includes football, futsal, gym, swimming, basketball and much more. We invite guest speakers to visit the College and run workshops and talks to share their personal experiences of life and work.

Elite Salons

Staff, students and members of the public can enjoy treatments performed by the next generation of stylists and therapists at fantastic prices in our Hair & Beauty Salon. Check out the Salon newsletter every month for the latest offers.

Ofsted says: "Learners and apprentices are proud to be a part of the Waltham Forest College community"

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Students' Union

WFC Student Union is run by students for students. The purpose of the Student Union is to represent fellow students on College, local and national issues, organise social events and activities, support clubs and societies at the College and promote the Learner Voice.

Student Elections

Each academic year students get the opportunity to vote on who they want to represent them in the Student Union.

Student Representatives

Each class is encouraged to elect a Class Representative. Each Class Representative is responsible for attending meetings with the Student Union each term reporting on issues within their class. They also pass on information to their class from the Student Union.

NUS Extra Affiliation

WFC Student Union is affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS) which means that all students can apply for the NUS card which allows students to benefit from a wide variety of discounts.

Union Roles

- President
- Vice President
- Sports & Entertainment Officer
- Finance Officer
- Marketing & Publicity Officer
- Student Affairs & Societies Officer
- Class Representatives

Students' Union

For more information, see our website www.waltham.ac.uk

Here to Support You

Our Student Services teams are dedicated to providing high-quality information, advice and guidance.

Admissions Advisers

Our Admissions Advisers will support you through your application from the moment you first contact the College to your first day on your course. They can give you advice on all of the courses we offer and will keep you up-to-date with the progress of your application.

Careers Advice

Not sure what to do next? Our qualified Careers Advisers offer free and impartial advice and guidance interviews to discuss your options after leaving school/college.

The team also attend school events and careers fairs to speak to prospective students who are thinking of applying.

Welfare and Wellbeing

We know that sometimes things don't always go to plan. All of our students have access to free appointments with our Welfare & Wellbeing Team for confidential support and advice on a range of issues including:

- Housing
- Bullying, abuse and domestic violence
- Financial difficulties
- Benefit advice
- Family difficulties
- Relationship issues
- Depression and self-harm
- Sexual health

Ofsted says: "The College welfare team take swift and effective action to identify and deal with safeguarding risks"

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Financial Support

Money shouldn't be a barrier to learning. We have schemes in place to support you with the cost of coming to college.

Course Fees

Courses for students aged 16-18 are free if they are eligible UK residents. You will be asked to provide evidence of your age and residency status when you enrol.

Students who are 19 or older and on a Level 3 course may be required to pay course fees depending on the type of qualification. If this is the case, we will be able to support you in applying for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your course. Further details can be found on the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

Free Meals

Many students who are aged 16-18 may also be eligible to receive free meals at College on the days they are timetabled to have lessons.

Bursary Fund

16-18 year old students from low-income households may be eligible for financial support from the College bursary fund.

The bursary can provide you with:

- Free or subsidised equipment, books or resources
- Free UCAS administration fees
- Support to travel to work experience/ course related interviews
- Contributions towards enrichment activities linked to your course
- Financial support for exceptional needs
- Free meals at college

You may also be eligible for a learning bursary of up to £1200 for the year if you are 16-18 years old and are:

- In care or just leaving care
- Receiving income support
- Receiving Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance

Travel

Transport for London Zip Oyster cards for 16-18 year old students entitle you to free travel on London Buses and discounts on London Underground/Overground fares. There are also discounts available for students aged 19 or over. See tfl.gov.uk for more details.

What do I need to do?

We try to support those students who are in need, however available funds are limited so you should apply as early as you can. Applications for next September will open from August 2018.

See www.waltham.ac.uk/financial support for guidelines and application forms.

Ofsted says: "Learners enjoy their studies and take part with enthusiasm"

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Learning Support

At Waltham Forest College, we want you to be successful and achieve your full potential. We are committed to ensuring that all of our students are treated fairly and have equal opportunities. We will do all we can to ensure that no student is disadvantaged and that the curriculum is accessible to their needs.

Achieve Your Potential

The Learning Support Team can work with you and your tutors to tailor support to meet your needs. This may include support in and out of the classroom for literacy, numeracy and study skills as well as individual and group support to develop social and communication skills.

Exam Support

Our support services extend to examinations and we know that some students will require special arrangements when taking their exams. After being assessed, we will make the necessary arrangements for you in line with the awarding body's guidelines. This could include extra time, scribes, readers and assistive equipment.

Ofsted says: "Managers, teachers and assessors monitor well the progress that learners and apprentices make"

Accessible Campus

Our campus has lifts, ramps, a hoist and specialist toilets available for students with reduced mobility. In addition, we have accessible parking and wheelchair access. If wheelchair access is not available, we will seek to re-locate classes.

If you would like to discuss your requirements with us, please get in touch with the Learning Support Team on 020 8501 8338 or 8411. You are very welcome to visit the College to view our facilities and speak to members of staff.

Specialist Support

Specialist support is available for students who have specific learning difficulties like dyslexia.

We also offer a range of specialist, adaptive equipment for students with hearing and visual impairments, in addition to software packages available on the College's PCs.

Ofsted says: "Learning support assistants provide sensitive, discreet and effective support"

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Life After College

At Waltham Forest College, we arrange events throughout the year designed to prepare you for when you finish your course, whether you choose to move onto university or straight into employment. We also have a great team of fully trained Careers Advisers who can help guide you to your next step.

HE Fair

The College holds a Higher Education Fair where students have the opportunity to meet with University representatives and students from all over the UK. Students participate in workshops, which provided them with the right advice and guidance on their next steps, progression routes, apprenticeships, volunteering opportunities and student finance.

Careers Fair

Every year the College hosts a Careers Fair for students in which a range of local, national and global companies are invited to represent a variety of industries.

The goal of the event is to provide our students with an opportunity to meet employers and gain information about possible careers, full-time or part-time vacancies, apprenticeships, training and volunteering opportunities that may be available to them.

Ofsted says: "Learners are prepared well for the future"

Ofsted says:

"Learners make good use of, and benefit from the high quality, impartial careers advice available"

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Qualifications Explained

Understanding qualifications can be a difficult task. The guide below outlines options that are available to you at College.

BTEC

BTECs are specialist vocational qualifications that are valued by universities and employers. Level 3 BTEC Diplomas are the equivalent of two or three A-Levels, depending on the number of credits achieved.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to start paid work with an employer and study for a qualification alongside your job. We offer a number of apprenticeship programmes at the College.

NVQ and VRQ

National Vocational Qualifications and Vocationally Related Qualifications are designed to offer a practical learning programme, giving students knowledge that directly relates to a specific job role.

CACHE

The Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education (CACHE) offers qualifications that are designed for people who would like a career in the care and education of children and young people.

Ofsted says:

" Staff provide highly effective information and advice, and assess learners' prior skills well during recruitment "

Which Level Should You Study?

Entry

Normal entry requirements:
No formal qualifications

Duration:
Entry Level 1, 2 and 3 courses are up to 1 year long

What's next?
Level 1 course

Level 1

Entry requirements (courses may vary):
4 GCSEs at Grades 1 to 2 (E to G)
including Maths and English

Duration:
Level 1 courses are 1 year long

What's next?
Level 2 course or an apprenticeship

Level 2

Entry requirements (course may vary):
4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English
or a pass/merit in a relevant Level 1 qualification

Duration:
Level 2 courses are 1 year long

What's next?
Level 3 course, an apprenticeship or employment

Level 3

Entry requirements (courses may vary):
4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English
or a merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification

Duration:
Level 3 courses can be up to 2 years long depending on the qualification you choose. Check the course details for more information

What's next?
Higher education programmes at Level 4 and 5 (HNC/HND), a degree at university, an advanced apprenticeship or employment

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What is a Study Programme?

Your Study Programme is designed to prepare you for employment and is made up of four key elements.

Your Main Qualification

This is your chosen subject (eg a BTEC). You will study a mixture of theory and practical work and complete coursework and/or exams. All courses include group tutorials and one-to-one support from your tutor. You will also have time each week to work independently outside the classroom.

Work Experience and Employability

Developing employability skills is a key part of your course. Every course has links with employers and businesses or work related learning. Many courses have a period of work experience with an employer during the year.

Maths & English

Maths and English are essential skills for work. If you don't already have a GCSE grade 4 (C) you will continue to study Maths and/or English as part of your course.

Personal Development & Enrichment

We plan a range of activities each year to help you gain the skills that are valued by employers. The activities include visits, guest speakers, volunteering opportunities, social activities, clubs, sports and career events.

Ofsted says: "Leaders and managers, in collaboration with local employers, have planned a comprehensive range of study programmes"

Ofsted says: "Learners gain a good understanding of living in a democratic society and of life in modern Britain"

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Automotive Engineering

Our Automotive Engineering courses are designed to offer you a bright future in the world of motor vehicle and motorcycle maintenance and repair.

There are a huge variety of career opportunities available for qualified engineers and our excellent team of staff have the industry experience to enable you to accelerate onto your career journey.

Career Options*

Vehicle Technician
Average Salary: £30,403

Research & Development
Average Salary: £34,287

Mechanical Engineer
Average Salary: £35,338

Automotive Engineer
Average Salary: £35,521

Industry Facts

814 THOUSAND Number of jobs across the wider UK Automotive Industry

12% EXPORTS The Automotive Industry accounts for 12% of all UK exports

33.5 MILLION Number of cars driven on UK roads

FOUR BILLION Amount of money invested in Automotive R&D each year

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

STUDENT PROFILE

Jadeen Spellen

Studying: Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance

"I chose this course because I have a keen interest in cars and love fixing things. I'm a very practical and hands on person and knew Automotive Engineering was what I wanted to do. I love the fact that I get to learn so many different aspects of a car - from the engine to the transmission, the suspension system and so much more."

Introduction to Vehicle Technology

IMI Diploma - Entry Level 3

This course is for those who wish to gain a basic understanding, knowledge and develop skills in motorcycles and motor vehicles with a view to progress onto higher level courses.

