



STUDENT GUIDE

# YOUR POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES



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Now that you have finished year 11 it is a great time to get ready for your future courses so that you can be confident when you start your 'A' levels or vocational course. This booklet will give you some information, reading options and work towards your qualifications. It may be that you are thinking about your choice of course or you're not sure about 1 or 2 of your 'A' level options. This booklet will give you the opportunity to learn more about each subject so that you are sure about your choices when you return to education in September. If you have not yet decided on your course, you can look at the information from all of the colleges. This is a great opportunity for you to do some research to make sure that you choose the right course for you. You can try some of the work set and see which subject or course would suit you. If you have not got a firm place remember to have a back-up plan in case you do not get the grades you were expecting, or you do not secure an apprenticeship. Remember to have your CV up to date for any future interviews.

The Worcestershire Careers Hub is here to help you and has put the following information together to help you. If you need any further information, please contact us at [cec@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:cec@worcestershire.gov.uk)



## SCHOOL/COLLEGE INFO

If you want to speak to any school, 6th form college or F.E. college you can contact them directly. They will be happy to answer your questions or talk through any concerns that you have. You are still able to enrol on courses, speak to careers advisers and get more information. You will find information on each of the college and 6th form websites. If you have not yet had an interview you will still be able to have an interview if the course has spaces. If you are not sure which course to take the 6th forms and colleges have staff who will be able to advise you.

## SKILLS4WORCESTERSHIRE

The Skills4Worcestershire website has lots of information to help you and your parents/carers. There is careers advice, job profiles, help with writing a CV, information about job sectors, how to prepare for working life, details about Worcestershire's employment market, information about further and higher education and much more.

Visit the skills4worcestershireshire website [here](#).



# CAREERS WORCS

If you are undecided on what you want to do contact your school's careers adviser who is available to help you. There is also the Careers Worcestershire helpline. This is a team of qualified advisers from Worcestershire who can help you if you have not secured a place in education, training or an apprenticeship. They can be contacted as follows: by email at [careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk) or by phone on 0300 666 3 666.

## ADVICE

There are lots of websites available with information to help you if you are not sure what course you want to take in September. The first thing to do is to find out more about you. What do you like and what don't you like? What sort of person are you? What are your strengths and what would you like to improve? Get a piece of paper and write some key words down to help you then take the [Buzz Quiz](#). In under 5 minutes you will find out your strengths and what makes you tick. Then you can look at job profiles on the [National Careers Service](#) or [Prospects](#) websites. There is lots of information about hundreds of jobs so you can see whether your skills match the jobs. You can find out which course will help you reach your chosen career and what sort of salary you can expect.

For those of you not sure about which A-levels to choose [the Uni Guide](#) will help.



## SCHOOL 6TH FORMS

If you are in a Worcestershire school which has a 6th form you will be able to speak to your careers adviser or another member of staff, such as your year 11 tutor, head of year 11 or head of 6th form about your options.

The schools that have 6th forms can be found on the [Skills4Worcestershire](#) website. These schools have provided work for students to complete for their A level studies starting in September. On the following pages are links to A level and vocational course work from Worcester 6th Form which can be completed by anybody. The work, information and links will give you a good idea what to expect from A levels and level three vocational qualifications wherever you decide to study. The more work you do before you start your course, the better prepared that you will be.

# WORCESTER 6TH FORM COLLEGE



Worcester 6th Form College has provided work for all the A-level and vocational courses that it runs for students who have a place in September. Below are links to those subjects from Worcester 6th Form College with the work for you to complete to help you gain a greater understanding of the subject area. There is information about the subject, work to be completed by September, reading lists, optional extra work and much more. Click on the links below to access the information for their courses. If you are not sure what it will be like at Worcester 6th form college look at their [video tour](#) to find out what a typical day would be like. Remember to keep checking their [website](#) for up to date information.

