



Bradford College

**A GUIDE
TO BRADFORD
COLLEGE FOR
PARENTS**



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Your child is making many important decisions about their future. As the parent or guardian of someone about to start or continue their educational journey with us at Bradford College, you are in a position to offer invaluable support and advice as they move towards their chosen career path.

We provide our students with education and skills, support, experience and opportunity through career-focussed courses. We'll use our contacts, local knowledge, business relationships and community engagement to ensure every learner has the opportunity to achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

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

Chris Webb – CEO, Bradford College



Bradford College is one of the largest providers of further and higher education courses in the UK and one of the biggest training providers in this region. We have been teaching for over 185 years and 20,000 students choose to study with us every year.

Our values are the principles that guide the way we do things.

Respectful

Supportive – Empathetic – Mindful

Inclusive

Belonging – Valued – Understanding

Trust

Credible – Accountable – Honest

Inspirational and Aspirational

Passion – Ambition – Belief – Confidence



Enrolment checklist

- Enrolment runs throughout August and September. If your child has been offered a place, information will be sent out by post
- Your child will need to visit the Enrolment Team at Bradford College
- They will need to bring evidence of their qualifications e.g. Maths and English exam results. For school leavers, GCSE results.
- We also need evidence of UK residency. For UK nationals, this can be a birth certificate, passport, driving license, or NI card. Non-UK nationals need to bring a passport, visa, or residence permit, Asylum Registration card, ASPEN card and NASS receipt, or spouse/family passport (if entry was as a dependent).

Do you need to apply for financial support?

We will need to see evidence of household income and any benefits your family receives.

Tuition Fees

If your child is under 19 on the 31 August 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.

**Enrolment Helpdesk is open Monday–Friday 0900 – 1630.
Call us on 01274 088088**



Safeguarding and Wellbeing – How we keep your child safe

The College prides itself on being a safe, motivational and enjoyable place to learn.

Safeguarding is about ensuring our students, staff and visitors are safe from harm. For most students, their learning journey, whilst being challenging and rewarding, is event free. But we do recognise that for some this isn't the case and they may experience difficulties and upset during their time with us.

- Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team has a non-judgmental approach and takes all concerns seriously. They are available to support learners and provide expert guidance as and when needed.
- We recognise our duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. This duty is carried out through teaching and learning, student support and college activities.
- All members of our college community are trained to maintain a safe environment where young people can feel secure and can talk to adults they can trust.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

In many ways, mental health is just like physical health: everybody has it and we need to take care of it. Good health and wellbeing are essential for our students to achieve their aspirations.

Mental health problems affect around one in four people in any given year. They range from common problems, such as depression and anxiety through to schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

If you feel that your child might be affected by a mental health problem, please chat with our team who can support them on their journey and ensure reasonable adjustments are made throughout their time here.

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

**If you have concerns visit our webpage to find information and resources to help keep your child safe and well
www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/support or call during office hours: 01274 088999.**

Student services

Student Services are here to offer individuals guidance and assistance to achieve their full potential and help ensure their time at the College is an enjoyable and outstanding experience.

Please be aware that we will be seeking permission from your child to be able to share information with you. This will be completed during enrolment and induction.

Breakfast

If your child is aged 16-18, they can get a free nutritious breakfast at any of the College campuses on the days they are timetabled to be in College.

This includes one of the following; cereal or porridge, a sandwich, toast or fruit and yoghurt which are available between 8am and 10am across our campus.

Your child will just need their ID badge.

Careers, employability, progression and work experience

Bradford College students have progressed to over 50 different universities in the last 2 years, studying on a vast range of degree level courses.

Our nationally accredited careers team is committed to delivering high-quality impartial careers information, education, advice and guidance.

We are here to help and provide your child with up-to-date information on a range of career paths to achieve your future career goals.

- Information and advice online or in person
- Careers guidance interviews
- CV's/Personal Statements
- Support with apprenticeships and job searches (including higher apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships)
- Guidance with university options
- Interview Skills
- UCAS Applications and higher education preparation





Work Experience and Industry Placements

- Students will have an opportunity to complete between 30 and 315 hours of work experience as part of their study programme
- All work experience will be relevant, meaningful and related to a vocational sector
- Students will be supported throughout their work experience or industry placement by a Work Experience Officer.

