

# SCHOOL LEAVERS QUICK GUIDE 2026/2027



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Version 1

# COURSE LEVELS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At college, you can choose between a wide-range of courses that start at different levels. Each course will have different entry requirements based on GCSE grades and potentially your experience. Take a look at what qualifications are available at different levels and their common entry requirements\*.



## ENTRY LEVEL

Ideal if you don't have any existing qualifications and want to develop basic skills and knowledge.

- Functional Skills
- Certificate of Achievement.

### COMMON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS\*

No formal qualifications required

## LEVEL 1

An ideal introduction to a specific subject area.

- GCSEs and Functional Skills
- Level 1 Qualification (Award, Certificate or Diploma)
- Supported Internship.

### COMMON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS\*

GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 2-9\*\*

## LEVEL 2

Ideal to build on a foundation of subject specific knowledge and skills.

- GCSEs and Functional Skills
- Level 2 Qualification (Award, Certificate or Diploma)
- Intermediate Apprenticeship
- Supported Internship.

### COMMON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS\*

GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 3-9\*\*

**OR**

Successful completion of a relevant Level 1 course

## LEVEL 3

Ideal to advance your specialist skills and knowledge to prepare for higher-level study or employment.

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Qualification (Award, Certificate, Diploma or Extended Diploma).

### COMMON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS\*

Five GCSEs at grade 4-9 including English Language and Maths\*\*

**OR**

Successful completion of a relevant Level 2 course

## LEVEL 4+

Equivalent to a foundation degree, and the first, second and third year of a 'traditional' undergraduate degree. If university isn't right for you, you can opt to study a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, Higher Technical Qualification or higher apprenticeships as alternatives. Whilst this isn't something you need to pick now, our Derby Road campus is home to Nottingham Trent University in Mansfield which means you can progress onto higher-level qualifications without having to go far.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Specific to the individual university and/or course.

\* Some courses may differ. Please visit [wnc.ac.uk](http://wnc.ac.uk) to view specific entry requirements. \*\*If you are not studying a traditional GCSE programme, we accept alternative qualifications like Functional Skills and vocational courses. If you are not planning on sitting GCSE exams, we can also support you with completing an English language and maths assessment. Please contact us for further details **0808 100 3626**.

# OUR COURSES



Subjects offering  
T Levels



## A LEVELS

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Applied Science*         | History                      |
| Biology                  | Law                          |
| Business Studies         | Mathematical Studies         |
| Chemistry                | Maths                        |
| Computer Science         | Media                        |
| Criminology**            | Philosophy                   |
| English Language         | Physics                      |
| English Literature       | Politics                     |
| Environmental Science    | Psychology                   |
| Film Studies             | Religious Studies            |
| Further Maths            | Sociology                    |
| Geography                | Sport and Exercise Science** |
| Health and Social Care** |                              |

\*You will only study this one course full-time, not alongside any other courses.

\*\*AAQ course equivalent to one A Level. Studied alongside two A Level courses.

## BUSINESS (Levels 1-3)



## CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS AND BUILDING SERVICES (Entry Level 3-Level 3)



## CREATIVE ARTS (Levels 1-3)



## DIGITAL, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT (Levels 1-3)



## EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS (Levels 1-3)



## ENGINEERING (Levels 1-3)



## ESOL - ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (Entry Level 3-Level 2)



## ESPORTS, PRODUCTION AND LIVE EVENT MANAGEMENT (Levels 2-3)



## FABRICATION AND WELDING (Levels 1-2)



## HAIR AND BEAUTY (Levels 1-3)



## HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCES (Levels 2-3)



## HOSPITALITY AND CATERING (Levels 1-3)



## MOTOR VEHICLE (Levels 1-3)



## SPORT (Levels 1-3)



## STEP-UP AND PROGRESS (FOUNDATION LEARNING) (Entry Level 1-Level 2)



## TRACK AND RAIL SITE MAINTENANCE (Level 2)



## TRAVEL AND TOURISM (Levels 2-3)



## UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Levels 1-3)



## ANIMAL CARE/MANAGEMENT (Levels 1-3)



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Find out about our student support services

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## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

Scan the QR code and fill in your details so we can send you information about college events, new courses, student support services and college news!



Please note: Information included within the guide may be subject to change.

For full, up-to-date information on all of our courses including entry requirements, please visit [wnc.ac.uk](http://wnc.ac.uk), or call 0808 100 3626 to speak to us directly.

# OUR CAMPUSES



**DERBY ROAD  
CAMPUS**  
(MANSFIELD)



**MANSFIELD AND  
ASHFIELD SIXTH  
FORM COLLEGE**  
(MANSFIELD)



**STATION PARK**  
(KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD)



**THE OLD BREWERY**  
(MANSFIELD)



**MANSFIELD  
EDUCATION HUB**  
(MANSFIELD)



**PORTLAND  
SQUARE**  
(SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD)



**GENE HAAS CENTRE  
FOR ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING**  
(SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD)



**MANSFIELD  
AMBITION EXCHANGE**  
(MANSFIELD)

## OPEN EVENTS



Our open events are a great opportunity for you to meet the teachers, learn more about our courses and book onto a campus tour.

### COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 11 October | 10am - 1pm  
Saturday 29 November | 10am - 1pm  
Saturday 24 January | 10am - 1pm  
Thursday 30 April | 5.30 - 7.30pm  
Wednesday 17 June | 5.30 - 7.30pm

### A LEVEL OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 24 September | 5.30 - 7.30pm  
Thursday 6 November | 5.30 - 7.30pm  
Thursday 15 January | 5.30 - 7.30pm

### APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

Thursday 19 March | 5.30 - 7.30pm

**BOOK NOW! | [wnc.ac.uk/events](https://wnc.ac.uk/events)**



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