



**FULL TIME
COURSES
FOR 16-18s**

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For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition. See our website west-thames.ac.uk for specific course entry requirements.

All information in this prospectus was correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change, as we regularly review our course offer, qualifications and facilities in order to meet demand. The latest course information is always available on our website west-thames.ac.uk

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Welcome to West Thames College

We are a successful, vibrant college of further and higher education.

Whether you are a school leaver or an adult looking to update your skills, we have a range of courses and apprenticeships to give you the skills and experience you need to fulfil your dreams.

- Our vocational courses are taught by industry professionals.
- Our strong links with employers provide access to industry leaders and excellent work experience opportunities.
- Our state-of-the-art facilities and workshops at our main Isleworth campus and at our Skills + Logistics Centre in Feltham provide excellent learning environments.

Above all, our friendly and committed staff will give you the support and guidance you need to succeed. The achievement rates of our students are high, above national average and we are incredibly proud of them. Our students go on to do amazing things either in the career of their choice or at one of the nation's prestigious universities.

Your journey to fulfilling your dreams is just beginning and we look forward to welcoming you to West Thames College.

Tracy Aust
Principal

See West Thames College for yourself.

There's no better way of deciding whether we offer the right course for you than by participating in one of our **Open Days**. See pages 4-5 for details.

Also see our other guides.

**Part time, full time
& evening courses
for adults**

**Higher
Education**

View online at west-thames.ac.uk
or call **020 8326 2020**.

About us

West Thames College has two campuses - our main campus in Isleworth and our Skills+Logistics Centre in nearby Feltham.



Main Campus / Isleworth

The main campus has a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and combines bright, modern purpose built buildings with the historic grandeur of Spring Grove House - once the home of Sir Joseph Banks, who sailed the world with Captain Cook.

Students benefit from a range of facilities including professional salons, theatre, dance studios, music recording & TV studios, sports facilities and much more. Our extensive range of courses cover pre-entry to higher education, offering a range of opportunities for progression.

Isleworth Open Days

For all courses *except* construction, engineering and motor vehicle.

2021

Wed **6 Oct** 5-7pm

Sat **13 Nov** 10am-1pm

2022

Wed **2 Feb** 5-7pm

Sat **12 Mar** 10am-1pm

Wed **22 Jun** 5-7pm

Important Please attend the campus where the course you are interested in is running.

See our website west-thames.ac.uk for information about the college and our courses.

Call our Information Centre **020 8326 2020** for help and advice regarding our courses and support services.

See our excellent facilities and meet our course leaders on an **Open Day**. Book online on our website west-thames.ac.uk/opendays



Skills+Logistics Centre / Feltham

Our £3 million purpose-built centre provides the right training that young people need to secure jobs within their chosen profession.

It includes multiple workshops and workspaces that create realistic work environments, allowing students to develop the specific skills required within the industry. You will be taught by real industry professionals, who will pass on their substantial skills and knowledge.

Feltham Open Days

For construction, engineering, Logistics and motor vehicle courses *only*.

2021

Wed **13 Oct** 5-7pm

Tue **2 Nov** 5-7pm

2022

Thu **10 Feb** 5-7pm

Wed **9 Mar** 5-7pm

Tue **28 Jun** 5-7pm

Important Please attend the campus where the course you are interested in is running.

Why West Thames College?

Start here, go far

ONE OF THE
TOP 3
COLLEGES IN
LONDON*

*Based on overall performance for students aged 16-18 across all levels in 2018-19.

HIGH
ACHIEVEMENT
AND PROGRESSION
RATES



GREAT
WORK
EXPERIENCE
OPPORTUNITIES



STATE
OF-THE-ART
FACILITIES

100+
COURSES
IN **24** COURSE AREAS

COURSES
TAUGHT BY
INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONALS



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Programme of study

At West Thames College, you choose one core vocational subject. Alongside this, your programme of study will include:

Employability skills

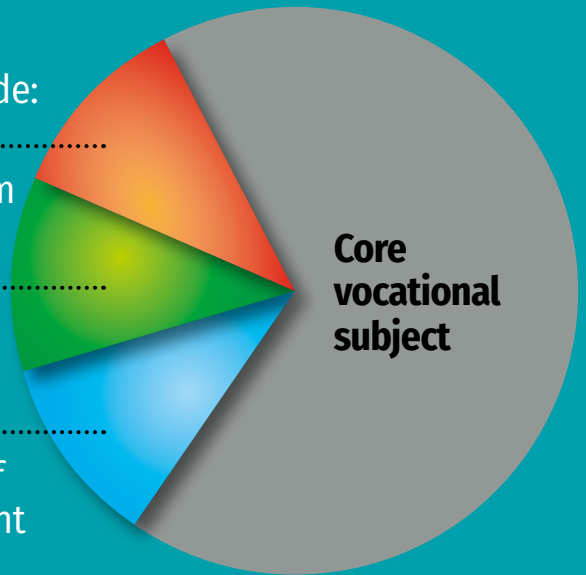
such as teamwork and problem solving to get you job-ready

English and/or maths

depending on your GCSE results

iLearn

learn how to make the most of digital technology, an important life skill and vital for further study.



WORK WITH LEADING EMPLOYERS

West Thames College prides itself on its strong links with employers. We work with a wide range of companies to provide excellent work experience opportunities as well as providing events such as Aspire. Aspire brings employers on site to run a series of masterclasses and workshops, further developing our students for their next step.



Premier Inn



Your career

Check out the videos below which focus on the successes of former students and how their time at the college has helped them embark on rewarding careers.

Use the **QR codes** (see page 15 for help) to directly open the videos or you can find links to them on the News pages of our website: **west-thames.ac.uk/news**.

