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Bradford College

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100% Pass rate
for 80% of our
Level 3 courses

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Hello!

At Bradford College, our mission is simple: **to transform the lives of every student who walks through our doors.**

Your child right now is currently making some of the most important decisions about their future. As a parent or guardian, we want to make sure you are equipped with knowledge and be able to give advice to help your child move towards their future options.

Whether your child is starting their educational journey or continuing their studies for another year with us, this guide has all the relevant information that you need to be able to support them in their next steps at Bradford College.

You want the best for them – and so do we.

Chris Webb

Chris Webb
CEO & PRINCIPAL
BRADFORD COLLEGE

Why us?

We are one of the biggest education and training providers in the region, with students studying T-Levels, vocational qualifications, community courses, apprenticeships and both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees with us.

Our courses are career focused, with the aim of giving our students a head-start in the industry they aspire to work in. We offer academic, professional and vocational courses.



Scan here to find out more about us

Follow us for updates, exclusive content and more!
Find our social media channels on the back of this guide.

THE LARGEST

Further Education College in Yorkshire

400+

local employers and organisations engaged with

APPROVED

We are consistently rated a 'Good Provider' by Ofsted.



#1

Apprenticeship provider in West Yorkshire

WINNERS

of the West Yorkshire Apprenticeship Provider of the Year in 2022 & 2023



TOP 5

Best Large College Apprenticeship Provider in England

QAR Data March 2024

Our campuses

We have specialist teaching facilities across our campuses in the heart of Bradford City Centre.



GARDEN MILLS

Opened in 2024, Garden Mills is our new home for our Higher Education Health Science, Digital and Ophthalmics courses.



LISTER BUILDING

Located just across from the David Hockney Building, Lister Building is home to the Bradford School of Art.



TRINITY GREEN

Our Trinity Green campus is just a five-minute walk away from the main campus. This is where our Construction, Engineering, Sports and Uniformed & Protective Services courses are taught.



FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES CENTRE

Set to open in 2025/2026, this multimillion-pound campus will be the new home for our Automotive, Digital and Engineering students.



ATC BUILDING

ATC Building is our hub for the majority of our Entry Level 3 and Level 1 courses.



BOWLING BACK LANE

Located just outside the city centre of Bradford, our Bowling Back Lane campus is for our Automotive & Motor Vehicle courses.



DAVID HOCKNEY BUILDING

The David Hockney Building is our main campus site and is named after our most famous student at Bradford College, artist David Hockney.

Our facilities

We have a range of fantastic facilities at each campus, and we are also working on upgrading and adding lots more exciting new facilities to create the best possible learning environment.



DAVID HOCKNEY BUILDING

Thanks to a £3.5 million funding boost, we are upgrading our David Hockney Building with facilities such as:

- » Collaborative learning spaces
- » Five new digital teaching suites, a large collaboration science lab and a mock clinical ward
- » New barber's and nail bar
- » TV and recording studios
- » Upgrades and new T Level facilities

You will also find:

- » English and Maths Success Centre
- » The Grove Restaurant
- » Main Library
- » Signature Salon and Spa
- » Student and Support Services
- » Students' Union
- » Technology and Media Services



GARDEN MILLS

- » Cutting-edge dental facilities
- » Clinical suite
- » Consulting and testing booths
- » Collaboration area
- » Ophthalmic dispensing suite
- » Six digital IT labs



LISTER BUILDING

- » Dye House Gallery
- » Fashion and textiles workshops
- » Make-up and special effects studio
- » Siobhan Ullah Performance Space
- » Textiles Archive



TRINITY GREEN

- » Construction and engineering workshops
- » Dance and aerobic studios
- » Gym
- » Indoor and outdoor sports areas including football pitches and tennis courts



BOWLING BACK LANE

- » Industry standard automotive workshops

Our Mission, Vision and Values

OUR MISSION

Working together to transform lives.

OUR VISION

Creating a better future for all through education and training.

OUR VALUES

Respectful, inclusive, inspirational and aspirational.



Our expectations

What we stand for

We want our students to be ready to move on to higher education or their chosen career path. Our goal is to give them the confidence they need to achieve their goals. We stand for:



Fostering support and understanding



Promoting inclusivity, diversity and belonging



Building trust and honesty



Inspiring our students aspirations



Instilling confidence and belief in our students



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend college, they will need to report their absence. We follow up on non-attendance and appreciate your support in encouraging your child to maintain high levels of attendance.