Entry Requirements:

- No formal qualifications are required
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Motor vehicle tools and equipment
- Simple body repair processes
- Vehicle maintenance
- Motorcycle / Motor vehicle construction
- Valeting

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in the workshop
- Written assessment
- Online tests

What next?

You can progress onto Motorcycle Maintenance or Motor Vehicle Maintenance Diplomas at Level 1.

Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair

IMI Diploma - Level 1

This qualification is ideal for anyone who wishes to pursue a career as a Motorcycle Technician or anyone keen to develop their knowledge of the Motor Industry in a service and repair environment.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 to 2 (E to G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Motorcycle construction and routine maintenance
- Operating principles of motorcycle engines
- Brakes, tyres and suspension systems

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in the workshop
- Written assessment
- Online tests

What next?

You can progress onto the Level 2 Motorcycle Diploma or an Apprenticeship.

Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair

IMI Diploma - Level 2

This course is for people who wish to improve their practical skills and knowledge of motorcycle repair and servicing. You will receive professional training in the latest automotive and motorcycle technologies, particularly in electronics.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 1 Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair Diploma
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Motorcycle construction and routine maintenance
- Operating principles of motorcycle engines
- Electrical and electronic systems
- Assembling new motorcycles

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in the workshop
- Written assessment
- Online tests

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Motorcycle Diploma, an Advanced Apprenticeship or employment.

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

IMI Diploma - Level 1

This qualification is ideal for anyone wishing to pursue a career as a Motor Vehicle Technician, or anyone who is looking to expand their knowledge of service and repairs within the Automotive Industry. This course is the first step to advancing you from beginner to qualified mechanic.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 to 2 (E to G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Health and safety / tool identification
- Diesel and petrol engines
- Electrical systems
- Engine cooling and lubrication systems
- Suspension and chassis

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in a motor vehicle workshop environment
- Much of the coursework is completed in college time. 4 to 6 hours per week outside of college should be sufficient to complete all other coursework

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 Motor Vehicle Diploma or an Apprenticeship.

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

IMI Diploma - Level 2

This course is for people who wish to improve their practical skills and knowledge of motor vehicle repair and servicing. You will receive professional training in the latest automotive technologies, particularly in electronics.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 1 Motor Vehicle Diploma
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Electrical auxiliary systems
- Removing and replacing chassis units and components
- Engines, lubricants and cooling

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in a motor vehicle workshop environment
- Written assessment
- Online tests

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Motor Vehicle Diploma, an Advanced Apprenticeship or employment.

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

IMI Diploma - Level 3

This course is for people working within the motor vehicle industry who wish to gain a Level 3 qualification having already achieved a relevant Level 2 certificate or who wish to improve their diagnostic skills and knowledge of motor vehicle systems.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 2 Motor Vehicle Diploma
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Diagnosis and rectification of fuel injection and auxiliary systems
- Diagnosis and rectification of engine and chassis system faults

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assessments in a motor vehicle workshop environment
- Written assessment
- Online tests

What next?

You will be well prepared to find employment as a qualified technician within the Motor Vehicle Industry. You can also move onto an Advanced Apprenticeship, or Higher Education.

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Business Studies

Our Business courses are designed to give you the practical and professional knowledge you need to succeed in the highly competitive business world. We provide you with opportunity to study for a work-related qualification, giving you a sound understanding of the industry.

As part of our courses, students have the opportunity to take part in work experience with a number of high profile businesses in the London area. We also arrange guest speakers to visit the College and share their valuable insight into running a business and the challenges faced.

Career Options*

Office Administrator
Average Salary: £21,040

Marketing Executive
Average Salary: £28,476

Sales Executive
Average Salary: £33,092

Accounts Manager
Average Salary: £34,402

Chief Executive
Average Salary: £55,000

Industry Facts

LARGEST EMPLOYER The Business Services sector is the UK's largest employer

5.5 MILLION Number of private sector businesses in 2016

99.9% SMEs 99.9% of all private sector businesses are small & medium sized enterprises

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

The Big Idea Challenge

Level 2 business students; Raul Cadar, Micheal Anunobi, Armandas Stephanovas and Ali Alamtory entered London Met's Big Idea Challenge 2017. Their idea was the 'Water Sterilisation Pump' for parts of the world that suffer from a lack of clean water supplies.

The students said, "This is a life-changing opportunity for us. The experience and the possibilities from participating in this programme are endless".

The Big Ideas Challenge is a fantastic event for students that offers real life experiences, boosts work skills and addresses significant needs of the community, all of which can be linked to the courses being studied at Waltham Forest College.

STUDENT PROFILE

Larisa Zamfir

Studying: Business BTEC Extended Subsidiary Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
Progression: Carrying on into Year 2, then applying for Kings College London.

"I chose Waltham Forest College because of the wide range of courses available. The College also has a great diversity among its students which I enjoy.

I am looking to go into accounting so the business course was perfect for me. I started at BTEC Level 2 and then progressed onto Level 3 with the help of the tutors who are experienced and provided the help I needed to progress.

My aim is to eventually work as an Accounting Director so after I complete the second year on my Level 3 course I will be applying for Kings College London."

Business and IT

BTEC Diploma - Level 1

If your ambition is to pursue a career in Computing and Information Communication Technologies (ICT) or Business, then this course will give you just the start you need.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including grade E or above in English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Developing a digital product
- Creating a spreadsheet to solve problems
- Being organised
- Developing a personal progression plan
- Solving technical IT problems
- Using digital communication technologies
- Creating a website
- Developing digital information using IT
- Working with others
- Researching a topic

How will I be assessed?

- All units are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification.

What next?

Students can progress to a Level 2 Diploma in either Business or IT.

Business

BTEC First Extended Certificate - Level 2

This course is ideal for those who wish to develop a broader knowledge and understanding of Business sector. The content has been designed to give you opportunities to develop your transferable skills related to study and provide a platform for success both within the Business sector and elsewhere.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English or merit in a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Enterprise in the business world
- Finance for Business
- Promoting a brand
- Principles of customer service

How will I be assessed?

- Exams 20% / Course work 80%

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Business or IT. Employment opportunities within the Business sector.

Business

Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (Year 1)
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma (Year 2)

Are you aiming for a career in business, management, accounting or law? This course is designed to give you the practical and professional knowledge you need to succeed in these highly competitive sectors. We provide you with the opportunity to study for a work-related qualification, giving you a sound understanding of each vocational area.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including in English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Business accounting
- Internet marketing
- Human resource management
- Training and business workplace

How will I be assessed?

- You will work towards a portfolio of coursework which includes practical assignments and assessments.

What next?

Higher Education courses such as a university degree or HNC/HND or employment.

Business

Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (Year 1)
Level 3 BTEC Diploma (year 2)

This course extends the modules of the Level 3 Diploma and explores the professionalism, confidence and understanding needed to progress your career in the Business sector.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 5 (C) or above including Maths and English or Level 2 qualification with merit
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Managing a business event
- Developing teams in business
- Health and safety in the workplace
- Business project management
- Understanding retailing
- The impact of ICT on Business
- Understanding business ethics
- Starting a small business
- How will I be assessed?

How will I be assessed?

- You will work towards a portfolio of coursework which includes practical assignments and assessments.

What next?

Higher Education courses such as a university degree or HNC/HND or employment.

Catering and Hospitality

Our Catering courses offer students the opportunity to train and work alongside leading chefs in London. We have close links with top hotels and restaurants including Claridge's and Grosvenor House, just two of many industry links who provide fantastic opportunities for students to undertake work experience in their kitchens.

We ensure our students are equipped with the skills and discipline to progress to the highest level of the Catering profession. Each day, our students put their skills to the test in our professional kitchens, serving the cafés around the campus as well as our fine dining restaurant, The Mallinson.

Career Options*

Barista
Average Salary: £18,517

Commis Chef
Average Salary: £19,974

Chef de Partie
Average Salary: £23,451

Restaurant Manager
Average Salary: £33,381

Head Chef
Average Salary: £33,890

Industry Facts

2.9 MILLION The number of people employed in the Hospitality Industry in 2014

£57 BILLION The amount the Hospitality Industry contributed to the UK economy in 2014

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

Ofsted says:

“ Teachers link classroom activities very effectively to real work situations ”

STUDENT PROFILE

Charlie-Anne Miles

Studying: Professional Cookery Diploma - Level 2
Progression: Professional Cookery Level 3 then Catering Management at university

I chose Waltham Forest College because out of my local colleges it felt like the most welcoming and has well-equipped and maintained kitchen facilities for Catering students.

When I first joined, the tutors recognised that I wasn’t completely confident and gave me the extra support I needed to push me forward. All the tutors are encouraging and they inspired me to commit to my studies and aim as high as I can.

After I leave the College I want to go to university with the intention of either becoming a head chef or manager of a restaurant.

Professional Cookery

Level 1 VRQ Diploma

This Professional Cookery VRQ Level 1 Diploma is designed to provide an introductory level of cookery skills to those seeking employment within the industry, or intending to progress onto a Level 2 course.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above
- Interview and assessment
- You will also require the following equipment: Chef's whites, restaurant uniform, some small items of equipment and Professional Chef Level 1 text book

What will I study?

- Food safety in catering
- Introduction to the Catering and Hospitality Industry
- Health and safety awareness for Catering and Hospitality
- Introduction to healthier foods and special diets

How will I be assessed?

- Observation and knowledge questions
- Practical assessments and assignments

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 qualification, entry to employment within the industry, or an Apprenticeship.

Professional Cookery

Level 2 VRQ Diploma

This Professional Cookery VRQ Level 2 course is designed to provide an intermediate level of cookery skills to those employed within the Catering and Hospitality industry and who are looking to become a Commis Chef.

Entry Requirements:

- VRQ Level 1 or equivalent
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above
- Interview and assessment
- You will also require the following equipment: Chef's whites, restaurant uniform, some small items of equipment

What will I study?