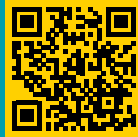
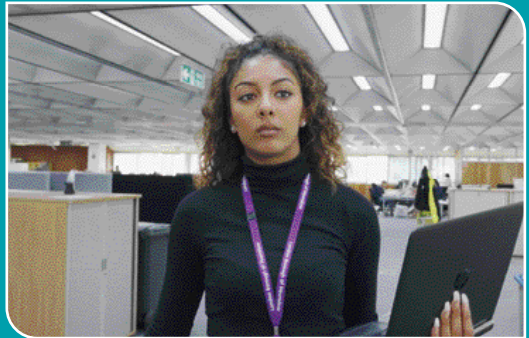


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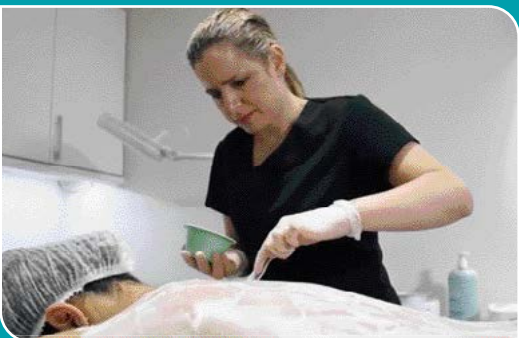
Nadeem Chattha

Nadeem came over to London in 2004. He joined an ESOL class at the college and progressed onto other courses, finally leaving to study for a degree. He now works as a Senior Systems IT Engineer at the college.



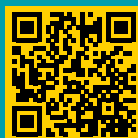
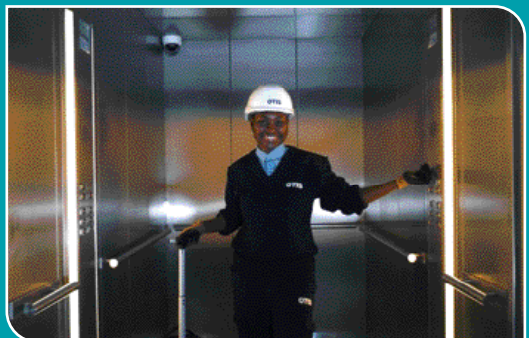
Renee Mudhar

Renee studied Travel & Tourism at the college and went on to do an apprenticeship with the London Borough of Hounslow. She found the apprenticeship really valuable in helping her move forward to her chosen career of becoming a lawyer.



Francesca Sherwood

Francesca studied Beauty Therapy at the college and went on to open her own salon, True Beauty Salon & Medispa, based in Twickenham. She has used the skills she learned on her course to establish her award-winning business.



Sabina Enu-Kwesi

After studying Manufacturing at the college, Sabina embarked on an apprenticeship with the Otis Elevator Company, eventually becoming a full time employee. She is continuing her education with a degree in Business Psychology at Birkbeck, University of London.

**Your College
Your Voice.
Join Student
Voice.**



There are several ways to get more involved with the college:

Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors help promote the college to prospective students and their parents - assisting at open events, award ceremonies, parents' evenings and other such occasions.

Student Governors

Student governors are elected by their peers to put the opinions of students to the college's governing body. They work with the other governors to improve education and teaching at West Thames.

The Student Union

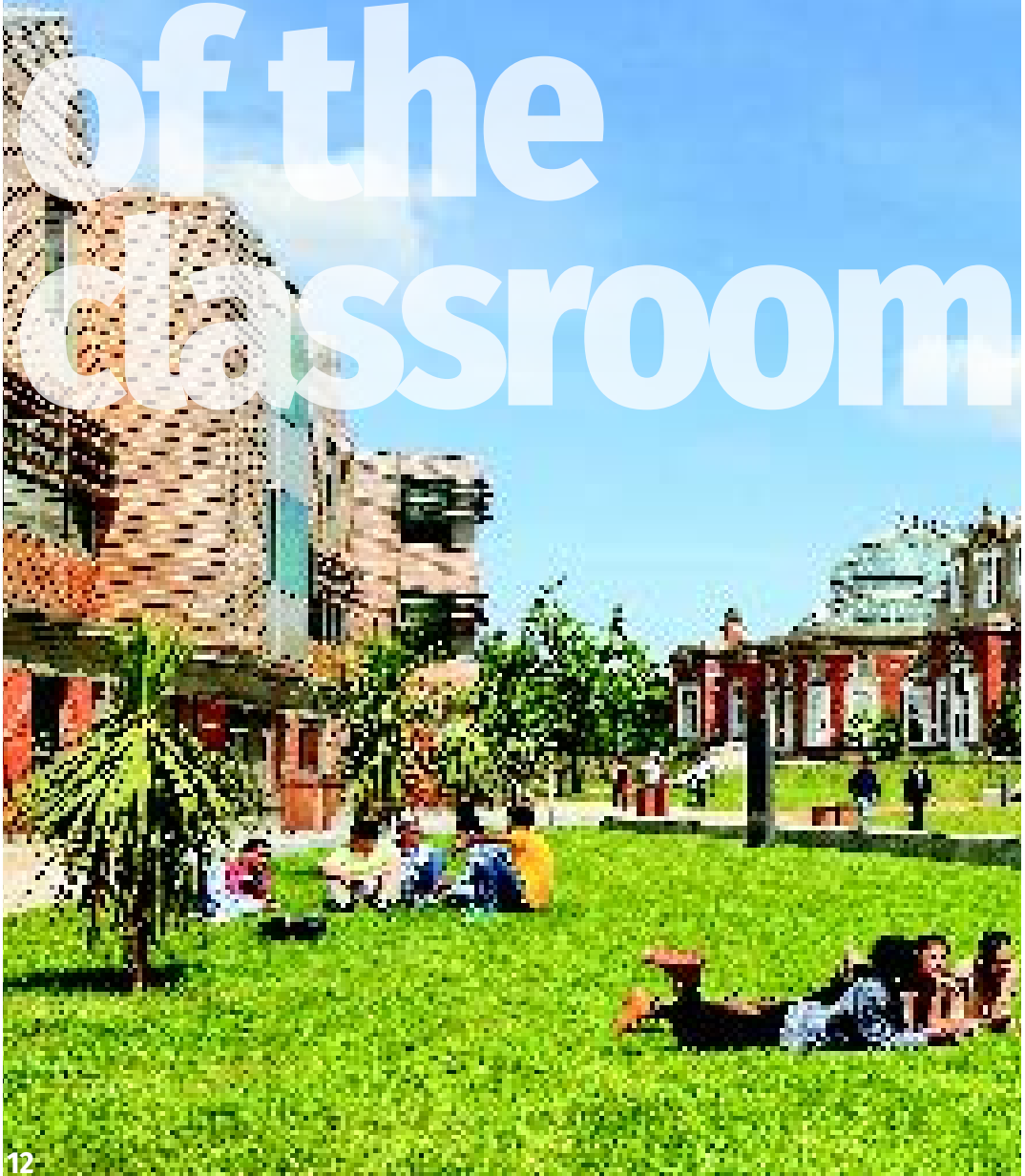
You will automatically become a member of the Student Union which promotes the interests and views of West Thames students. It is run by students for students so you can also be elected to a leadership position on the Student Union Executive Team.