## A-LEVELS

- > [Accounting](#)
- > [Biology](#)
- > [Business Studies](#)
- > [Chemistry](#)
- > [Classical Civilisation](#)
- > [Computer Science](#)
- > [Dance](#)
- > [Drama](#)
- > [Economics](#)
- > [English Language](#)
- > [English Literature](#)
- > [Environmental Science](#)
- > [Film Studies](#)
- > [Fine Art](#)
- > [French](#)
- > [Geography](#)
- > [Geology](#)
- > [German](#)
- > [Graphic Design](#)
- > [Early Modern History](#)
- > [Modern History](#)
- > [Law](#)
- > [Maths](#)
- > [Media Studies](#)
- > [Music](#)
- > [PE](#)
- > [Philosophy](#)
- > [Religion Ethics](#)
- > [Photography](#)
- > [Physics](#)
- > [Politics](#)
- > [Psychology](#)
- > [Sociology](#)
- > [Spanish](#)

## VOCATIONAL COURSES

- > [Level 3 Applied Business](#)
- > [Level 3 CPLD](#)
- > [Level 3 Criminology](#)
- > [Level 3 Engineering](#)
- > [Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition](#)
- > [Level 3 Health and Social Care](#)
- > [Level 3 Information Technology](#)
- > [Level 3 Music Technology](#)
- > [Level 3 Performing Arts](#)
- > [Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science](#)
- > [Level 3 Travel and Tourism](#)
- > [Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services](#)

# KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE



## VOCATIONAL COURSES

Kidderminster College offers a huge variety of vocational courses and apprenticeships. Below is an information sheet for each of the vocational courses that Kidderminster College run. Choose the guide that links to your chosen vocational area and learn more about it and where it could lead you to in the future.

More information and advice for September 2021 students or prospective students can be found [here](#).

- > [Access To Further Education](#)
- > [Access to Higher Education for Health Care Professionals](#)
- > [Animal Care](#)
- > [Art & Design](#)
- > [Business & Professional Studies](#)
- > [Computing, IT & Digital](#)
- > [Construction & Electrical](#)
- > [Creative Industries: Acting, Dance, Musical Theatre, Performing Arts & Technical Theatre](#)
- > [Creative Industries: Music](#)
- > [Early Years Educators](#)
- > [Equine](#)
- > [Foundation](#)
- > [Games Development / eSports](#)
- > [Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy](#)
- > [Health & Social Care](#)
- > [Media](#)
- > [Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle, & Vehicle Respraying](#)
- > [Public Services](#)
- > [Sport](#)
- > [Travel & Tourism](#)

# HEART OF WORCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE



WCG

WCG

The staff at WCG have put together activities to be completed at home for those students starting in September 2021. Any work is to be handed in at the start of the Autumn term but there are also clips to watch, activities to complete and books to read. All work will help you have a greater understanding of your course and give you a headstart when you start college. Click on the links below to find out more. You can still do the work, watch the clips and read the books if you have not yet chosen a course. It will help you decide what is right for you. Keep checking the college website for new information and details about virtual open events.

## SUMMER PROJECTS 2021

HoW college staff have been working hard to create some Summer Projects for all their prospective students. These projects are a great way for you to get an idea of what you can expect from your course this coming September, and to have a go at some content that will start preparing you for the subject you've chosen to study. Simply click the link below to have a look at the projects they have! Each subject area has a project book for you to complete. Remember the website will have up to date information including virtual open events.

### BUSINESS

- > [Business and Enterprise part 1](#)
- > [Business and Enterprise Part 2](#)
- > [Business Administration](#)

### COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA

- > [Game Design](#)
- > [IT and Computing](#)

### CONSTRUCTION

- > [Bricklaying](#)
- > [Carpentry](#)
- > [Painting and Decorating](#)
- > [Plastering](#)
- > [Plumbing](#)
- > [Construction Skills for Employment in the Construction Industries](#)

### CREATIVE ARTS

- > [Art and Design](#)
- > [Music](#)
- > [Performing Arts](#)
- > [TV and Film](#)

### ENGINEERING

- > [Electrical Engineering](#)
- > [Electrical Installation](#)
- > [Mechanical Engineering](#)
- > [Motor Vehicle](#)

### HAIR AND BEAUTY

- > [Hair Beauty Media make-up](#)
- > [Hair Beauty and Media Make-up Health and Safety](#)
- > [Hair Beauty and Media Make-up Client care consultation](#)