Behaviour

We encourage positive behaviour and challenge all forms of negative behaviour through **UNITE**:

- » **Understanding** and respect for the law
- » **Nurturing** mutual respect
- » **Individual** liberty
- » **Tolerance** of other faiths and beliefs
- » **Equality**

Student Lanyards

Each student is issued with a photo ID which they must keep visible at all times whilst on College premises. It lets us know that they are a Bradford College student and gives them access to the College and its facilities.

Our courses

At Bradford College, we understand that every student's path is unique. That's why we offer a wide range of courses designed to inspire, challenge and prepare your child for a bright future.

OUR STUDY ROUTES

FULL-TIME EDUCATION

We offer vocational courses from Entry Level 3 to Level 3 across a range of different subjects that include:

- » Art & Design
- » Automotive & Motor Vehicle
- » Business
- » Catering & Hospitality
- » Construction
- » Digital
- » Early Years & Childcare
- » Engineering
- » English For Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL)
- » Foundation Learning
- » Hair, Beauty & Barbering
- » Health & Social Care
- » Media, Film & Photography
- » Performing Arts
- » Science
- » Sports
- » Travel & Tourism
- » Uniformed & Protective Services

Your child will study at College most days of the week and will receive a timetable once they have enrolled.



Scan here to view our courses.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An Apprenticeship allows your child to work a real job with an employer and get paid, whilst studying their chosen course.

We offer a range of Apprenticeships in different sectors at Level 2 and Level 3 that include:

- » Construction
- » Dental
- » Early Years & Childcare
- » Engineering
- » Healthcare
- » Motor Vehicle
- » Professional Services
- » Teaching

As an apprentice your child will work at least 30 hours per week and come to study at College 1 day a week. They are entitled to be paid the national minimum wage (£6.40 an hour) and will have access to our top training facilities.



Scan here to view our Apprenticeships.

T LEVELS

T Levels are two-year courses that combine classroom learning with real work-experience that have been designed with employers.

Our T Level courses include:

- » Business
- » Construction
- » Digital
- » Early Years & Education
- » Engineering
- » Healthcare Science

Your child will study at College 4 days a week and 1 day in a work placement. They will work a minimum of 315 hours (45 days) per year. For our Education and Early Years and Healthcare T Levels, your child must work 750 hours (100 days).



Scan here to view our T Level courses.

Achieve with

[AMBITION HUB] BRADFORD

This is an exclusive Level 3 stretch and challenge for chosen students at Bradford College. Ambition [HUB] is designed to help your child to develop the in-demand skills employers look for.

Our courses that are a part of Ambition [HUB] include:

- » Automotive & Motor Vehicle
- » Performing Arts
- » Software Development
- » Sports
- » Travel & Tourism
- » Uniformed & Protective Services



Scan to find out more.



Support at every step

STUDENT SUPPORT

We believe it is important that every student's journey at Bradford College is enjoyable and that they feel supported. We offer lots of different support options and guidance to help students on their learning journey.



Academic Support

We can support your child throughout their studies, helping to improve their professional skills for the future that are personalised to them.

See page 19 for more information.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Bradford College is a diverse and inclusive college for all. We put equality, diversity and inclusion at the heart of what we do and challenge any forms of discrimination.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have our own Counselling Service where your child can talk confidentially about any topics or issues related or unrelated to their studies.

See page 16 for more information.



Disability Support

See page 14 for more information.



Faith and Belief

We have several rooms set aside for quiet reflection, meditation or prayer. These facilities are called Unity Spaces and are available to students, staff and visitors of any faith, or none.



Scan for more info about our Student and Support services



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We believe that everyone should have the right to education so we provide financial support to many groups of students, depending on their course and circumstances.

Tuition Fees

If your child is under 19 before their course starts, they will not have to pay tuition fees for most courses. If your child is 19 or over, they may need to pay for tuition fees for their courses

Free Breakfast

If your child is aged between 16-18 years old, they can get a free breakfast at any of our College campuses on the days they are timetabled to be at College between 8:00-9:30am. Students have the option to pick one breakfast item and drink that can include:

- » A small box cereal
- » Cereal bar
- » Toast
- » Fruit
- » One hot drink or juice

16-18 Bursary Meals

If your child is 16-18 years old or a student with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), they may get money for their meals at the College. If they are eligible, they will be entitled to a meal on each day they have a class on their timetable.