Course Representatives

Course Representatives give feedback from students on their course and work with curriculum managers to make improvements and help resolve any issues.

By getting involved you can help make a real difference at West Thames College.

Life outside of the classroom



Life isn't just about learning.

West Thames College is a fun place to be, with plenty of activities and events throughout the year.



Student activities

Get involved in a variety of clubs and societies, to build on your existing interests or to explore new ones.

You can take part in tournaments, talent shows, trips, competitions, fundraising activities and cultural awareness events, such as Black History Month and World Aids Day.



Sports

Play football, badminton, netball, basketball, cricket, table tennis, volleyball, Zumba, boxing and much more in our sports hall and outdoor pitches.

We take our sport seriously – our successful college teams play in competitive leagues and regularly win trophies.



Student common room

Watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, go online, play pool, table tennis, table football and other games, or just meet with friends in our common room and café areas.



Gym

Our gym is equipped with treadmills, cycling and rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance machines and weights to keep you fit and toned.



Hair and Beauty salon

Get thoroughly pampered with a beauty treatment or new hairstyle and buy professional products for a fraction of the normal cost. For bookings and latest offers please call the Salon on **020 8326 2201**.



Help and Support

You will have access to a range of support services throughout time at the college.

We also have an excellent reputation for the additional support we give to our students.

Student Learning Advisers

Tutors who you will meet regularly to monitor your progress, attendance and assist with any issues. They can also help you access specialist support services.

Careers Service

Our team of independent advisers will help you make the most of your future and identify the opportunities to succeed.

Learning Support

Specialist teachers provide support outside the classroom to help improve literacy and numeracy, study skills and tackle assignments.

We believe all students should have fair and equal access to their chosen learning programme and all aspects of college life. If you have a disability or learning difficulties, we will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that college facilities are accessible and that all your learning and support needs are met.

Employability Advisers

These advisers will help you explore the world of work and develop the skills employers need.

Counselling

Talk through problems and difficult situations in complete confidence with a professional counsellor.

Learning Resources Centre

A range of services to support your studies including computers, study spaces, online and offline resources and helpful staff.

Welfare and Support

Contact our team for practical advice and help with budgeting and entitlements.

See our website west-thames.ac.uk or call our Information Centre on 020 896 1234 for further information about our range of support services.

How to apply

Apply online at
west-thames.ac.uk

Location

Isleworth

Start Date

09/09/2019

Mode

Full Time

Apply

Select the course you want to study, click the **Apply** button and complete the form.

After we receive your online application, we'll contact you to invite you into the college. Some courses may require you to bring a portfolio of your work with you or to do an audition – we will let you know if you need to do this.

or Apply in person

Pop into our friendly Information Centre to apply in person, receive advice or book an appointment. Please call us on **020 8326 2020** to check the opening times of the Centre before setting out.

If your application is successful, the college will get in touch to let you know what happens next.

Visiting the college

As part of the application process you will be invited to visit the college. This is a chance to find out more about your course and see our workshops and classrooms. You can also come to one of our Open Days to tour our facilities and ask questions about our courses, or visit us during Creative Arts Season in May and June to see the fantastic work our students do in their creative industries courses.

Disability Support

If you have a physical, mental health or sensory impairment and/or learning disability, please let us know when you apply so that we can make arrangements for you.

Further Information

Find more information about all of our courses on our website **west-thames.ac.uk**

If you are not sure which course is right for you, please call **020 8326 2020** to arrange an appointment with a careers adviser.

Entry Requirements

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Using this guide

Courses are listed by level, with available West Thames College course progression, including our Higher Education offer.

Careers/Salary expectations

Advertising accounts managers and creative directors

Up to **£42k**

Web design and development professionals

Up to £33,300

Graphic designers

Up to £30,200

Each course area has examples of career/job opportunities and typical salaries.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Digital Arts

1 year

LEVEL 2

Digital Arts (Introduction to Animation and Games)

1 year

LEVEL 3

Creative and Digital Design

2 years

Animation and Games Design

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

Using the QR code

Course details

See our website west-thames.ac.uk

Fast track to our Course Explorer by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.

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Use the step-by-step instructions to access the content for each QR code.

For course details, either visit our website or scan the QR code to directly access our Course Explorer.

Business

Studying a business course at college can be the first step towards a career in areas such as sales, marketing and public relations (PR), accounting, management or human resources (HR).

Sales careers include visual merchandising and working in a buying/purchasing department. Marketing and PR involves promoting the products and the positive image of the company itself. Management and HR help to keep an organisation running efficiently, including hiring and retaining the right people.

Careers/Salary expectations

Business and financial project management professionals

Up to **£52k**

Management consultants and business analysts

Up to £48,400

Leisure and travel service occupations

Up to £25,500

About our Business courses

Our courses enable you to explore these roles, learn about the business environment, and decide where your own interests lie.

You will engage with businesses such as Coca-Cola and Goldman Sachs and go on industry visits to the Houses of Parliament, Heathrow Airport or Sky.



Student success Zobia Baqi / Computing

Zobia studied for an HND in Computing at the college in 2011, then completed her degree at Roehampton University before joining Goldman Sachs as a consultant in client reporting. She was invited back to the college to speak at a recent HE awards ceremony (pictured).

See our website west-thames.ac.uk for information about the college and our courses.