- Food safety in Catering
- Investigate the Catering and Hospitality Industry
- Health and safety in Catering and Hospitality
- Healthier foods and special diets

How will I be assessed?

- Observation and knowledge questions
- Practical assessments and assignments

What next?

Progression to a course in Professional Cookery Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional cookery or employment within the industry.

Professional Cookery

Advanced Technical Diploma - Level 3
Diploma in Advanced Professional cookery - Level 3

This course is for Level 3 Catering and h Hospitality students who are intending to go into the Catering Industry. We have strong links to the Catering and Hospitality Industry and provide excellent theoretical and practical experience that you will need to work in the industry or progress to Higher Education.

Entry Requirements:

- VRQ Level 2 or equivalent
- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above
- Interview and assessment
- You will also require the following equipment: Chef's whites, restaurant uniform, some small items of equipment

What will I study?

- You will study producing kitchen and larder dishes (eg soups, meat, poultry, sauces), hot and cold desserts and pastry to an advanced level
- Supervising food safety in Catering
- Supervisory skills in the Hospitality Industry
- Exploring gastronomy

How will I be assessed?

- Course work, assessments throughout the year and an end of year written and practical exam.

What next?

This course leads to either employment into the industry or to a Higher Education qualification at university.

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Computing and Information Technology

Technology is at the heart of almost everything we do today. It is no surprise that the IT Industry is growing rapidly every single month. Our courses are designed to prepare you for one of the hundreds of career options in computing from designing a website to keeping a business network operational.

As part of our courses, students have the opportunity to take part in work experience with a number of high profile businesses in the London area. We also arrange guest speakers to visit the College and share their valuable insight into the IT industry.

Career Options*

IT Support Technician
Average Salary: £37,696

Network Administrator
Average Salary: £40,691

Software Testing
Average Salary: £41,028

Database Developer
Average Salary: £46,922

Web Developer
Average Salary: £49,532

Software Developer
Average Salary: £54,219

Industry Facts

1.64 MILLION Amount of people employed by digital companies in 2015

£6.8 BILLION Record investment in UK digital and technology companies

EVERY HOUR Every Hour a new technology business was formed in London in 2015

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

STUDENT PROFILE

Alexandru Stoica

Studying: Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Information Technology

"I've always had a keen interest in computers since the age of 7. My love of computers developed even more over the years so I knew exactly what I wanted to study at college.

Since enrolling on the course, my confidence has grown and my English has improved dramatically. I've learnt so much and have recently built my very own computer from scratch. My tutors are friendly, supportive and kind. I look forward to my second year and applying to university after college."

Business and IT

BTEC Diploma - Level 1

If your ambition is to pursue a career in Computing and Information Communication Technologies (ICT) or Business, then this course will give you just the start you need.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including grade E or above in English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Developing a Digital Product
- Creating a Spreadsheet to Solve Problems
- Being Organised
- Developing a Personal Progression Plan
- Solving Technical IT Problems
- Using Digital Communication Technologies
- Creating a Website
- Developing Digital Information Using IT
- Working with Others
- Researching a Topic

How will I be assessed?

- All units are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification.

What next?

Students can progress to a Level 2 Diploma in either Business or IT.

Business and IT

BTEC Diploma (ITQ) - Level 2

These qualifications are designed to prepare learners for employment in the IT sector and they are suitable for those who have decided that they wish to enter a specific area of work within the IT industry.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 2 (E) including Maths and English or merit in a BTEC Level 1 IT programme
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Improving productivity using IT
- IT user fundamentals
- Set up an IT system
- Optimise IT system performance
- IT security for users
- Using mobile IT devices
- Multimedia software
- Website software

How will I be assessed?

- Internal assessment with external verification
- Course work
- Practical activities

What next?

Diploma for IT Users (ITQ) (QCF) Level 3 or supported employment.

Information and Creative Technology

BTEC First Extended Certificate - Level 2

This course is ideal for those who wish to develop a broader knowledge and understanding of the IT sector. The content has been designed to give you opportunities to develop your transferable skills related to study and provide a platform for success both within the industry and elsewhere.

Entry Requirements:

- 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) with 2 GCSEs at Grade 2 (E) or merit in a BTEC Level 1 IT programme
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- The online world of technology systems
- A digital portfolio
- Creating digital video
- Multimedia product development
- Website development
- Installing and maintaining computer hardware and software

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed with a mix of coursework (80%) and exams (20%)

What next?

Progression to a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT or employment.

Information Technology

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

Are you aiming for a career in Computing and Information Technology? This course will give you the skills and knowledge you need. The computers in our IT centre are equipped with industry-relevant software, ensuring you gain the skills needed to enable you to progress into the workplace or onto further study.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above
- Level 2 qualification with merit
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Website production
- Installing and upgrading software
- 2D animation
- Maintaining computer systems

How will I be assessed?

- To pass this qualification you will work on a number of practical assignments
- 100% of the course will be assessed by course work. You will also be tested for English and Maths Functional Skills

What next?

Higher Education courses such as a university degree or HNC/HND or employment.

Information Technology

BTEC 90-Credit Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Extended Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

This course extends the modules of the Level 3 Diploma and explores the professionalism, confidence and understanding needed to progress your career in the IT sector.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or Level 2 qualification with merit
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Maintaining computer systems
- Website production
- 2D animations
- Digital graphics

How will I be assessed?

- To pass this qualification you will work on a number of practical assignments.
- 100% of the course will be assessed by course work

What next?

Higher Education courses such as university degree or HNC/HND or employment.

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Construction and Electrical Installation

Across the UK and particularly in London, a shortage of housing and a rapidly rising population means that the Construction Industry is busier than ever. Our courses aim to take advantage of this by equipping students with the skills they need to secure a job or start their own business as a qualified tradesman.

On campus, we have industry standard workshops complete with realistic training environments. There are opportunities to experience an industry work placement with one of our employer links and opportunities to attend site visits and trips to professional trade shows.

Career Options*

Painter and Decorator
Average Salary: £22,000

Carpenter or Joiner
Average Salary: £28,000

Plumber / Heating Engineer
Average Salary: £34,107

Electrician
Average Salary: £35,335

Building Surveyor
Average Salary: £48,410

Project Manager
Average Salary: £55,526

Industry Facts

£90 BILLION The Amount the Construction Industry contributes to the UK economy

2.9 MILLION The number of jobs provided by the UK Construction Industry

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STUDENT PROFILE

Sean Lynch

Studying: Maintenance Operations Level 2
Progression: Now employed as an Operations Assistant

"When I first arrived at Waltham Forest College I couldn't believe how hands on and invested the tutors were. They put in a lot of time and effort into helping me overcome challenges and to succeed.

I studied Maintenance Operations Level 2 and managed to secure work as an Operations Assistant. I aim to continue my studies in the future in Carpentry and Joinery at Level 3."

Construction Skills

Diploma - Level 1

This course is suitable for those who enjoy practical work and would like to become a professional in one of the following trades: Bricklaying; Carpentry; Plumbing; Electrical; Painting and Decorating; Construction.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 2 (E) or above
- Interview and assessment
- Satisfactory reference

What will I study?

- You will be given projects and assignments to complete that are based on realistic workplace scenarios
- The projects and assignments given will cover the basic knowledge, technical and practical skills across a variety of trade subjects

How will I be assessed?

- Practical assignments

What next?

You can go onto Level 1 and 2 Diploma courses in Carpentry, Bricklaying, Plumbing, Electrical and Painting and Decorating. Alternatively, you could consider work-based learning and employment opportunities.

This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work related qualification such as an Apprenticeship.

Bricklaying

Diploma - Level 1

This Bricklaying course is designed for those with an interest in the Construction Industry who are looking to gain specialist skills as a Bricklayer. This course will enable you to acquire skills in Brickwork whilst seeking employment as a Bricklayer.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 to 2 (E to G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Carry out safe working practices in construction
- Information, quantities and communicating with others
- Building methods and construction technology
- Carry out basic block laying skills

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying or employment. This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work related qualification such as an Apprenticeship.

Bricklaying

Diploma - Level 2

This Level 2 course will further develop the skills learnt on Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying Course. You will study a range of topics including planning and organising of work, brick and block walls to include: straight and angled walling, arches, cavity walls and pointing and joining setting out.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 Construction course
- Interview and assessment.

What will I study?

- Handle and store materials
- Setting out
- Constructing walling detail
- Health and safety
- How to handle equipment and build brick/ block and cavity walls

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

You could consider going straight into employment or an Apprenticeship.

Carpentry and Joinery

Diploma - Level 1

This course is designed for those with an interest in the Construction Industry who are looking to gain specialist skills as a Carpenter. This course will enable you to acquire skills in Carpentry whilst seeking employment as a Carpenter.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Safe working practice
- Knowledge of building methods and construction technology
- Produce basic woodworking joints
- Prepare and use power tools

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery, employment or Apprenticeship.

Carpentry and Joinery

Diploma - Level 2

This course expands on the modules learnt at Level 1 to look at professional practice and the fitting of doors, windows, roofs and domestic kitchens.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 construction course
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Carpentry tasks such as fitting kitchen units
- Assembling roofs and floors and fitting doors and windows

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

You could consider going straight into employment or an Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could continue studying on a Level 3 Diploma.

Painting and Decorating

Diploma - Level 1

This course is designed for those with an interest in the Construction Industry who are looking to gain specialist skills as a Painter and Decorator.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Prepare surfaces for decoration
- Painting a flush door
- Painting a door frame/skirting/window frame
- Painting a flush wall area

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating, employment or an Apprenticeship.

Painting and Decorating

Diploma - Level 2

Following on from the Level 1 course, you will continue to develop your decorating skills, learning a number of specialist techniques. You will also study the best practice in Painting and Decoration.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 Construction course
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Carry out safe working practices
- Building methods and construction technology
- Prepare surfaces for decoration
- Apply standard papers to walls and ceilings
- Produce specialist decorative finishes

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating or employment. Alternatively, you could continue into an Advanced Apprenticeship.

