

West Thames College Arrangements for Higher Education Student Transfer

All providers of higher education in England are required to publish student transfer arrangements in accordance with the Higher Education Research Act 2017 and Office for Students Regulatory Framework 2018. The purpose of the plan is to facilitate the continuation and quality of study for all students whenever a risk to their continued study occurs and to facilitate transfer between providers.

Considerations for students

Transferring to a different institution may have implications for studies and/ or finances. Before finalising a transfer, students should consider the possible implications this may have on Student Finance England loan arrangements (if applicable). Students are advised to contact the Student Loans Company (SLC) directly for assistance and are reminded that the SLC will not discuss personal details with the college.

For students who are studying programmes that the college delivers with our partner HEIs Kingston University and Canterbury Christ Church, please see information on their websites

Kingston University

<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/.../withdrawing-from-your-programme-of-study/>

Canterbury Christ Church University

<https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/students/current-students/academic-services/updating-your-status/changes-to-study.aspx>

Transfers for West Thames College HND and HNC BTEC Pearson Courses

1- Transfer to another provider triggered by the College's Student Protection Plan –

Please see the Student Protection Plan at <https://www.west-thames.ac.uk/higher-education/higher-education-policy>

In the event of a transfer being triggered by the Student Protection Plan, the College will firstly aim to teach-out all students on their current course. If this is not possible and if the students wish to be transferred to another institution to complete their studies that college will, where possible, identify a suitable provider and provide a transcript to confirm students 'achievements to date.

2- Transfer to another provider from the College by request from students

If an HE student wishes to transfer to another provider, the College will support the student to transfer to another Higher Education provider for the student to complete their studies by providing a transcript to confirm students 'achievements to date.

3- Transfer into the College from another provider

As a consequence of events at another higher education providers triggering a transfer or a student wishing to transfer to the College, we will consider:

- A) Admission of students onto a similar course, taking completed credit, level attained or other study undertaken into consideration, as appropriate with guidance from our Pearson External Examiner through the processes for Recognition of Prior Learning.

An official, recent transcript identifying achievements may be required if this is not available from Pearson.

4- Transfer between courses at the College

As a consequence of students requesting to transfer between courses at the college we will consider:

- B) Transfer of students onto a similar course, taking completed credit, level attained or other study undertaken into consideration, as appropriate. This will be facilitated through the processes for Recognition of Prior Learning.

Transfer between courses at the College will normally be facilitated by the current Programme Leader.

For more information please see the Pearson website at-
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-for-you/students/updates/transferring-colleges-to-complete-your-btec-higher-national.html>