Call our Information Centre **020 8326 2020** for help and advice regarding our courses and support services.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Business and Travel with ESOL

1 year

Foundation Business and Travel

1 year

LEVEL 2

Business

1 year

Gateway Business

1 year

LEVEL 3

Business

2 years

Principles of Business and Administration

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Apprenticeships

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For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

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Computing and ICT

From smartphones and Wi-Fi to hashtags and instant messaging, technology dramatically affects the way we communicate.

If you're interested in supporting people who use computers, understanding how digital information is spread, or solving problems with technology, then consider one of our courses in Computing and ICT.

Careers / Salary expectations

IT and telecommunications directors

Up to **£70k**

IT business analysts, architects and systems designers

Up to £48,400

IT operations technicians

Up to £33,300

About our Computing and ICT courses

You will learn in specialist ICT suites, take part in work experience and visit local businesses. West Thames College is a certified Cisco Academy, giving you the chance to gain additional qualifications which are in high demand in the industry. You can get involved in live briefs and competitions, such as Worldskills UK, and we have strong links with local businesses such as Sky and Cisco that offer WEX and Apprenticeship opportunities.



David whilst at West Thames

Student success David Hollands / ICT

David achieved the highest ICT exam results in the whole country whilst studying at West Thames College, despite leaving school with no GCSEs. He gained a First Class Honours Degree in Computer Science at Royal Holloway University and is now a manager in Data Analytics at KPMG UK.

See our website west-thames.ac.uk for more detailed course information. Use the QR code on the opposite page for fast access.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

ICT Systems Support - PC Maintenance

1 year

ICT Systems Support - PC Maintenance with ESOL

1 year

LEVEL 2

Information and Creative Technology

1 year

Digital and IT Skills

1 year

LEVEL 3

Computing

2 years

Networking and Cybersecurity

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education**:

Software and App Development

HNC/HND

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LEVEL 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grade A*-C /grades 9-4, a merit or distinction at Level 2 with functional skills in English and maths.

For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

See our website west-thames.ac.uk for specific course entry requirements.

Health, Social Care and Childcare

Working in health and social care or childcare is a great way to make a difference, by helping people individually or driving improvements in society.

These careers are emotionally challenging but can also be highly rewarding. To thrive you must be able to build strong relationships with others, your colleagues, patients and service users.

About our Health, Social Care and Childcare courses

Our courses have high success and progression rates and you will develop the knowledge and skills relevant to the Health and Social Care industry.

You will undertake work placements in health and care settings, such as aged care facilities, pharmacies, children's nurseries and care homes for people with disabilities so you can progress into industry. Alternatively we have strong links with a number of universities if you wish to progress to a degree programme after your course.

Careers/Salary expectations

Social services managers and directors

Up to **£44k**

Social workers

Up to £37,500

Adult Nurse

Starting at Band 5 £25,655



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Call our Information Centre **020 8326 2020** for help and advice regarding our courses and support services.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

NCFE CACHE Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings

1 year

LEVEL 2

NCFE CACHE Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

1 year

LEVEL 3

NCFE CACHE Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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LEVEL 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grade A⁻-C /grades 9-4, or a merit or distinction in a relevant Level 2 qualification with functional skills in English and maths.

For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

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Science

There are great careers available if you have an interest in science.

You could work in the life sciences, such as pharmaceuticals; biotech or crop research; chemical development and manufacturing; food production and development; monitoring various aspects of the environment; veterinary medicine; or use forensic science in the field of archaeology.

Careers / Salary expectations

Natural and social science professionals

Up to **£38k**

Natural and social science professionals

Up to £38,500

Laboratory technicians

Up to £26,000

About our Science courses

Our laboratories have specialist equipment including DNA analysis equipment and an advanced optical telescope, and we have links with local plant science industries.

You will attend workshops on topics such as radiography, physics and electricity, have work experience opportunities, visit museums, universities and attend conferences, and take part in National Science Week.



Student success

Ahmad Dehghani / Applied Science

Ahmad was named national winner for the Space Zone category in I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here in 2011. He received a triple distinction in his National Diploma, went on to study radiography at the University of Cumbria and now works as a radiographer for the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

OCR Cambridge Technical Certificate in Applied Science

1 year

LEVEL 3

Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education**:

Applied Biology HNC/HND

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Art and Design

Careers in Art and Design can include areas such as prop design, web design, packaging design for the food and drink industry, or fine arts such as jewellery design, sculpture, painting and photography.

You can work on a freelance basis, as part of a design agency, or in the design department of a large company.

Careers / Salary expectations

Arts officers, producers and directors

Up to **£43k**

Graphic designers

Up to £30,200

Artists

Up to £28,600

About our Art and Design courses

Our courses are accredited by the University of the Arts London, one of the top universities in the world for art and design.

We have well-equipped specialist studios for photography, fine art, 3D design, fashion and graphics, and our teachers are practising designers with industry experience.

Students exhibit their work to the public at our annual Creative Arts Festival and progress to top universities and art schools such as Goldsmiths and Central St Martin's.



Manny posing in front of some of his work at a show

Student success Manny Melotra / Photography

After his West Thames College course, Manny progressed to a BA in Commercial Photography at the University of West London and then a Masters in Commercial Photography at Arts University Bournemouth. He won the **Best Individual Photographer** award from Free Range in 2017 and had his first solo exhibition at The Old Truman Brewery.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Creative Design

1 year

LEVEL 2

Creative Design

1 year

LEVEL 3

Creative and Digital Design

2 years

LEVEL 4

Foundation Diploma in Art and Design

2 years

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Animation and Games Design

Animators are in very high demand in the UK and can be employed in areas of the entertainment industry such as TV, film or video games.

Their work involves creating 2D and 3D models of characters, props and scenery, using CGI software to add movement, and making sure that animation integrates seamlessly with dialogue and music.

About our Animation and Games Design courses

This type of work requires both artistic talent and technical skills, which students will develop in our multimedia suites using industry standard software such as Maya, Mudbox, Unity, After Effects and Photoshop.

We believe that students need to be engaged in every aspect of this subject and foster imaginative skills to feed back into their design work – and the courses are also designed to be fun!