Plumbing

Diploma - Level 1

This course is designed for those with an interest in the Construction Industry who are looking to gain specialist skills as a plumber.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Plumbing systems (supply, surface and foul water)
- Tools, process and materials

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 plumbing course. This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work related qualification such as an Apprenticeship.

Maintenance Operations

Diploma - Level 2

This course provides students with the broad range of skills needed to support the Construction Industry as a Site Agent, Contracts Manager or self-employed contractor.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 Construction course
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

You will study the maintenance and repair of the following areas:

- Brickwork and plastering
- Painting and decorating
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Drainage
- Block paving
- Roofing

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma in a related field, work-based learning or employment. This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work related qualification such as an Apprenticeship.

Electrical Installation

Level 1

This course is designed for those with an interest in the Construction Industry and will enable you to acquire specialist skills in Electrical Installation whilst seeking employment as an Electrician.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 Electrical Installation course or GCSEs grade 4 to 9 (A-C) in English, Maths and Science for direct entry
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Carry out safe working practices
- Electrical installation craft skills
- Electrical science
- Principles and technology
- Environmental protection

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installations, an Apprenticeship or employment.

Electrical Installation

Level 2

This Electrical Installation City & Guilds Level 2 course is designed for those who want to begin working towards becoming a qualified Electrician.

Entry Requirements:

- Progression from a suitable Level 1 Electrical Installation course or GCSEs grade 4 to 9 (A-C) in English, Maths and Science for direct entry
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

The Theory of Electrical Installation including:

- The science that makes electricity
- The technology behind how it is generated, transmitted, distributed and installed
- Renewable energy
- You will also learn the practical skills needed for electrical installation. This will include containment systems, various wiring systems, the installation of accessories, switch gear and machinery

How will I be assessed?

- Practical observations and assessments
- Computer-based exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma in Electrical Installations or employment. This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work related qualification such as an Advanced Apprenticeship.

Creative Industries

If you aspire to enter the dynamic world of Art, Design, Fashion and Media, there is no better place to hone your creative skills than Waltham Forest College. Our team of experienced specialists deliver a wide range of exciting courses for all levels. Our classes are taught in a multi-million pound Creative Industries Centre, opened in 2015, where students are able to study in a wide variety of purpose-built spaces.

Students take part in exhibitions, shows and other high-profile professional events, culminating in our end of year Creative Industries Festival where students projects are put on show for the public. Many of our students go on to study at university, gain employment in the Creative industry or establish their own business.

Career Options*

Photographer
Average Salary: £26,886

Graphic Designer
Average Salary: £32,573

Interior Design
Average Salary: £36,185

Fashion Designer
Average Salary: £37,091

Architect
Average Salary: £38,879

Creative Director
Average Salary: £55,711

Industry Facts

SECOND LARGEST The UK's design sector is the second-largest in the world

£20.9 BILLION Amount the Fashion Industry directly contributed to the UK economy in 2009

£4.7 BILLION Amount generated from film and TV exports in 2014

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

Fashion Show 2017

The annual Waltham Forest College Fashion Show was a great success last year. Fashion students applied the skills they had learnt throughout the year to create a series of collections that were showcased on the catwalk.

The show is used as part of the curriculum, but also a way for students to present work to industry experts. There were a number of students who were presenting their Final Major Projects, many of whom are progressing into work within the Fashion Industry or onto university to continue their studies.

STUDENT PROFILE

Biro Vlad Laurentiu

Studying: Fashion and Textiles Level 3
Progression: London College of Fashion

"I was originally interested in taking a Sport course, but as I had been working with fashion on the side of school, one of my tutors recommended I take the Fashion and Textiles course and I loved it. The course opened my mind to the possibilities within the fashion and design industries and the tutors have helped me to overcome any challenges along my journey.

When I leave the College, I am going to the London College of Fashion to do a BA in Textile Print. In the future I hope to start a Fashion business with my brother".

Art, Design and Fashion

BTEC Diploma - Level 2

This course is for people who want to join the exciting and dynamic world of the Creative Industries. The course is broad based and introduces you to underpinning creative skills such as; drawing, problem solving, working to a brief and deadlines, and understanding how others work.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs Grade 3 (D) and above including Maths and English or Merit in an appropriate Level 1 qualification
- Portfolio of work will be required at interview

What will I study?

- Drawing and 2D Visual Communication
- 3D Visual Communication
- Researching relevant artists and designers
- Working to Art , Design and Fashion briefs
- Working in the Creative Industries and preparing a portfolio projects

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed throughout the course by project based assignments with set deadlines and awarded a pass, merit or distinction.

What next?

This vocational course serves as an introduction to Art, Design and Fashion. Some students may progress onto our Level 3 Art and Design, Fashion or Media Diplomas. Alternatively, you may consider progression to an apprenticeships or employment.

Media

BTEC Diploma - Level 2

This course is for people hoping to work as a creative in digital media design, game design, publishing, visual effects, advertising and marketing businesses. This course will help you develop the abilities to work independently and in teams, to a client brief, to create original visual and written content for digital media.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs Grade 3 (D) and above including Maths and English or Merit in an appropriate Level 1 qualification
- Portfolio of work will be required at interview

What will I study?

- Digital Illustration - drawing techniques
- Graphic Design - layout and design principles
- Animation - digital animation and stop-motion animation
- Moving image and video production
- Analysing and writing about design and media
- Adobe Creative Suite software - Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects and Flash

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed throughout the course by project based assignments with set deadlines and awarded a pass, merit or distinction.

What next?

This vocational course serves as an introduction to interactive digital media. Some students may progress onto our Level 3 BTEC in Interactive Digital Media, apprenticeships or employment.

Art and Design

90-Credit BTEC Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Extended Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

This course is designed to equip students with the skills and understanding to become a creative practitioner in the ever growing and diverse world that makes up the Creative Industries. The course is supported by regular trips to galleries and museums as well as location research trips.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English, Maths and an arts subject or Merit in an appropriate Level 2 qualification
- Portfolio of work will be required at interview

What will I study?

- Fine Art
- Digital graphic image making
- Printmaking
- Sculpture and 3D Design
- Photography
- Visual language - drawing and painting
- Contextual studies- researching others work

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed throughout the course by project based assignments and awarded a pass, merit or distinction.

What next?

You can progress on to the HNC/HND Art and Design at Waltham Forest College, or move onto a Degree or Foundation Degree at university or college. Alternatively you could consider Advanced Apprenticeships or employment within the industry.

Fashion and Textiles

90-Credit BTEC Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Extended Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

This course will help you to develop the skills needed for a career in the multi-billion pound Fashion industry. You will take the first steps in creating your own collection and explore the business behind the designs.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or Merit in an appropriate Level 2 qualification
- Portfolio of work

What will I study?

- Design and manufacture your own collection
- Pattern cutting and garment construction
- Textile design
- Fashion business studies
- Contextual studies - researching others work

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed throughout the course by project based assignments and awarded a pass, merit or distinction.

What next?

You can progress on to the HNC/HND Fashion at Waltham Forest College, or move onto a Degree or Foundation Degree at university or college. Alternatively you could consider Advanced Apprenticeships or employment within the industry.

Interactive Digital Media

BTEC 90-Credit Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Extended Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

The interactive media course is for people hoping to work as creatives in digital media design, game design, publishing, visual effects, advertising and marketing businesses. This course will help you develop the abilities to work independently and in teams, to a client brief, to create original visual and written content for digital media.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or Merit in an appropriate Level 2 qualification
- Portfolio of work will be required at interview

What will I study?

- Design for the web and social media
- Digital image making / Illustration
- Graphic design and design for data
- Animation, moving image and video production
- Analysing and writing about design and media

How will I be assessed?

- You will be assessed throughout the course by project based assignments and awarded a pass, merit or distinction.

What next?

You can progress to university to study a degree-level course, or study HNC/HND courses at College. You could also consider Advanced Apprenticeships or employment within the industry.

Pop-up Shop Success

Creative Industries students raised over £450 from running their Walthamstow Pop-Up Shop. The money went towards former Mayor of Waltham Forest Cllr Peter Herrington's charity supporting bowel cancer treatment at Whipps Cross Hospital.

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Engineering

Engineering is an exciting industry that offers a huge variety of career opportunities at the cutting edge of technology. It contributed over a quarter of the UK's economy in 2014 and we know that over a quarter of a million new engineers are needed over the next few years so there are lots of opportunities for fulfilling careers.

You might want to do practical work in installing and maintaining equipment, ranging from mechanical machinery through electrical systems, controlling manufacturing processes and ensuring medical equipment is safe and accurate to use. Alternatively, you might prefer to work with engineering design teams to create the innovative and important products of tomorrow. Either way, courses will guide you to a fantastic career in Engineering.

Career Options*

Manufacturing Technician
Average Salary: £33,745

Maintenance Technician
Average Salary: £34,204

Mechanical Engineer
Average Salary: £35,338

Technical Sales Engineer
Average Salary: £37,443

Electronics Engineer
Average Salary: £39,925

Industry Facts

182 THOUSAND Number of new engineers needed per year to 2022

£455.6 BILLION Amount the Engineering sector contributed to the UK economy in 2014

5.5 MILLION Number of people employed in the Engineering sector

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

The STEM Centre

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Waltham Forest College's brand new STEM centre opened in late 2017. It is based on College grounds so students will have easy access to all other College facilities.

The multi-million pound facility has been built to train the UK's next generation of engineers and confirms the College's commitment to providing vocational excellence with high-quality and modern industry standard equipment.

With the centre comes 3 new Engineering specific courses as well as existing Automotive and Electrical courses.

Ofsted Says:

"Learners benefit from resources which are modern and of a high standard"

Performing Engineering Operations

Level 1 Certificate

Who is this course for?

This course in Engineering Operations will help you start developing your skills to gain employment as a maintenance engineer in a range of industries. You will learn how to work on a range of engineering systems to prepare you to work towards joining an Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grades 1 to 2 (E to G) including Maths and English
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Working safely in an engineering environment
- Carry out engineering activities efficiently and effectively
- Using and communicating technical information
- Carry out routine servicing of mechanical equipment
- Carry out routine servicing of electrical and electronic equipment

How will I be assessed?