English and Maths Success Centre

English and maths skills are essential for work and everyday life so they play a key role in every study programme at College.

English and maths are important as they help your child:

- move on to higher levels of Further Education
- move on to Higher Education
- go to university
- have better job prospects
- have more job security

Most employers are looking for acceptable levels of english and maths so our English and Maths Success Centres in the David Hockney Building are here to help your child.

They can call in during office hours at any time and offer online courses free of charge.

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.

The College has a large Muslim population and for this reason, at some sites we offer Wudu and Istinjah facilities along with the option of gender-segregated prayer space.





Free meals

Your child may be able to get free meals at Bradford College.

If they are eligible, they can get one meal costing up to £3.50 on each day they have a class on their timetable.

- You'll get a letter after applying if you qualify
- Your Child will need their College ID card for the meal payment points at Lister Building, David Hockney Building, Trinity Green and Bowling Back Lane.

Speak to our FE Student Funding team for more details.

Please visit: www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/support or email studentfunding@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Funds to help with travel, equipment, free meals and childcare

Students from households with a total income of less than £30,000 per year may qualify for support funds to help them study with us.

If you would like to apply for support with travel, childcare, free meals or course materials and books, please make your application here:

www.bradford.paymystudent.com/portal

NB: You will need to provide us with proof of your family income before payments can be made.

The team also provides support for students experiencing hardship.

We also provide specialist bespoke support in the following areas: Young Carers, Estranged Students, Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and Looked after Children.

Special educational needs and disability (SEND) and additional learning support

The SEND and Additional Learning Service is available to assist students with learning difficulties, support or medical needs and/or disabilities who require additional support and strategies whilst studying at Bradford College.

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 the following areas but will depend on your child's need(s), supporting evidence, and subsequent conversations with the team:

- 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

Support can be provided through assistive technologies, exam arrangements and one-to-one support. We provide support for students with Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans.

Visit www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/send

Call 01274 08 8344

Email SEND@bradfordcollege.ac.uk





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.

BCSU is led by students, for students, with a vision to play a key role in transforming the lives of students. 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.

They are affiliated with the National Union of Students (NUS) which are 7 million students strong.

Visit www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk





**FREE TO ALL
STUDENTS**

Enrichment

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

We offer a wide range of FREE activities for students to take part in; from boxing to badminton, cooking to cricket, we really do have something for everyone! 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.

By taking part in the enrichment opportunities available, your child will be able to develop new skills, meet new people and have fun along the way. Students who take part in wide variety of enrichment activities across the year will have the chance to be nominated for an award to recognise their participation.

Find out more at www.bradfordcollegesu.ac.uk or email activities@bradfordcollege.ac.uk





“I remember dropping my son off on his first day, where he was greeted by his course tutor.

Bradford College from day one of his course, have been excellent in helping my son succeed.

My son enjoyed the course but also enjoyed the good friends he made at the college.”

Waseem Younus

Helping them achieve their goals

You want the best for your child and so do we. We want them to be ready to move on to higher education or their chosen career path. Our goal is to give them the confidence and self-discipline needed to achieve their goals. This means we need a few things from them, with support from you.

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 learners to maintain high levels of attendance.

Positive Behaviour

At Bradford College we encourage positive behaviour and challenge all forms of negative behaviour through our

UNITED Values.

- **U**nderstanding and respect for the law
- **N**urturing mutual respect
- **I**ndividual liberty
- **T**olerance of other faiths and beliefs
- **E**quality
- **D**emocracy





1. Dye House Gallery

This exhibition space hosts events year round, and is used by the Bradford School of Art for exhibitions.



2. The Advanced Technology Centre (ATC)

ATC houses computing, business, and law courses, ophthalmic dispensing labs, and a Moot Court.



6. TRINITY GREEN CAMPUS



4. David Hockney Building

The heart of Bradford College, this £50million city centre building is home to many popular student facilities, cafés and restaurants.



5. Library

Based in the David Hockney Building, our learning resource and IT teams provide a library and mobile library service, including e-learning resources.



3. Samuel Lister Café

For snacks and lunches, the café and on-site Costa outlet will help keep you relaxed and replenished.



6. Trinity Green Campus

A great modern campus which is home to a host of facilities for construction, engineering and sports.

Accommodation

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about our upcoming
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