Careers/Salary expectations

Research and development managers

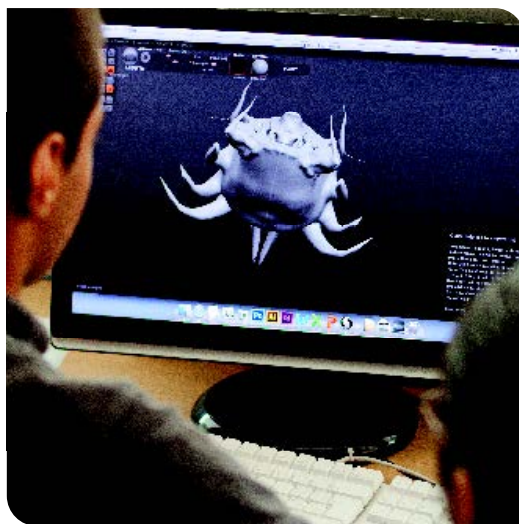
Up to **£51k**

Programmers and software development professionals

Up to £46,300

Web design and development professionals

Up to £33,300



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Digital Design

1 year

LEVEL 2

Digital Design (Introduction to Animation and Games)

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Animation and Games Design

2 years

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Creative and Digital Technologies

Creative and digital media includes online platforms, TV, radio, console games and more.

People who work in this industry can be responsible for creating content, creating websites or apps, coding, designing and testing games, using a camera or capturing sound.

Careers/Salary expectations

Advertising accounts managers and creative directors

Up to **£42k**

Web design and development professionals

Up to £33,300

Graphic designers

Up to £30,200

About our Creative and Digital Technologies courses

It's a hugely important part of the UK economy with great career opportunities. On our courses you will use professional software including Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, After Effects and InDesign, and work on Apple Macs for editing and production.

Links with top employers will give you opportunities to gain work experience and to work on live briefs.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Digital Design

1 year

LEVEL 2

Digital Arts (Introduction to Animation and Games)

1 year

Animation and Games Design

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Media

From TV and film to the internet and radio, media is everywhere, both entertaining and influencing us. Employers in this field look for people who are enthusiastic, versatile and able to build relationships within a team.

Job roles can involve working on content or in administration, behind the scenes as a technician, director, researcher or producer, or in front of the camera as a broadcaster or radio presenter.

Careers / Salary expectations

Advertising and public relations directors

Up to **£71k**

Web design and development professionals

Up to £33,300

Graphic designers

£18,200 - £32,800

About our Media courses

When you study on our courses you will use our TV studio with professional cameras and chroma key sound effects, sound recording studios with ProTools HD, Logic Pro and surround sound, digital video editing suites with Final Cut Pro, audio/MIDI music production suites and multimedia suite.

You will perform and engineer live gigs, work on live briefs, get involved in our Creative Arts Festival, and gain exciting work placements so that you will be prepared to find employment in leading media and production companies around London.



Student success Miranda Evans / Media

Miranda, a former Level 3 Creative Media Production student, had a work placement at The 86th Floor Media, then was promoted to full-time production co-ordinator. She now travels across Europe producing short films and videos.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

Creative Media Production

1 year

LEVEL 3

Creative Media Production (Television and Film)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education**:

Creative Media Production

HNC/HND

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For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

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Music

The UK music industry is diverse and fast-moving and there are many opportunities for those with passion, talent and drive – and not just performers, either.

The wide range of careers in music includes songwriting, live entertainment, music education or production, artist or tour management, promotion or journalism. There's also a career to be made in composing music for films, TV and theatre.

Careers/Salary expectations

Arts officers, producers and directors

Up to **£43k**

Musicians

Up to £36,400

Actors, entertainers and presenters

Up to £35,900

About our Music courses

At West Thames College you'll gain the skills you need in our well-equipped music technology production suites and recording studios, using the latest software such as Logic Pro X, Pro Tools and Reason.

You will go on industry visits, eg to EMI and the Royal Opera House, and organise, engineer and perform in live gigs such as Oxjam and the Creative Arts Festival. Previous students have forged successful careers as musicians or gone on to work for Sky, Kiss FM and Richmond Theatre.



Rodell whilst at West Thames

Student success Rodell Sorzano / Music

After studying dance at West Thames, Rodell won a Performing Arts scholarship to Leicester De Montford University. He is now a successful songwriter, musician and producer who has performed at carnivals including Notting Hill, and was the headline act at Soca Frenzy in London and the Labour Day Carnival in New York.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Music and Media

1 year

LEVEL 2

Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

1 year

LEVEL 3

Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Performing Arts and Dance

Careers in performing arts and dance are challenging but highly rewarding, with a host of job opportunities both offstage and in the spotlight.

An entire team is needed to create a performance: not just actors and dancers but directors, producers, set designers, choreographers and lighting technicians.

Careers / Salary expectations

Dancers and choreographers

Up to **£44k**

Arts officers, producers and directors

Up to £43,200

Actors, entertainers and presenters

Up to £35,900

About our Performing Arts and Dance courses

Our facilities include dance studios and a 140-seat theatre with professional sound and lighting rig. Our teachers have exceptional industry experience and you will take part in workshops led by directors and industry professionals.

You will have work experience opportunities and go on visits to prestigious West End venues such as Sadler's Wells, the Donmar Warehouse and Lyric Theatre Hammersmith.

We have a great record for success, with previous students starring in film, TV and theatre, performing in dance companies and on ITV's Britain's Got Talent, or finding work behind the scenes as technicians or in costume and makeup departments.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

Performing Arts and Dance

1 year

LEVEL 3

Performing Arts (Acting)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Dance

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education**:

Performing Arts

HNC/HND

Urban and Contemporary Dance Practice

HNC/HND

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Hairdressing

Hairdressing isn't just about working in a salon – if you have the talent and a good work ethic, hairdressing skills can take you around the world, behind the scenes at fashion shows or into careers in film, TV or theatre.

Careers/Salary expectations

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors

Up to **£27k**

Hairdressers and barbers

Up to £17,200

About our Hairdressing courses

Our courses have high success rates and are staffed by teachers with extensive professional experience. You will train in our professional hair salons, which are open to the public to give you opportunities to develop your client handling skills, and take part in industry visits and exhibitions in the UK and overseas.