Childcare Costs

If your child is 16-19 years old and has a child of their own, they can apply for the Government's Care to Learn Scheme.

16-19 Bursary / Learner Support Fund

If your household income is less than £48,000, your child could be eligible for support with travel costs/bus pass, meals on the days they are in College and help with course-related costs such as uniform, stationery, course trips etc.

Some of the bursary may be paid in the form of a bus pass, vouchers or equipment instead of money.

Your child will need to make an online application for these funds and have evidence of your household income.

If you need help with funding advice, you can telephone 01274 088349 or email studentfunding@bradfordcollege.ac.uk or scan the QR Code to find out more:



Scan here to watch our Student Funding video.

Disability services

Our SEND and Additional Learning Service Teams assist students with learning difficulties, disabilities, medical conditions or other learning needs to help them achieve their academic and personal potential.

It is important that a referral is made to us so that we can allocate the appropriate support and advisor.

Support can be provided in these areas, depending on child's needs:

- » Autistic spectrum conditions
- » Deaf and hard of hearing
- » Dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties
- » Learning difficulties
- » Medical conditions
- » Physical disabilities
- » Social and emotional needs
- » Visual impairments

The support package will depend on your child's individual needs but can include:

- » Adapted materials in a format such as large print, braille or tactile
- » Assigned Access and Inclusion Advisor, Specialist Assessor or Lead Practitioner

- » Assistive Technology (loan of specific hardware, software and training)
- » British Sign Language Interpreter or Communication Support Worker
- » Classroom based support (e.g., Learning Support Assistant)
- » Exam Arrangements (e.g., extra time, reader, scribe etc)
- » Mentoring
- » Note-taking

Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

If your child has an EHCP, we will work with them to create a personal support plan to guide them throughout their college journey.

For students without an EHCP but with support needs, they can still be referred to our service. Our team will assess their needs based on their study experience, any specialist evidence provided, and their understanding of the demands of their chosen course.



Scan the code to learn more about our disability services.



Watch our disability services video.



Keeping our students safe

We pride ourselves on being a safe, motivational and enjoyable place to learn. We make sure that our duty is to protect our students, staff and visitors. While most students have a positive and trouble-free learning experience, we understand that some may face difficulties or struggles along the way.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team has a non-judgemental approach and takes all student concerns seriously. They can provide our students with expert guidance when necessary.

All members of our College community are trained to maintain a safe environment where young people can feel secure and can talk to any staff member at any time.

Activities for All

We deliver a range of workshops, talks and activities to students throughout the year on subjects like consent, Emergency First Aid & CPR, Hate Crime Awareness, Healthy Relationships and Housing Services.



Scan here to learn more about how we keep our students safe.



Health and happiness

At the College, we are committed to ensuring that every student feels supported, especially when facing the challenges that can come with mental health and wellbeing.

If your child is experiencing difficulties with their mental health, our dedicated team is here to provide a range of options to help them. From personalised assistance to making necessary adjustments, we're committed to supporting your child's well-being.

This support can include:

- » Specialist mental health 1:1 support
- » Adjustments with deadlines/coursework
- » Exam considerations
- » Access to counselling
- » Referral to external charities and support organisations

We run several workshops and talks throughout the year including addressing and supporting mental health.



Scan here to find out more.



Scan here to find out more about our counselling services



CURIOUS ABOUT OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES?



Scan the QR code to see what they could be a part of.



Scan here to find out more.



Beyond the classroom

We want all our students to make the most of their time here and get involved in as many opportunities as possible. They can join or get involved in:



CLUBS

Whether your child is interested in joining sports teams, exploring their creativity through art, standing up for others, or caring for the environment, we offer a fantastic range of clubs and activities to enrich their experience beyond their studies.



EVENTS

We have lots of events that your child will be able to go to like careers and Freshers Fair, culture days and events that are related to their course.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have lots of personal development activities that prepare your child for life after College, such as CV and goal setting workshops, guidance through university applications and more.