- You will complete a range of practical assessment tasks and build a portfolio demonstrating what you have learned which will be assessed by a qualified assessor.

What can I do after the course?

You will be able to progress to a Level 2 course in engineering maintenance or design to further develop your skills in preparation for an Apprenticeship.

Performing Engineering Operations

Diploma - Level 2

Who is this course for?

You will continue developing your skills to gain employment as a maintenance engineer in a range of industries. You will learn how to work on a range of engineering systems to prepare you to work towards joining an Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths, English and Science
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Carry out engineering activities efficiently and effectively
- Using and communicating technical information
- Maintaining mechanical devices and equipment
- Maintaining electrical equipment/systems
- General maintenance engineering applications

How will I be assessed?

- You will complete a range of practical assessment tasks and build a portfolio demonstrating what you have learned which will be assessed by a qualified assessor.

What can I do after the course?

You will be able to gain employment as an Engineering Maintenance Apprentice in a range of industries or progress to further learning in engineering in readiness for more senior technical job roles.

Engineering Technologies

BTEC Certificate - Level 3

Who is this course for?

This course provides you with a good understanding of a broad range of engineering areas including mechanical, electronic and computer-aided engineering. In particular, you will learn how to design engineering products and use cutting edge technology to produce prototypes.

Entry requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths, English and Science
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Engineering principles
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Computer aided design in engineering
- Additive manufacturing processes

How will I be assessed?

- You will complete a mix of assessments including assignments, projects and exams to demonstrate your understanding across the range of units you study.

What can I do after the course?

You will be able to progress to an Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering or continue your studies in engineering on a Degree at university.

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ESOL

If English is not your first language, our ESOL programme will help you to improve your English Language skills.

The course allows you to progress onto a vocational course or into employment.

English Facts

ONE BILLION

Up to 1 billion people speak English as a 1st, 2nd or foreign language

92%

of the UK population speak English as a 1st language

600 WORDS

Between March and June 2017 600 new words were added to the Oxford English Dictionary

55.5% INTERNET

In 2015, 55.5% of content on the internet was in English. The next highest was Russian at 5.9%

AVIATION ENGLISH

English is the official language of aviation, with all pilots and control staff required to learn a certain level

ESOL

Entry Level 1 Full Award
Entry Level 2 Full Award
Entry Level 3 Full Award
Level 1

Who is this course for?

ESOL 16-18 gives you 12 hours a week of English and 3 hours of Maths whether you are new to the UK or have been to school/college and have got qualifications up to Entry Level 3.

At higher levels you will study Academic English or practical language Skills Workshop.

We also organise enjoyable educational activities, trips and employability skills workshops.

Entry requirements

- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- English
- Mathematics

How will I be assessed?

- Ascentis ESOL assessments
- Edexcel Functional Skills Maths exams

What next?

You can progress onto a higher level ESOL course or move onto a vocational course.

Ofsted says: "ESOL students make good progress in developing their speaking, listening and writing skills"

STUDENT PROFILE

Sufi Ceymiyo

Studying: ESOL and Business
Progression: Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business

"I came to Waltham Forest College 4 years ago to study ESOL and to improve my English. After completing my ESOL course, I decided to continue my studies at the College in Business. I've now advanced all the way to Level 3.

The environment and the opportunities here really allowed me to thrive and have helped to improve my self-confidence. I even started up my very own retail business selling household supplies."

Hair, Beauty and Media Makeup

The fast-paced and ever-changing Hair and Beauty Industry is perfect for those who enjoy working with people and have amazing creative flair. Our industry-standard Elite Hair and Beauty Salons are open to the public and allow our students to develop their skills by working with real clients.

We work closely with leading industry specialists who often visit the College to demonstrate cutting-edge hair, beauty therapy and makeup techniques to students. Employer links also give students a valuable insight into the career opportunities in the industry, learning the vital skills needed to secure a job or even start their own salon business.

Career Options*

Beauty Therapist
Average Salary: £18,000

Nail Technician
Average Salary: £19,000

Makeup Artist
Average Salary: £20,000

Salon Manager
Average Salary: £25,000

Barber
Average Salary: £14,000

Industry Facts

40 THOUSAND The number of Hair and Beauty businesses in the UK in 2015

300 THOUSAND The number of people working in the Hair and Beauty Industry

£17 BILLION The amount the Beauty Industry is worth to the UK economy

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

Hair and Beauty Show 2017

As part of their coursework, last year's Hair, Beauty and Media Makeup students competed against each other in the annual Hair and Beauty Show. The theme was Avant Garde which meant students could push the boundaries when setting their own brief to produce whatever they felt passionate about.

The Show is a core part of the Hair, Beauty and Media Makeup courses with the work leading up to, and the show itself, marked as part of students' final grades.

STUDENT PROFILE

Khadra Abow Ahmed

Studying: Level 3 VTCT Diploma in Beauty Specialists Techniques

"People always comment on how good I am at doing makeup, so I wasted no time in enrolling on the introductory course at Waltham Forest College after secondary school.

Things have not always been easy in managing my studies and personal life, but my Guidance and Counselling Officer as well as my tutors offered me a great deal of support that has helped me to keep on progressing. I really enjoy my course; I get to work in a real commercial salon with real customers."

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

VTCT NVQ Diploma - Level 1

This course covers a wide variety of subject areas, enabling you to take the first steps on the ladder to acquiring a number of skills in both Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy. If you enjoy spending time making others look good and feel fantastic and are looking to launch your career within this industry, then this course is for you.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Health and safety
- Assist with salon reception duties
- Shampoo and condition hair
- Assist with facial skin care treatments
- Blow dry hair
- Assist with hair colour services
- Plait and twist hair using basic techniques

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Exams
- Practical assessments
- Oral questions

What next?

Progression to the Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy or employment in the Hair and Beauty Industry.

Hairdressing

VTCT NVQ Diploma - Level 2

This Level 2 Hairdressing course is for those with a keen interest in the Hairdressing Industry who are looking to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and experience required to become a Professional Junior Stylist.

Entry Requirements:

- 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above and a good standard of English and Maths or;
- Level 1 Hairdressing/Beauty qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Following health and safety practice in the salon
- Client consultation for hair services
- Shampoo and conditioning the hair and scalp
- Cutting women's and men's hair
- Colouring and lightening hair
- Promoting products and services to clients in a salon
- Providing scalp massage services

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment is set, marked and internally verified by the centre to clearly demonstrate achievement of the learning outcomes
- Assessment is sampled by BTCT external verifiers

What next?

You can progress onto a Level 3 Hairdressing course or gain more specialised qualifications, such as; Barbering, Wig Services, Bridal Hairstyling. You also have the option of going into an Apprenticeship.

Hairdressing

VTCT NVQ Diploma - Level 3

This course offers a progression of skills and knowledge developed in the Level 2 Beauty Therapy course. It is focused on producing highly proficient, occupationally competent, professional Beauty Therapists that can perform a wide variety of treatments and services and are job ready.

Entry requirements:

- Level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification
- Interview and assessment
- Satisfactory reference

What will I study?

The mandatory units within this qualification include:

- Monitor and maintain health and safety procedures in the salon
- Client care and communication in beauty related industries
- Working in beauty related industries
- Provide body massage
- Provide facial electro-therapy treatments
- Provide body electro-therapy treatments

How will I be assessed?

- Written assignments and online tests
- Practical assessments are undertaken on paying clients and must be completed in a commercially acceptable timescale
- Portfolios of collated study evidence

What can I do after the course?

Continued studies will enable you to confidently start your own business venture or franchise, while Higher Education courses could qualify you for teaching or training posts.

Hair and Media Make-Up

VTCT Diploma - Level 2

The course is for students with a keen interest in the Hair and Make-up Industry who are looking to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to enable you to perform your own salon services to a good level of occupational ability.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at grades 1 to 2 (E to G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment
- Acceptable school reference

What will I study?

- The art of photographic make-up
- Applying skin tanning techniques
- Body art design
- Colour and lighten hair
- Plaiting and twisting hair
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

Assignments
Exams
Practical assessments

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical Makeup and Special Effects, an Apprenticeship or employment in the Hair and Beauty Industry.

Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-Up

VTCT Diploma - Level 3

This Level 3 courses is a technical qualification for learners seeking a career as an employed and/or self-employed theatrical media make-up artist working with performers to a high level of occupational ability, providing hair and make-up services in the media, theatre, performing arts, fashion and photographic industries.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 2 Hair, Beauty or Make-up related course
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Apply airbrush make-up to face
- Camouflage make-up
- Media make-up
- Style and fit a postiche
- Fashion & photographic make-up
- Apply prosthetic pieces and bald cap
- Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Exams
- Practical assessments

What next?

You will have a wide variety of career paths available to you after completing your qualification. This includes working in film and television as a makeup artist. You could also continue studying to set up your own business.

Beauty Therapy General

VTCT NVQ Diploma - Level 2

Do you have a passion for beauty and a desire to develop your skills in this aesthetically driven industry? If so, then this is the course for you. This course will enable you to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and experience required to become a Professional Junior Beauty Therapist.

Entry Requirements:

- 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above and a good standard of English and Maths or; Level 1 Hairdressing/Beauty qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Assist with salon reception duties
- Provide facial skin care treatment
- Enhance the appearance of eyebrows and eyelashes
- Carry out waxing services
- Provide manicure services
- Provide pedicure services
- Develop and maintain effectiveness at work
- Promote additional services or products to customers

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Exams
- Practical assessments
- Oral questions

What next?

You can progress onto the Level 3 Beauty Therapy General qualification to further enhance your skills and knowledge of the industry.

Beauty Therapy General

VTCT NVQ Diploma - Level 3

This course offers a progression of skills and knowledge developed in the Level 2 Beauty Therapy course. This qualification is most suited to students who wish to advance in their profession or to become Salon Managers and/or Salon Owners.