Our students take part in and often win national competitions and we've hosted WorldSkills UK competitions in our own salon. Links with L'Oreal ensure that students use the best products. Our alumni work as hairstylists and wig dressers in West End shows, on TV, feature films, catwalk shows and advertising campaigns.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Foundation Hairdressing

1 year

LEVEL 2

Hairdressing

1 year

Barbering

1 year

Hair and Media Makeup Studies

1 year

LEVEL 3

Hairdressing

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Beauty Therapy

No matter what your interests, there's a career path in beauty therapy to suit you. Teachers at West Thames College have professional industry experience and our beauty salons are open to the public, giving you opportunities to develop your client handling skills and master the latest treatments.

You will also learn about salon management, administration and retail, preparing you for a range of different job roles.

Careers / Salary expectations

Therapy professionals

Up to **£39k**

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors

Up to £26,600

Beauticians and related occupations

Up to £17,700

About our Beauty Therapy courses

You will learn how to perform a range of professional beauty treatments in our modern, well equipped training salons to get you ready to work within this exciting industry.

We have links with various employers and industry leaders like Dermalogica, Fake Bake, MAC and other Beauty and cosmetics companies.

Students who have trained with us have gone on to work as beauty therapists, spa therapists, makeup artists, cruise ship therapists and salon owners.



Francesca in her salon

Student success

Francesca Sherwood / Beauty Therapy

After the course Francesca went on to open her own salon, True Beauty Salon & Medispa, based in Twickenham. She has used the skills she learned on her course to establish her award-winning business.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Foundation Beauty Therapy

1 year

LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy

1 year

LEVEL 3

Beauty Therapy

1 year

LEVEL 4

Advanced Beauty Therapy

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.



See page 60 for the steps required to take you into the world of earning *and* learning.

Course details

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Specialist Makeup

Our professional specialist makeup courses have an outstanding reputation – our students have won the prestigious IMATS competition 5 times and the World Body Painting Championships twice.

We have exceptional success rates and to get a place, you must apply early and have an excellent portfolio.

Careers / Salary expectations

Advertising and public relations directors

Up to **£70k**

Freelance makeup designer

Average £300 per day

Counter makeup artist

£13-25K, plus commission

About our Specialist Makeup courses

You'll work in our professional makeup studios and 140-seat theatre and learn from professional, award-winning teachers with extensive industry experience. You will take part in UK and overseas competitions and we have fantastic industry links with Illamasqua, MAC, Makeup Forever, L'Oreal and Charles Fox, ensuring that you use the best products. Our alumni have gone on to work on music videos and TV ads, for magazines and the Royal Ballet, on theatre productions such as The Book of Mormon and Jesus Christ Superstar, The Crown on Netflix, HBO's Game of Thrones, and films including Fantastic Beasts and Guardians of the Galaxy.



Student success

Alix Brewer / HND Specialist Makeup

In 2018, Alix worked as Head of Makeup on a short indie film called Blood Means Nothing, for which she won the Best Special Makeup award at Indie Short Fest, part of the Los Angeles International Film Festival.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

Hair and Media Makeup Studies

1 year

LEVEL 3

Theatrical Media Makeup

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education**:

Production Media Makeup

HNC

Specialist Makeup

HND

Course details

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Sport

Do you enjoy being active or have a passion for sport? Working in the sport and active leisure industry is a great way to combine doing what you enjoy with paid work.

There are a wide range of careers to choose from: sports journalism, photography or advertising, working as a personal trainer or in sports nutrition, coaching or being a referee – not to mention playing a sport professionally.

Careers/Salary expectations

Leisure and sports managers

Up to **£34k**

Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Up to £28,600

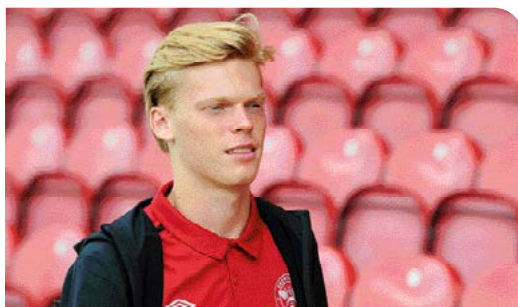
Sports and leisure assistants

Up to £17,700

About our Sport courses

Our experienced sports professionals will develop your skills and help you gain qualifications in sports leadership and coaching. You'll use our sports hall, fitness suite and outdoor pitches, and take part in activities such as coaching and a wide variety of sports.

You'll go on trips and visits to London stadiums and health clubs, and take part in work experience, and you can also join one of the college's successful sports teams.



Student success

Jan Žamburek / Sport and Public Services

Former West Thames College student Jan, not only secured a professional contract for the Brentford FC first team, but he made club history by being one of the youngest players born this century to play in the Championship for the club.

"I was so excited and also a little bit nervous. The Stadium was almost full so the atmosphere was really nice. When I stepped on to the pitch I started to feel like in a normal game and also teammates helped me a lot, so it was much easier for me."

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Foundation Sport with Public Services

1 year

LEVEL 2

Sport

1 year

LEVEL 3

Sport

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level or the Brentford FC CST Programme.

Course details

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LEVEL 2 and LEVEL 3

Brentford FC CST Elite Development Programme

2 years

Study at college and develop your footballing skills with Brentford FC's CST coaching staff and play against other teams in a league.



Community Sports Trust

Entry requirements

LEVEL 1 A successful interview. You will also need to complete an assessment for some courses.

LEVEL 2 2 GCSEs at grade D/grade 3 or above. Level 1 functional skills English and maths.

LEVEL 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grade A*-C /grades 9-4, a merit or distinction at Level 2 with functional skills in English and maths.

For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

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Uniformed Public Services

Prepare for a career in one of the uniformed services – including the fire service, paramedics, police or armed forces – with our Public Services courses.

Our staff have experience in these fields and will help you build the skills you need to succeed.

Careers/Salary expectations

Police officers (sergeant and below)

Up to **£42k**

Public services associate professionals

Up to £38,200

Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Up to £28,600

About our Uniformed Public Services courses

You will take part in unique enrichment opportunities and outdoor activities like camping, canoeing, orienteering, abseiling and climbing. Visits will be arranged to the Crown court to have first-hand knowledge of the legal system and variety of roles within the organisation.