VOLUNTEER

We have lots of opportunities for your child to get involved in volunteering like being a course representative for the Students' Union, becoming a student ambassador for their course and more.

We also work with local charities and organisations to provide volunteering and social action opportunities, which not only benefit our students but the wider community too.

Their future starts here

Our award-winning Careers Advice and Work Experience team are here to help our students succeed in whatever career path they choose.

Events and Workshops

We have lots of different events where your child can access advice, guidance and support on their next steps. This might include:

- » Information and advice online or in person
- » Career counselling
- » Careers guidance interviews and interview skills
- » CVs/personal statements
- » Guidance with university options
- » Job search assistance
- » Networking opportunities
- » Support with Apprenticeships and job searches
- » UCAS applications and higher education preparation

1,500+ 

businesses and companies are engaged with us locally, regionally and nationally.

93% 

of students reported positive or excellent work experience.

99% 

of placement opportunities were organised by our College Work Experience team.

90% 

of our Level 2 and Level 3 students in 2022/23 were successfully placed on scheduled work experience.

We also hold a range of workshops that are designed to help your child gain personal and professional skills. These workshops help to sharpen the skills needed when they leave College. Essential Life Skills and Personal Goal Setting are just some of the topics on offer.

What Employers Want

Throughout their studies, your child will be able to speak to local and national employers that can offer advice about how to succeed after College. They are often involved in shaping the curriculum to ensure that the knowledge and skills they are learning are fit for employability.

Many of our employers also deliver a range of masterclasses and events across different parts of the curriculum on campus.

Work Experience and Industry Placement

Students will have an opportunity to get work experience, depending on their course. All work experience will be relevant, meaningful and related to their vocational sector. Students will be supported throughout their work experience or industry placement by a Work Experience Officer.



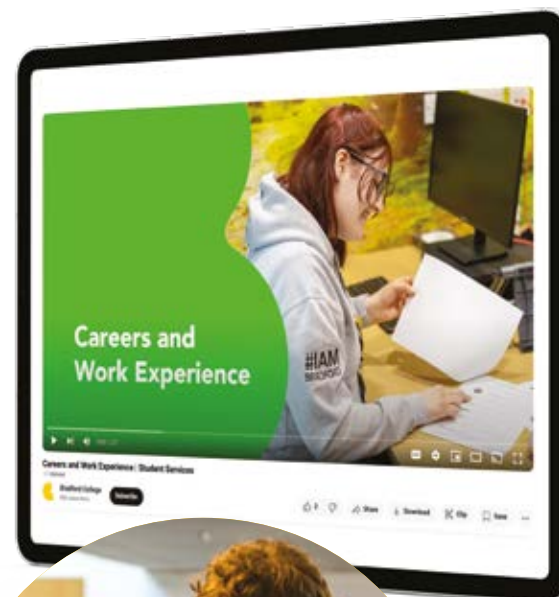
Quality in Careers Standard Award.

Scan the QR codes to watch our videos and learn how we help our students succeed.

 **WORK PLACEMENTS**



 **CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE SERVICES**



Library services

Our library is here to help our students have free access to physical and online resources that they need for their studies.

We have two libraries, one at our David Hockney campus and one at our Trinity Campus. Both libraries are open when the College is open. Students can borrow up to fifteen books at one time using our selfservice kiosks for two weeks, and they can ask for an extension if they need.

Our libraries are also great quiet study areas with access to individual and group spaces, private study pods, computers and printers. Our friendly library staff are always on hand and can help with:

- » Print e-books
- » Print journals and e-journals
- » Access online databases
- » Access other online resources
- » Help with referencing and avoiding plagiarism

Here to help

Our Librarians and Library Academic Skills Coaches are here to help our students develop their academic skills. They can help your child:

- » Find books or articles they need for work
- » Show them how to access our electronic resources and search them efficiently
- » Help them learn how to reference correctly



Scan to discover all our library has to offer.

Your voice matters

STUDENTS' UNION

Bradford College Students' Union (BCSU)* is led by students for students. We are here to make the lives of students better and we do this through capturing the Student Voice.

BCSU is independent of the College and is affiliated with the National Union of Students (NUS). They give students access to advice and information, enrichment activities and events, volunteering and campaigns.

BCSU works closely with the College to ensure that students have the best experience during their time here.