Entry Requirements:

- Level 2 beauty therapy qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Provide body electrical treatments
- Provide facial electrical treatments
- Provide body massage treatments
- Provide electrical epilation treatments
- Monitor procedures to safely control work operations
- Contribute to the planning and implementation of promotional activities
- Provide stone therapy treatments

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Exams
- Practical assessments
- Oral questions

What next?

You could progress onto a university level course or move into a wide variety of career opportunities for the enterprising beautician; from small selective provincial salons, large city salons, ocean liners, film, television and media, training and product development.

Health & Social Care and Early Years

The Care Industry offers a variety of rewarding careers, working with adults or children in the community. With a national shortage of qualified healthcare professionals and an increasing demand for childcare, now is a great time to start your journey to a career in the industry.

All of our courses have a strong practical element and we work closely with a range of employers who provide work placements in a range of settings including hospitals, day care, schools and specialist projects. Many of our students go on to secure a job as a result of their work experience.

Career Options*

Care Assistant
Average Salary: £19,536

Nursery Worker
Average Salary: £21,157

Youth Worker
Average Salary: £22,740

Care Home Manager
Average Salary: £30,363

Nurse
Average Salary: £36,866

Industry Facts

NHS The NHS was the 5th largest employer in the world in 2015

£7.5 BILLION Predicted spending on early education and childcare in 2017

23 THOUSAND Estimated number of day nurseries in the UK. Also 9,600 pre-schools

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STUDENT PROFILE

Rebecca Wiggins

Studying: Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
Progression: Employed as a relief worker at Barnardo's

"I previously studied Applied Animal Welfare Sciences at another institution before deciding to change my career path at Waltham Forest College. I wanted to get in the sector of working with children and young people with severe learning difficulties. I enjoy working with young people at Barnardo's Childrens Charity whilst doing my Diploma in Care.

The course offers the flexibility needed to manage my career and personal life. I would recommend this college to anyone; you'll get the support you need and the right facilities for the right course."

Intro to Health and Social Care and Childcare

CACHE Diploma - Level 1

This course is suitable for people who wish to gain an introduction into Health, Social Care and Child Care. The course offers a good insight into working in a nursery setting and health & social care settings.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grades 1 to 2 (E to G) including Maths and English
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Communication
- The principles and values in health, social care, early years and childcare
- Safeguarding and Protection
- Equality and Inclusion
- Health and Safety

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Classroom assessments

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 course in Early Years or Health & Social Care. You could also explore employment opportunities within the Care Industry.

Health and Social Care

BTEC First Extended Certificate - Level 2

The course allows you to gain a broad understanding and develop skills in the Health and Social Care sector. It will enable you to take steps towards securing a worthwhile career or to progress onto university.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English or a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Successful enhanced DBS check
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Effective communication in Health and Social Care
- Health and social care values
- Vocational Experience in a Health and Social Care setting
- Healthy Living

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Work placement
- Exams

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care. You could also explore employment opportunities within the Care Industry.

Health and Social Care

BTEC Level 3 90-Credit Diploma
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Extended Diploma builds on your knowledge of the industry from Level 2, providing you with a wide range of skills needed for a career in Health and Social Care settings.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or a merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification
- Successful enhanced DBS check
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology
- Development through the life stages
- Sociological perspectives
- Psychology perspectives

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Work placements

What next?

Higher Education courses such as a university Degree or HNC/HND in a related field such as nursing, social work or health promotion. Employment opportunities within the Health and Social care Industry.

Caring for a Child/Children

Entry CACHE Certificate - Level 3

This qualification will help develop the basic skills needed to care for babies or young children. It is the first step to towards studying the qualifications needed for a career in caring for children.

Entry Requirements:

- No formal entry qualifications
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Children's play
- Health and safety
- Nutrition and healthy eating

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Classroom assessments

What next?

Progression to a CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children or a similar qualification.

Caring for Children

CACHE Diploma - Level 1

This is an introductory course in Early Years for people interested in working with and caring for young children in nurseries and other care settings.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grades 1 to 2 (E to G) including Maths and English or Entry Level 3 in Caring for Children
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Activities for children - craft and music
- Play
- Healthy Eating

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Classroom assessments

What next?

Progression to a Level 2 course in Early Years. You could also explore employment opportunities within the Care Industry.

Children and Young People's Workforce

CACHE Certificate - Level 2

This is an ideal course for those wishing to work in a variety of Early Years settings under supervision.

For this course you will be required to study one day a week in College and 2 days in a work placement setting.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English or a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Successful enhanced DBS check
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Safeguarding
- Health and safety
- Diversity and inclusion
- How to support children's learning and development

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Placement observations

What next?

Progression to a Level 3 Early Years Educator CACHE Diploma. Employment as an assistant in an Early Years setting.

Childcare and Education

CACHE Diploma - Level 3

This is a one year course for anyone aged 16 – 18. This course is ideal for those wishing to work in a variety of Early Years settings.

Entry Requirements:

- 5 GCSE's Grade 4 (C) and above (Grade 4 (C) in English required)
- Successful enhanced DBS check
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Early Years curriculum
- Health and safety
- Play
- Personal and professional development
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Externally set assessment task
- Work placements assessment
- Exams in English and Maths depending on GCSE grades

What next?

Progression on a Level 4 or 5 Early Years or Health and Social Care qualification. Alternatively, you can seek Employment opportunities within Early Years settings.

Public Services

The Public Service Industry really does make a difference. It offers rewarding and challenging careers ranging from the emergency services to the military. Our courses provide students with the practical and theoretical knowledge to prepare for a career in the uniformed services or public sector.

Students take part in practical team building exercises and leadership activities throughout their course, including visits to see the public services in action. We encourage all of our students to get involved in volunteering and charitable opportunities, which are a key part of our courses and help to enhance key industry skills.

We have close links with a large number of employers including the Police Service, Fire Service and St. John's Ambulance, ensuring that students have every opportunity to progress into jobs.

Career Options*

Paramedic
Average Salary: £31,000

Firefighter
Average Salary: £32,000

Forensic Technician
Average Salary: £38,000

Police Officer
Average Salary: £38,760

Military / Defence
Average Salary: £43,016

Industry Facts

999 CALLS

In 2012 52% of 999 calls were for the Police, 41% for Ambulance, 6% for Fire Service and 1% for Coastguard

200 ROLES

The British Army has over 200 job roles

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STUDENT PROFILE

Milan Cubra

Studied: Public Services - Level 3
Progression: City, University of London - LLB Law

"I initially joined the Public Services course at Waltham Forest College because I aspired to become a Police Officer. However, after learning the different units within the course I now aim to become a lawyer.

All the Public Services tutors have been supportive and they constantly push you to perform to the maximum of your capabilities.

As a public service student I have developed my personal and social skills and most importantly I have become a more confident person.

If you make the most of your time studying at this college, the experiences you gain will help you succeed in every aspect of your life".

Public Services

BTEC Diploma - Level 1

This Introductory Diploma is designed to equip students with a practical and theoretical foundation for careers in the uniformed Public Services. Students will gain an understanding of this industry in general and an insight into the various career options available to them.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Public Service group project
- Public Service careers
- Personal skills for the Public Services
- Practical teamwork in the Public Services

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment
- Coursework
- Practical activity
- Study visits
- Team building

What next?

Progression to a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services or employment within the industry.

Public Services

BTEC Diploma - Level 2

This course is designed to explore the career opportunities in the uniformed public Services, looking in-depth at the skills required. Students have the opportunity to experience the industry in real settings with a range of trips and activities.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 2 (E) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Public Service skills
- Crime and its effects on society
- Improving health and fitness for entry to the uniformed Public Services
- Employment in the Uniformed Public Services

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment
- Coursework
- Practical activity
- Study visits
- Team building

What next?

Progression to a BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Public Services or employment within the industry.

Public Services

Level 3 BTEC 90-Credit Diploma (Year 1)
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma (Year 2)

The Level 3 course takes the next step towards a career in the Public Services Industry. Students will continue to explore the roles and responsibilities of Public Service roles and take a look at aspects of the legal system and how it plays a part in the industry.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma (Merit) or equivalent
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Government policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and teamwork in the Public Services
- Crime and its effects on society
- Exercise, health and lifestyle

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment
- Coursework
- Practical activity
- Study visits
- Team building

What next?

Employment within the uniformed public services or business sector.

Sport and Fitness

Sport and Fitness offers a variety of employment opportunities across the country. We offer a range of courses that will teach you about different aspects of the Sports Industry from fitness training and understanding how the body works, to preparing to coach a range of sports activities and organising sports events.

In addition to our own programmes, we are also partnered with Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and Leyton Orient FC to bring you courses that include the opportunity to play football at a high level. Students are also given the chance to take part in local community sport projects, providing valuable work experience.

Career Options*

Personal Trainer
Average Salary: £18,000

Sports Coach
Average Salary: £25,632

Sport Physiotherapist
Average Salary: £29,000

P.E. Teacher
Average Salary: £31,000

Professional Footballer
Average Salary: £40,500 (League 2)

Industry Facts

450 THOUSAND
In 2015 the Sports Industry provided over 450,000 jobs

£20 BILLION
The UK Sports Industry is worth over £20 billion and is still growing

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS
It is estimated that the London 2012 Olympic Games contributed £16.5 billion to the UK economy up to 2017

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

STUDENT PROFILE

Sandro Semedo

Studied: Level 1 BTEC Diploma in Sport (Leyton Orient)
Progression: Professional contract with Leyton Orient FC

"Prior to enrolling on the Leyton Orient Sport programme at Waltham Forest College, I played midfielder on my youth team back home in Portugal. The opportunities back home have not always been plain sailing, but I was determined to reach the top and be the best I can be. My team coach saw me play a couple of times and asked me to train with the Academy which subsequently led to me being offered my first professional two year contract. I enjoyed my course; I've learned many things about coaching and stuff that happens off the pitch as well as on the pitch".