### HEALTH & SOCIALCARE AND EARLY YEARS

- > [Health and Social Care and Early Years](#)

### HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

- > [Hospitality and Catering](#)

### PUBLIC SERVICES

- > [Public Services](#)

### SCIENCE

- > [Applied science and Psychology](#)
- > [Chemical Analysis in Forensics](#)
- > [How Bones are used in Forensics](#)
- > [The use of algebra formula in forensics](#)
- > [Chemistry Biology and Physics](#)
- > [What Happens to a Body After Death](#)
- > [Psychology](#)

### SPORTS

- > [Sports](#)

### TRAVEL AND TOURISM

- > [Travel and Tourism](#)

## EVESHAM CAMPUS

### ENGINEERING

- > [Engineering All Levels](#)

### GRAPHICS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

- > [Business and Digital Technology Level 2](#)
- > [Business and E-sports Level 2 and 3](#)
- > [Graphics and Photography Level 2 and 3](#)
- > [Digital Graphic Design](#)
- > [Photography](#)
- > [Esports and game design](#)
- > [Games Design](#)

### HAIR AND BEAUTY

- > [Beauty Therapy Level 2](#)
- > [Hairdressing Level 2 Project 1](#)
- > [Hairdressing Level 2 Project 2](#)
- > [Hairdressing Level 2 Project 3](#)
- > [Barbering](#)

### EARLY YEARS

- > [Early Years Practitioner Lv 2](#)
- > [Early Years Educator Level 3](#)

### MOTOR VEHICLE

- > [Light Vehicle Maintenance](#)

### SUPPORTED LEARNING

- > [Foundation Learning \(Catering\)](#)

## PERSHORE CAMPUS

### ANIMAL AND VETERINARY NURSING

- > [Animal Care/Management Level 1, 2 and 3](#)

### HORTICULTURE

- > [Horticulture Level 2](#)

### SPORT

- > [CTFC Football Development Programme Level 3](#)

### SUPPORTED LEARNING

- > [Foundation Courses](#)
- > [Foundation Skills Programme \(Landbased\)](#)

# HARTPURY COLLEGE

Hartpury College have provided a series of quizzes to see what you know about your chosen subject area. Take the quiz and see what you know and what you need to find out before you start your course at Hartpury. You can find out more about Hartpury College on their [website](#).

## AGRICULTURE

There are lots of different routes into the agriculture industry and a huge amount of interesting jobs. The agriculture industry is growing in Worcestershire and needs more young people to train and work in the sector. Click [here](#) to find out more about jobs in the agriculture industry and a couple of short clips about people working in the sector.

[Hartpury College Agriculture Quiz](#)

Find out more about Agriculture courses at Hartpury [here](#).

## ANIMAL CARE

The animal care industry offers opportunities to work in veterinary surgeries, kennels or catteries, through to animal charities, zoos and wildlife parks. The work in this industry generally covers the health, welfare, handling supervision and husbandry of animals. Meet some of the people working in the animal care industry [here](#).

Find out more about Animal Care courses at Hartpury [here](#).



## EQUINE

Working with horses is fulfilling and varied. It can involve working on studs, in yards, in racecourses or in the forces. Jobs include grooms, jockeys, event riders, equine relationship managers, riding instructors, equine dental technicians, dressage staff, showjumpers and many more.

You can find out more about working in the equine industry [here](#).

Find out more about Equine courses at Hartpury [here](#).

## SPORT

The sport and leisure industry covers a wide range of areas, with jobs in sectors such as sport and recreation, health and fitness, playwork, and outdoor pursuits.

Find out more about working in the sports industry [here](#).

[Hartpury College Sports Quiz](#)

Find out more about Sports courses at Hartpury [here](#).

# HEREFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS

The logo for Hereford College of Arts, consisting of the letters 'HCA' in a stylized, outlined font.

Hereford College of Arts have provided links to productions that can be streamed online plus resources for students wishing to study the performing arts. You can find out more about Hereford College of Arts on their [website](#). Here you will find out about virtual events and can take the virtual experience.