BCSU is associated with the National Union of Students (NUS), which is made up of 7 million students!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

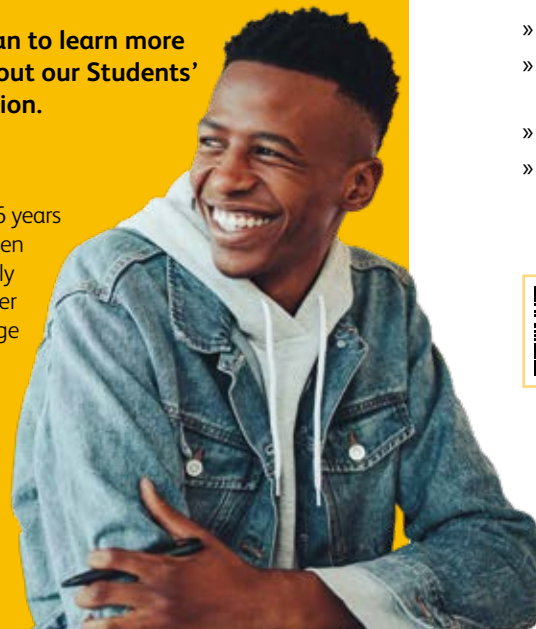
Becoming a course representative is a great opportunity for your child to develop valuable leadership and communication skills that will benefit them in the future and is great to add to their CV.

By volunteering as a course rep, they'll play an active role in improving the learning experience for themselves and their peers. They'll gather feedback, share it in meetings, and help shape positive changes in their course.



Scan to learn more about our Students' Union.

*If your child is 16 years of age or older then they automatically become a member of Bradford College Students' Union (BCSU) on enrolment.



Celebrating our stars

STAR AWARDS

Every year we celebrate our student success at our STAR Awards.

This event celebrates outstanding achievements and gives recognition to our students for their remarkable contributions over the past academic year. The Awards recognise those who have gone above and beyond, and lead by example in our College community.

We invite shortlisted and nominated students, along with two guests each, to join us at this special event.

Our award categories are:

- » Adult Student of the Year
- » Ambition [HUB] Student of the Year
- » Apprentice of the Year
- » Cross College Student of the Year
- » Department Area Student of the Year
- » Employer of the Year Award
- » Student Ambassador Award
- » T Level Student of the Year



Scan here to read more about our Star Awards.



Scan here to watch our STAR Awards video.

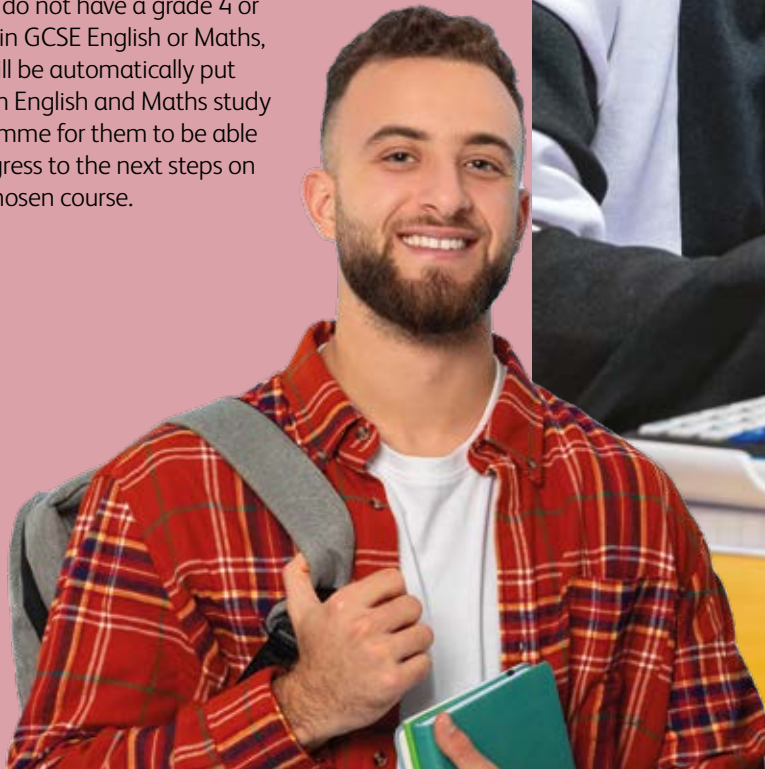


ENGLISH & MATHS

If your child does not have your GCSE English or Maths, there's no need to worry! At Bradford College, we're here to help.