Sport & Activity Leisure

YMCA Diploma - Level 1

This qualification is for students who are very interested in sport, fitness and leisure and wish to develop their knowledge and skills in preparation for working in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English and Maths
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Functions of the skeletal, muscular and cardio-respiratory systems
- Requirements of a healthy diet
- Different exercise and fitness activities and facilities
- The workplace; risks and hazards, employee rights and responsibilities
- Physical activities for children and the role of the adult
- How to support a leader of a sports or active leisure activity
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Portfolio of evidence
- Observed performance
- Task-based controlled assessment
- Performance in the workplace

What next?

It will enable students to make informed choices about progression onto the right Level 2 qualification for them and/or employment in the sector.

Health, Fitness, and Exercise Instruction

YMCA Diploma - Level 2

This qualification is aimed at students who want to work in the Health and Fitness Industry and is the industry required qualification for working in a gym.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English or a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology
- Health, safety and welfare
- Communication with clients
- Employment law
- Benefits of a balanced diet
- Planning group exercises

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment
- Multiple choice examination
- Portfolio of evidence
- Practical demonstration/assignment
- Written examination

What next?

This course is a mandatory prerequisite for anyone wishing to study Level 3 Certificate in Personal Training. It can also lead to further level 3 study of Sport and/or employment.

Sport - Tottenham Hotspur FC

Level 2 BTEC First Certificate

This course is for students who wish to gain an introductory understanding of the study of Sport. Students will also take part in an extensive enrichment programme run in conjunction with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation. Selected students will represent Waltham Forest College at inter-college football competitions.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths and English or a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology
- Fitness testing
- Training methods
- Sport psychology
- Leading sports activities
- There will also be an opportunity for suitable students to achieve a Level 1 national governing body certificate from the FA.

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment/Observations
- Coursework

What next?

This course offers possible progression onto a Level 3 programme of study and will educate you on the possible employment routes available within the sports and leisure sector.

Working in Sport - Tottenham Hotspur FC

NCFE Diploma - Level 2

This course is for students who wish to gain an introductory understanding of the study of sport and active leisure. Students can also take part in an extensive Enrichment Programme run in conjunction with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation. Selected students will represent Waltham Forest College at inter-college football competitions.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) including Maths or English or relevant Level 1 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology for sport
- Injury and the sports performer
- Fitness for sport and exercise
- Practical sports performance

How will I be assessed?

- Assessment/Observations
- Coursework

What next?

This course will educate you on the possible employment routes available within the sports and active leisure sector and help prepare you to enter the work place or progress onto a Level 3 programme of study.

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Sport - Tottenham Hotspur FC

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

This course is designed to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to progress to university or a career within the Sports Industry. Students will also take part in an extensive Enrichment Programme run in conjunction with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths or Merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports coaching
- Fitness testing
- The physiology of fitness
- Nutrition
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Reports and observations
- Presentations

What next?

Progression to Degree courses at university such as Sport Science or Sports Coaching. Some students will enter employment within the Sports Industry.

Sport

BTEC 90-Credit Diploma - Level 3 (Year 1)
BTEC Extended Diploma - Level 3 (Year 2)

This course is ideal for those who want to pursue the academic study of sport.
You will learn about different aspects of the study of Sport, from detailed anatomy and physiology to fitness testing and the organisation and development of sport.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths or Merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports coaching
- Fitness testing
- The physiology of fitness
- Nutrition

How will I be assessed?

- Reports and observations
- Presentations

What next?

The BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport is equivalent to 3 A-levels which can lead to a range of excellent Degree courses at university such as PE Teaching, Sport Science or Sports Therapy.

Sport - Leyton Orient FC

BTEC Diploma - Level 1

This course is aimed at young people who wish to study sports and leisure in a professional vocational sports setting based at Leyton Orient Football Club and the Score Sports Complex.

Football students will receive 6 hours of coaching from Leyton Orient Trust as part of their enrichment programme. There will also be an opportunity to gain an FA Level 1 Coaching Qualification.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 to 2 (E to G) including English and Maths
- Other relevant qualifications or evidence of prior learning
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- How the body works
- Taking part in sport, exercise and fitness
- Planning your own fitness program
- Planning and leading a sports activity
- Working in sport and active leisure
- Carrying out an individual project/Working in a team
- Functional Skills English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Practical skills
- Fitness levels
- Theory assessment

What next?

Employment within the Sports and Leisure industry, or progression to the BTEC Level 2 course.

Sport - Leyton Orient FC

NCFE Diploma in Sport - Pathway 3 - Working in Sport - Level 2

This course is aimed at young people who wish to study sports and leisure in a professional vocational sports setting based at Leyton Orient Football Club and the Score Sports Complex.

Football students will receive 6 hours of coaching from Leyton Orient Trust as part of their enrichment programme. There will also be an opportunity to gain an FA Level 1 Coaching Qualification.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above including English and Maths Grade 2 (E) or above
- Pass/Merit in a relevant Level 1 qualification
- Interview and assessment
- Minimum Entry 3 English

What will I study?

- Physical fitness and injuries in sport
- Plan, deliver and evaluate an activity session
- Planning and running a sport event
- Understanding business in sport
- Introduction to healthy exercise and nutrition

How will I be assessed?

- Practical skills
- Fitness levels
- Theory internal assessments

What next?

Progression to a BTEC Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma or employment within the Sports and Leisure industry.

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Sport - Leyton Orient FC

Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (60 credits) - Year 1

Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Sport (120 credits) - Year 2

OR

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (180 credits) - Year 2

This Diploma is designed to equip you with the necessary skills for a career within the Sports industry. This course is ideal for those who wish to study sports and leisure in a professional vocational sports setting based at Leyton Orient Football Club and the Score Sports Complex.

Football students will receive 6 hours of coaching from Leyton Orient Trust as part of their enrichment programme. There will also be an opportunity to gain an FA Level 1 Coaching Qualification.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths Grade 3 (D) or above
- Merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification
- Interview and assessment
- Minimum Level 1 English/Maths

What will I study?

- Principles of anatomy and physiology
- Physiology of fitness
- Fitness testing for sport and exercise
- Sports coaching
- Practical individual/Team sport
- Sports development
- Assessing risk in sport

How will I be assessed?

- Continuous assessment through coursework and practical work

What next?

Progression to Higher Education or employment within the Sports and Leisure Industry.

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Supported Learning

Waltham Forest College is proud of the variety of courses, facilities and training opportunities we offer for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Our specialised Entry Level courses can prepare students for independent living or progression on to one of our Study Programmes.

Supported Learning has a range of dedicated facilities in a very welcoming environment for students. This includes our brand new training flat, designed to teach household skills needed for independent living. The Lowery Centre on Campus is also home to the College Retail Shop which is run by our Supported Learning students.

STUDENT PROFILE

Sayvion Duncan

Studying: Work Prep B - Award - Entry Level 3

"I enjoy coming to Waltham Forest College because I meet a lot of people and have made lots of friends.

The tutors are really good and always help me to push myself forward. The thing I enjoy most about my course is the cycle repairing, it helps to be part of a team, which means I get to meet more people".

Personal Progress

Life Skills A - Award - Entry Level 1

What will I study?

You will study to develop the skills you need to be more independent and self-confident. You will study units such as:

- Creative practical skills such as preparing food and cooking, drawing, painting, gardening
- Developing independent skills
- Money management skills
- Enterprise projects
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Working with your tutor you will complete assessments and create a portfolio of work of evidence which can be written, typed or photographic

What next?

Progression to a supported learning course at Entry Level 2 or above, a supported work scheme or supported independent living.

Personal Progress (QCF)

Life Skills B - Diploma - Entry Level 1

What will I study?

You will continue to develop the skills you need to be more independent and self-confident. You will study units such as:

- Art, cooking techniques and gardening
- Developing independent skills
- Money management skills/work skills
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Working with your tutor you will complete assessments and create a portfolio of work

What next?

Progression to a supported learning course at Entry Level 2 or above, a supported work scheme or supported independent living.

Skills for Independence and Work

Work Preparation A - Entry Level 2

What will I study?

You will develop a range of life skills that build your independence at work, home and in the community. You will study units such as:

- Managing money
- Using public transport
- Personal safety
- Supported work placement
- English and Maths

How will I be assessed?

- Portfolio of work with support from your tutor
- English and Maths exams

What next?

Progression to a supported learning course at entry Level 3 or above, a supported work scheme, or supported independent living.

Vocational Studies

Routes to Learning - BTEC Award in - Entry Level 3

What will I study?

You will focus on developing a range of work skills to prepare you for employment. You will study units such as:

- Searching and applying for jobs
- CV writing/Interview preparation
- Supported work placement
- English and Maths
- Learning the skills to repair bicycles

How will I be assessed?

- Portfolio of work with support from your tutor
- English and Maths exams

What next?

Progression to a vocational course at Level 1, employment or independent living.

Personal and Social Development

Work Preparation B - Award - Entry Level 3

Entry requirements:

- This programme is designed for students with learning difficulties and individual needs
- Foundation Learning Certificate at Entry Level 2 or straight from school
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

You will focus on developing a range of work skills to prepare you for employment You will study subjects such as:

- Searching and applying for jobs
- CV writing
- Interview preparation
- You will take part in a supported work placement to develop your skills and understanding about the world of work
- You will also study English and Maths as part of the course

How will I be assessed?

- Working with your tutor, you will complete assessments and create a portfolio
- An examination in Functional skills in English and Maths

What next?

A Foundation Level course in your chosen vocational area, or supported employment.

Travel and Tourism

Tourism is an exciting and varied industry that offers many opportunities to see the World and experience new things.

Students get to understand world travel first-hand during visits to tourist destinations and by understanding what is involved in marketing, customer service and administration, learn key skills that are transferable to many other industries.

Each year, we organise a number of trips and guest speaker to give students an insight into the logistics of Travel and Tourism businesses.