[London Theatre - Stage Shows, Musicals and Opera](#)

[Theatre Resources for Isolation](#)

There are thousands of jobs in the Creative Industries including animators, exhibition designers, lighting technicians, choreographers, film marketing assistants and many many more. It may be that you want to be an accountant but work in a creative environment. The Creative Careers [website](#) brings together careers information and opportunities from creative organisations in one directory and enables you to explore careers and opportunities.





## APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work gaining valuable workplace skills and experience. You are treated just like all the other employees, with a contract of employment and holiday leave. If you're 16 or over, you can become an apprentice if you spend at least 50% of your working hours in England - for the whole of the apprenticeship and you are not in full-time education.

Worcestershire Apprenticeships support young people in Worcestershire who are looking for Apprenticeships. They can help by providing you with impartial information, advice, guidance and support and they list of all the apprenticeships in Worcestershire which you can find [here](#). You can call Worcestershire Apprenticeships on 0300 666 3 666 or email them at [info@worcestershireapprenticeships.org.uk](mailto:info@worcestershireapprenticeships.org.uk). There is also the government's apprenticeship website with lots of information and all of the vacancies in England which can be accessed [here](#).

There may not be many live vacancies on the websites now due to the current pandemic as lots of companies have had to furlough their employees. However, the training providers are still recruiting for their courses. They will be able to interview you by telephone. You must also have a back-up plan or plan B if you have not got a place in college or 6th form so you can have a look at the other pages in this booklet and see which courses suit you best by finding more on the college websites, reading about various careers and trying some of the work that has been set.

## TRAINEESHIPS

If you are thinking about an Apprenticeship but are not quite ready for the world of work, then a Traineeship might be just right for you. A Traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that will help you gain the skills and experience that employers are looking for. It consists of work preparation training, English and Maths for those who need it, and a high-quality work experience placement. Traineeships include work experience placements to help you gain practical experience and skills for the workplace. During the placement you will build up skills to help you secure an apprenticeship or to find full-time employment. At the end of the programme you will get an exit interview and reference from your employer. Traineeships are for young people almost 'work ready' and can last for up to six months.

A Traineeship will put you in a better position to apply for an Apprenticeship or job.

Traineeships in Worcestershire are available with [Young Adult Learning](#) who work with training providers and employers across Worcestershire, [Nova Training](#), [WCG](#) and [Kidderminster College](#).

[Worcestershire Apprenticeships](#) can support you in finding a Traineeship. You can call Worcestershire Apprenticeships on 0300 666 3 666 or email them at [info@worcestershireapprenticeships.org.uk](mailto:info@worcestershireapprenticeships.org.uk).





# T-LEVELS

**T Levels are a brand new 2-year qualification designed by Government to give you a head start towards the career you want and can be done as an alternative to A-levels, Apprenticeships and other Post-16 courses often in a college environment.**

T Levels are backed by leading employers to give you the knowledge and skills for the career you want. They give you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies by spending about 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% in a workplace setting on a 45-day placement with an employer.

When you pass your T Level, you will get a nationally recognised certificate showing the overall grade you achieved that can be mapped to UCAS points if needed. It will also give details of what you learned on the course to help you move into skilled employment or even an apprenticeship at a higher level

## **T-LEVELS**

**THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION**

In the county both Heart of Worcestershire and WCG are offering T Level qualifications through their campuses.

### **Heart of Worcestershire College new T-Levels available from September 2021**

- > Childcare and Education Level 3 - focused on early years and primary education
- > Digital, Design and Production Level 3 – focuses on digital (software) developers and encompasses aspects of design, development and analysing user needs

Contact HoW for more information: [info@howcollege.ac.uk](mailto:info@howcollege.ac.uk)  
or visit: [HOW College T Levels](#)

### **WCG new T-Levels available from September 2021**

- > Digital Support Services – focused on technical digital skills development

Contact WCG: [employerenquiries@wcg.ac.uk](mailto:employerenquiries@wcg.ac.uk) 0330 135 6940  
or visit: [WCG T Levels](#)

# GET IN TOUCH...

## **CAREERS WORCS**

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