Alumni from these courses have gone on to work in the Metropolitan Police, fire department, Royal Marines, Parachute Regiment, MI5, in youth offending teams and the ambulance service as a paramedic.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Foundation Public Services and Sport

1 year

LEVEL 2

Uniformed Public Services

1 year

LEVEL 3

Uniformed Public Services

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Travel, Tourism and Aviation

Our location close to Heathrow makes West Thames College the ideal place to study travel, tourism and aviation.

Careers in this industry are varied: you might work at a theme park, heritage site or other visitor attractions, in passenger transport such as aviation and rail, accommodation services in hotels, hostels or holiday parks, organise outdoor activities or co-ordinate tours, to name just a few.

Careers/Salary expectations

Travel agency managers and professionals

Up to **£38k**

Air travel assistants

Up to £27,600

Travel agents

Up to £22,900

About our Travel, Tourism and Aviation courses

We have close links with British Airways for work experience placements, workshops and guest speakers. Students visit the World Travel Market exhibition and have opportunities for trips in the UK or overseas to London tourist attractions, European cities, hotels and theme parks.

You will gain the specific skills and knowledge required for a career in this industry.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Business and Travel with ESOL

1 year

Foundation Business and Travel

1 year

LEVEL 2

Travel and Tourism

1 year

Aviation and Cabin Crew

1 year

LEVEL 3

Travel and Tourism

2 years

Aviation Operations

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Improving your English can help you get more out of life in the UK. It will also help if you want to study, improve your CV, find a job or just become more confident using the language.

ESOL courses are designed for anyone whose first language is not English.

Careers / Salary expectations

Authors, writers and translators

Up to **£37k**

Teaching and other educational professionals

Up to £29,700

Speech and language therapists

Up to £30,700

About our ESOL courses

You will learn speaking, reading and writing skills and go on trips to London museums and tourist attractions, such as the Houses of Parliament.

Supportive teachers will help you build your confidence so that you can progress quickly and gain qualifications. You'll then be ready to go on to a vocational course or to study for GCSEs or A Levels.



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Courses for 16-18s

Ascentis Skills for Life

ESOL for 16-18s

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Our ESOL students progress to other courses at the college, including:

- Business and Travel with ESOL
- Creating Digital Products with ESOL

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Supported Learning

Our Supported Learning courses are designed for all abilities and will build confidence, independence, social and personal skills in a supportive environment.

We have state-of-the-art equipment and well-designed purpose built areas conducive to learning. This includes a fully equipped kitchen and café, a beautiful large garden and horticulture area and business administration and art rooms. We also have a dedicated classroom and a sensory room for students with complex or profound disabilities.

About our Supported Learning courses

Through our vocational curriculum students study hospitality and catering and run our Bubble Café. They also study gardening and horticulture and business administration with enterprise. Our students play football in the Surrey LDD league, and take part in drama workshops.

Courses benefit from small class sizes and students will take part in community opportunities and a varied range of enrichment activities. Work experience is available at GlaxoSmithKline Brentford and the London Borough of Hounslow through Project SEARCH, a programme that has been recognised as one of the best of its kind in Europe.

Careers

Government agencies, other employment support organisations and schemes such the Project SEARCH programme run by the college, provide work experience and help students enter into long term employment.

West Thames College is itself a 'Disability Confident' employer. This accreditation is awarded to employers who have committed to supporting disabled people.



Student success

Roberto De Abreu / Project SEARCH

After completing his extended work traineeship at the GlaxoSmithKline global headquarters in Brentford, Roberto has secured paid employment in the document management department at the company.

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Courses for 16-18s

PRE ENTRY

RARPA (Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement)

Learning for independent living and personal development.

ENTRY LEVEL 1

Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders

ENTRY LEVEL 2

Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders

Pre-Project Search (PPS) Extended Award in Employability Skill

ENTRY LEVEL 3

Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders

Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

LEVEL 1

Project SEARCH with GlaxoSmithKline/ London Borough of Hounslow

Project Search is a work-based programme for young people with learning disabilities, which supports their move from education to employment.

Students have an extended work experience placement at either GlaxoSmithKline or the Hounslow Civic Centre, taught by a West Thames College teacher and supported by a full-time job coach.



London Borough of Hounslow

Course details

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Entry requirements for all SLDD courses

A consultation to west Thames college from your local authority and a successful interview. You will also need to complete an assessment for some courses.

Construction and Building Trades

There is a huge range of career choices in the construction industry which can involve designing, planning and project management as well as hands-on practical work.

Construction is about designing and building the environment around us, with a number of different organisations working together. So you could be employed by a large or small company, or how about being your own boss as a self-employed tradesperson?

Careers / Salary expectations

Production managers and directors in construction

Up to **£49k**

Plumbers and heating and ventilating engineers

Up to £30,200

Painters and decorators

Up to £25,000

About our Construction and Building Trades courses

Our specialist construction workshops at the Skills+Logistics Centre are equipped for all the trade skills: plumbing, carpentry, painting and decorating and electrical installation.

Our highly skilled tutors have experience in the building trades and you will work on live briefs and building projects. We have close links with local employers such as Volker Fitzpatrick, Ecoworld Homes (Nantly House), Countryside Homes and Engi to help give you a route into employment.



See our website west-thames.ac.uk for more detailed course information. Use the QR code on the opposite page for fast access.

Call our Information Centre **020 8326 2020** for help and advice regarding our courses and support services.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Construction (Multi-Skills)

1 year

Plumbing

1 year

Electrical Installation

1 year

Painting and Decorating

1 year

Carpentry and Joinery

1 year

LEVEL 2

Electrical Installation

1 year

Painting and Decorating

1 year

Carpentry and Joinery

1 year

Plumbing Studies

1 year

LEVEL 3

Carpentry and Joinery

1 year

Painting and Decorating

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

Course details

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Apprenticeships

See page 60 for the steps required to take you into the world of earning *and* learning.

Entry requirements

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LEVEL 2 2 GCSEs at grade D/grade 3 or above. Level 1 functional skills English and maths.

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For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition.