Their English and Maths journey will fit around their needs. We will get to know your child, their study style and level of understanding to create an action plan to help them get the right grades.

If they do not have a grade 4 or higher in GCSE English or Maths, they will be automatically put onto an English and Maths study programme for them to be able to progress to the next steps on their chosen course.



ENGLISH AND MATHS SUCCESS CENTRES

Our Success Centres are personal study spaces for English and Maths. Our students have dedicated time with expert staff to work on specific areas they might be struggling with.

Your child's regular teachers will work closely with our success team to help you make the most of their learning time. These sessions are automatically scheduled into their timetable.

ENGLISH AND MATHS STUDY PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- 1 English and Maths lessons will be a part of their weekly timetable. These will be set days and will be 1 day a week for 3 hours of English, Maths or both depending on your child's grades.
- 2 A mix of online and classroom learning that is personalised to them.
- 3 Additional support at one of our English and Math success centres on each campus.

ENGLISH AND MATHS CAN HELP WITH LOTS OF LIFE SKILLS FOR THEIR FUTURE SUCH AS:



Managing finances both personally and in work



Speaking in job interviews



Communicating with different people



Delivering presentations



Writing their CV or cover letters



Understanding graphs, charts and reports

WITH THE RIGHT GRADES IN ENGLISH AND MATHS YOUR CHILD CAN:



Move onto further levels of study



Go to university



Have more job options

Join us!

OPEN EVENTS AT BRADFORD COLLEGE

Explore the College, meet the teaching teams, check out all the facilities and get a feel for the place!

See your child engage in hands-on activities and ask all the questions you need to know.

Our events calendar is always being updated, so make sure to scan the QR code at the bottom of the page to see our latest updates.

**BBC GLOW UP
TEAM VISIT**

NOV 2024
23

**NOVEMBER
OPEN DAY**

10am-1pm

DEC 2024
4

**TALKING T LEVELS
WEBINAR:
EMPOWERING THE
NEXT GENERATION**

5:30pm-6:30pm

FEB 2025
8

**FEBRUARY
OPEN DAY**

10am-1pm

MAR 2025
8

**YEAR 11
EXPERIENCE
DAY**

9am-3pm

JUN 2025
24

**JUNE OPEN
EVENING**

5pm-7pm



Scan to check our latest events and book your place!



Our courses

We publish a number of guides that highlight all our options that are available at the College. Our most popular publications that you might be interested in are:

Full-Time Course and Apprenticeship Guide 2025/26

This is the ultimate guide that contains all our full-time courses that are available throughout 2025 to 2026.

Full-Time Course and Apprenticeship Mini-Guide 2025/26

This is a condensed overview of our courses that is best for Year 10 students who are looking to find out more about their future options.

Higher Level Qualifications Guide 2024/25

This guide contains all the information you need to know about our Higher Technical Qualifications, Higher Level Apprenticeships, degrees and postgraduate study.



Scan here to check out our publications.



How to apply...

Applying to one of our courses is easy! Once you know what course your child would like to study, follow the steps below to apply.



1



Apply

Scan the QR code or apply online at apply.bradfordcollege.ac.uk. You can also apply in person at an open event or at the David Hockney Building.



Apply now!



Meet the Team

Your child will be invited to one of our **Meet the Team** events where they will:

- » Have a tour of the building
- » Meet their tutors
- » Interview for their place

They will get to ask questions about their course and get an all-round feel for what College life is like.

2

3



Course Offer

Your child will then receive their **Offer** of a place to study. The offer is conditional and will tell you what your child needs to achieve at school to secure their place.

DON'T PANIC! If they don't get the grades they were hoping for they will still be able to come back and we will help find other options for them.



Enrol Aug/Sept 2025

Your child will then be **invited to enrol**. They will be sent more details about this nearer the time.

If your child comes to enrol in-person, please make sure they bring their qualifications and any form of ID.

Your child will then need to create an account. Make sure to keep note of the username and password, as they will need this later in the year!

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Get in touch

Do you have a question about something you have seen in this guide? Please get in touch.

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