Career Options*

Holiday Representative
Average Salary: £500 per month + expenses

Cabin Crew
Average Salary: £20,000

Travel Agent
Average Salary: £27,171

Events Management
Average Salary: £31,924

Industry Facts

£257 BILLION Travel and Tourism Industry's value to the UK economy by 2025

37.6 MILLION Number of overseas visitors to the UK in 2016

THREE MILLION Estimated number of people employed in the UK Tourism Industry

*Figures stated are guidelines only and based on UK averages. Source: reed.co.uk and National Careers Service. Starting salaries may be lower than this, depending on your qualifications and experience.

STUDENT PROFILE

Sheila Gurriah

Studying: Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism
Progression: BA in Korean and Development Studies

"I came to Waltham Forest College because I live locally and have always loved the structure and architecture. I wasn't sure what to do at first, but have always loved travel and languages so took the Travel and Tourism course.

I learnt a lot about travelling, as well as the developing world, countries laws and policies, poverty and gained a better knowledge of what is happening in the world.

After university, I would like to work for an NGO, first starting in Korea and then to different locations around the world".

Hospitality and Tourism

BTEC Introductory Diploma - Level 1

This qualification is for students who are interested in Travel and Hospitality and wish to develop their knowledge and skills in preparation for working in the Travel and Hospitality Industry.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 1 (G) or above including English or Maths
- A passion for travel
- Assessment and interview

What will I study?

You will study core units focused on key transferable personal skills and subject specialist units such as:

- Exploring local visitor attractions
- Using websites to make holiday choices
- Delivering customer service in Hospitality and Tourism

How will I be assessed?

- All assessment is internal using a variety of methods for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.
- Interview and assessment

What next?

Progression onto level 2 further study of Travel and Tourism or another subject.

Travel and Tourism

NCFE Diploma - Level 2 with NCFE Certificate in Exploring the Aviation Industry - Level 1

Students have the opportunity to participate in off-site visits to national locations. These are enjoyable activities, which are designed to help you with your coursework.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grades 2 to 3 (D to F) or above including English and Maths at Grade 2 (E) or above
- Travel and Tourism Introductory Diploma Level 1
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

You will study units such as:

- Customer service in Travel and Tourism
- The UK Travel and Tourism Industry
- Promotion in Travel and Tourism
- The Aviation Industry
- Aviation terminology
- Airport locational geography

How will I be assessed?

All assessment is internal using a variety of methods for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge through a portfolio of evidence.

What next?

Further study on a BTEC Extended Diploma or equivalent Level 3 programme. Employment within the Travel & Tourism Industry or an Apprenticeship.

Travel and Tourism

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (6 Unit) - Level 3

This course is for those wishing to pursue a career in the Travel and Tourism industry. Potential Job opportunities after completing this course includes those working for airlines, travel agents, transport and tourism providers, hotel and accommodation and public and private sectors.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including English and Maths at Grade 3 (D) or above (Merit or equivalent)
- Interview and assessment
- Travel and Tourism Extended Certificate Level 2

What will I study?

- Customer service
- Marketing
- Preparing for employment
- European destinations
- World-wide destinations plus other units

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Portfolio of evidence
- Presentations
- Study visits

What next?

Potential job opportunities after completing this course include airlines, airports, travel agents, transport and tourism providers, hotel and accommodation within the public sectors. You can also continue your studies further at university.

Travel and Tourism

Level 3 BTEC 90-Credit Diploma (Year 1)
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma (Year 2)

The Extended Diploma is designed to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to progress to university or a career within the Travel industry.

Entry Requirements:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or a relevant Level 2 qualification
- Interview and assessment

What will I study?

- Customer service
- Marketing
- Preparing for employment
- European destinations
- World-wide destinations plus other units

How will I be assessed?

- Assignments
- Portfolio of evidence
- Presentations
- Study visits

What next?

Potential job opportunities after completing this course include airlines, airports, travel agents, transport and tourism providers, hotel and accommodation within the public sectors. You can also continue your studies further at university.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer paid work with on-the-job training, qualifications and progression.

Courses Available

- Business and Administration
- Customer Service
- Hairdressing
- Meat and Poultry
- Professional Cookery
- Food & Beverage Service
- Floor-covering
- Maintenance Operations
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Engineering (STEM)
- Electrical Installation
- Painting & Decorating
- Rail Engineering (Track)
- Recruitment Resourcing
- Apparel
- Adult social care
- Team Leading

The Prince's Trust Team Programme

Join The Prince's Trust Team Programme, our 12-week personal development programme, for the chance to gain new skills, take a qualification and meet new people.

The Prince's Trust Team programme is designed to help young people aged 16-25 develop transferable skills that are essential to pursue a successful career in education or employment.

When you come on board, you'll be challenged to:

- Take on your own group community project, making a positive difference to the place where you live
- Take part in an action packed residential trip
- Get two weeks' work experience in something you're interested in
- Develop your English and Maths skills
- Improve your interview and CV skills to ensure your confidence is sky-high when taking the next step

At the end of the programme, you will gain a nationally recognised qualification in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills.

It's completely free and won't affect your Jobseeker's Allowance.

Open Events

Join us at one of our open events to find out all about studying at Waltham Forest College.

You can meet our students and staff, ask questions, take a look at our facilities and see how we can help you take the next step to your career.

Saturday 2nd September 2017 | 10:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday 8th November 2017 | 4:30pm to 7:30pm
Saturday 27th January 2018 | 10:00am to 1:00pm
Wednesday 21st March 2018 | 4:30pm to 7:30pm
Wednesday 16th May 2018 | 4:30pm to 7:30pm

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How to Apply

If you think you've found the right course, then follow the instructions below. If you're still not sure and need advice email myfuture@waltham.ac.uk, send us a message on Facebook or call 020 8501 8501.

Apply online at www.waltham.ac.uk

Find your **course**, on the course page hit the **apply button** to fill in the online application form.

Post your application form

Fill in the application form at the back of this guide and post it to:

Admissions and Enrolment Team
Waltham Forest College
Walthamstow
London E17 4JB

What Happens Next?

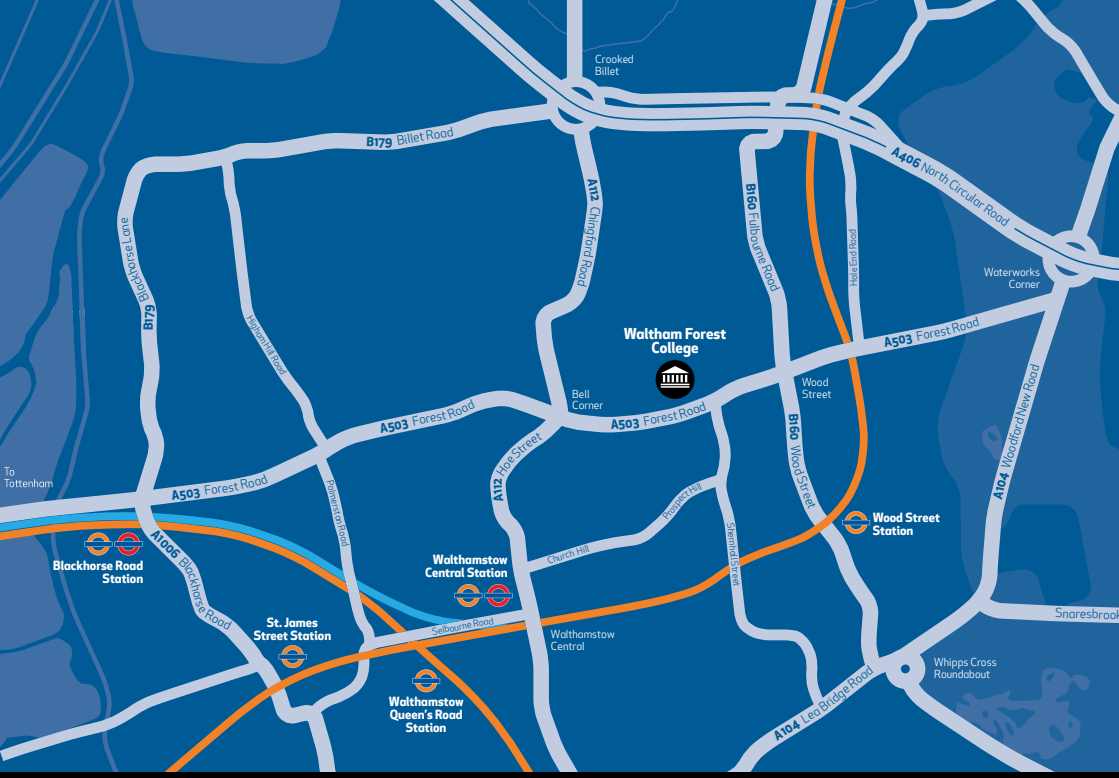
Once we have received your application we will be in touch within 10 days.

All students are required to have an interview with a course tutor to make sure that the course is appropriate for you.

If you are successful, you will be given an offer of a place at College which might be conditional on you getting the right exam grades before September.

We invite all our applicants in for a taster day just before the summer break, to give you a flavour of what College is like and complete a short Maths and English assessment.

After GCSE results day in August we will invite you to bring in your exam results and pick up your ID card. If your results aren't what you expected, don't worry. We will discuss your options with you and find the right course for you.



How to Find Us

Tube

Walthamstow Central (Victoria Line) is a 15minute walk to the College or a 5-10 minute bus journey.

Overground/Rail

Trains run between London Liverpool Street and Chingford via Walthamstow. Wood Street station is approximately a 10-minute walk from the College. London Overground also serves Blackhorse Road between Gospel Oak and Barking.

Buses

From Walthamstow Central, route 275 stops directly outside the College. Route 212 stops across the road from the College (Shernhall Street). Buses 97, 357, 34 or 215 stop at the 'Bell Corner' (junction of Hoe Street and Forest Road). From here, the College is approximately 5-minute walk.

Route 123 also stops outside the College and runs between Tottenham and Ilford.

To plan your journey and check the latest travel updates, visit tfl.gov.uk

Please note: Parking at the College is limited with the exception of disabled access.

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