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Engineering

Engineering is behind everything – from your smartphone to the shoes on your feet. Engineers and technicians are in high demand in the UK and it's a well-paid career option that spans every sector, from sports to space.

As an engineer you will use maths and science to turn ideas into reality, working anywhere from buildings in your community to space aircraft in aerospace engineering.

Careers/Salary expectations

Production managers and directors in manufacturing

Up to **£60k**

Engineering technicians

Up to £39,000

Aircraft maintenance and related trades

Up to £35,400

About our Engineering courses

We have industry standard engineering workshops at the Skills+Logistics Centre, a CNC room with computer-controlled laser cutting machines, and a logistics training facility to provide training for this thriving local industry.

Students take part in National Science Week and live projects such as WorldSkills London. Our location close to Heathrow Airport and our links with employers such as Halfords, Volker Fitzpatrick, TFL, Mercedes, Kia and Honda give you access to great work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.



Sabina in a West Thames promo video filmed at Otis's UK HQ in Chiswick

Student success

Sabina Enu-Kwesi/Manufacturing

After studying Level 2 and Level 3 Manufacturing at the college, Sabina embarked on an apprenticeship with the Otis Elevator Company, eventually becoming a full time employee. She is continuing her education with a degree in Business Psychology at Birkbeck, University of London.

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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

Engineering

1 year

LEVEL 3

Advance Manufacturing in Engineering

2 years

Civil Engineering

2 year

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Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

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Motor Vehicle

The motor industry is undergoing rapid change and sustainable growth in both public and private transportation and it's a great area to build a long-term career – whether in design, service, manufacturing or sales.

The government is committed to the UK becoming a world leader in electric and driverless technologies which means that there will be exciting opportunities for those with experience and skills in the motor vehicle industry.

Careers/Salary expectations

Metal working production and maintenance fitters

Up to **£33k**

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

Up to £29,700

Vehicle and parts salespersons and advisers

Up to £20,800

About our Motor Vehicle courses

Our fully functional garage workshop at the Skills+Logistics Centre has industry standard equipment, providing a realistic work environment.

Our courses are taught by highly experienced motor trade professionals and you'll get careers advice from guest speakers, ensuring that you have the skills and experience to progress to an apprenticeship, further qualifications or a job in the industry.



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Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL 1

Vehicle Systems Maintenance

1 year

LEVEL 2

Vehicle Maintenance

1 year

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Next steps



After your course you will be ready to go onto university, find a job or start an apprenticeship.

So why stay with us?

- A higher level qualification will improve your chance to progress in the competitive jobs market.
- Our friendly staff will continue to give you all the support you need throughout your course.
- Our Higher Education courses are designed to give you practical skills, delivered by professional lecturers with industry experience. You will receive a high ratio of direct teaching time so that by the end of your studies you will be ready for the job market.
- With a two year course you'll only have to pay two years' tuition fees. You will then have the option of progressing directly to the second or final year of a university honours degree course or finding a job of your choice.

To find out more, see our website for our Higher Education Guide and Courses or call **020 8326 2020**

Our HE courses

HNC

Higher National Certificate

1 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Creative Media Production
- Performing Arts
- Production Media Makeup
- Software and App Development
- Urban and Contemporary Dance

HND

Higher National Diploma

2 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Creative Media Production
- Performing Arts
- Software and App Development
- Specialist Makeup
- Urban and Contemporary Dance

Foundation Degree

• FdA Early Years *2 years*

in partnership with Kingston University

Kingston
University
London

Earn as you learn

If you want to step straight into the world of work, then choose an apprenticeship. It's the ideal way to get hands-on experience whilst studying for a qualification at the same time.

- An apprenticeship typically involves spending four days a week in a work environment gaining practical skills and one day a week studying at college.
- You will receive a salary of approximately £200 per week, depending on the job you are doing and your employer.
- Apprenticeships last on average 12-15 months for Level 2 and 18-24 months for Level 3.



6 steps to apprenticeship success

- 1** Decide which apprenticeship area you are interested in.
- 2** Register on the National Apprenticeship website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to see all the apprenticeship vacancies across the country.
- 3** Prepare your application – make sure your CV is up to date.
- 4** Apply for positions – go to the apprenticeship tab on our website or visit the National Apprenticeship Service.
- 5** Attend an interview if your application is successful.
- 6** Get the job! Start work and train at the same time.



Fees and financial assistance

Courses are free for 16-18 year olds

There are no tuition or exam fees for UK students on further education courses who start their course when they are under 19 years. However, students taking re-sits may be required to pay the exam registration fee.

UK leaving the EU

16-18 year old EU students used to have the same status as UK students before the UK's withdrawal. However, there will be certain changes to fee structures and immigration status. Please therefore check with the college to clarify your situation.

DBS Check

For Health and Social Care and Childcare courses, you will need to pay for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before you are accepted onto the course.

Materials

On some courses there will be a charge for specialist kits and materials. Please ask for details at enrolment.

Financial Support

We may be able to offer support to help pay for course-related expenses if students can demonstrate financial hardship. Ask for our Student Guide to Financial Support, or talk to a member of staff at the course interview.

Oyster cards

Full-time students and apprentices living in London may be eligible for free or discounted travel. For further information visit tfl.gov.uk.

Free College Meals

You may be entitled to free college meals if you or your family are on a low income. Please ask for details at enrolment.

College Nursery

Our college nursery offers full and part-time places for children aged 3 months to 5 years, providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for children while their parents study. Funding and subsidies may be available, but places are limited. For an application form and more information please contact the nursery on **020 8326 2318**.



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Travel

Skills+Logistics Centre / Feltham

77 Boundaries Road TW13 5DR

 Rail Feltham Station


 Bus 285 and 490 buses stop on Uxbridge Road


Car Parking Feltham has limited spaces for students.

Main Campus / Isleworth

London Road TW7 4HS

 Rail Isleworth Station

 Tube Osterley or Hounslow East Stations (Piccadilly Line), then average 15 minute walk, or bus from Hounslow Bus Station.

 Bus 117, 235, 237, E8 and H37 buses stop outside the college.

Car Parking Isleworth is available for part-time evening and disabled students only.



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