

LOWESTOFT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



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COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS FOR ENTRY **SEPTEMBER 2025**





OUR PURPOSE

To transform individuals and build communities through education

ASPIRATIONAL

Being supportive, exploring potential and challenging ourselves daily

RESPECTFUL

Acting with compassion, being inclusive and welcoming to others in our learning community and to our environment

PROFESSIONAL

Putting team first, acting with integrity, developing our expertise and having a focused work ethic

SUCCESSFUL

Determining our ambition, achieving excellence and continually raising standards

WELCOME TO LOWESTOFT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

LEE BEALES

DIRECTOR OF FACULTY

KERRY PAYNE

PRINCIPAL

We are delighted that you are considering Lowestoft Sixth Form College as your next step. We are here to help you make the right choice.

By choosing Lowestoft Sixth Form, you will benefit from our state-of-the-art facilities and the breadth of our curriculum offer, all within our bright, safe and welcoming sixth form building. We are large enough to provide a wide range of subject choices, but small enough to nurture every student to achieve their goals, whatever they may be.

We are committed to challenging each student beyond just their academic qualifications and take pride in developing all students into thoughtful, confident and resilient members of society. We are ambitious for you and will provide honest feedback about your progress with us, ensuring you stand out and achieve exceptional success. We want you to leave us proud of what you have contributed and achieved; ready to do more.

You will develop your independence through a study programme of academic achievement, study skills development, extracurricular activities and enrichment, as well as a focus on your wider personal development through bespoke tutorial support.

Our outstanding teachers and support staff will share their expertise and support you to secure your chosen destination, be it university, an apprenticeship or employment. Our teachers are passionate about your learning - they want you to enjoy their subject and to succeed.

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is an exceptional place to be. We truly value our students and listen to their contributions. In return, we ask that you commit to your studies and work hard for us and yourself.

We have so much to offer you; we look forward to meeting you.



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ART AND DESIGN



A Level

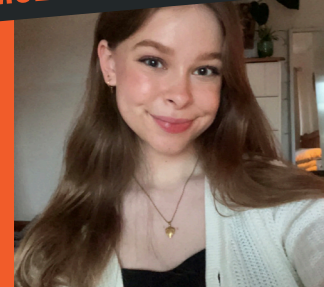
WHAT YOU WILL COVER

A Level Art and Design is a diverse, creative subject that has transferable skills with other creative arts-based courses, such as Graphics, Photography, Media Studies and Digital Games Production.

As an artist, you will have the chance to work using a wide range of media and materials, covering many creative disciplines including drawing, painting, printmaking, digital drawing, image manipulation, mark making, collage, 3D construction and photography.

In previous years, students have had the opportunity to enter competitions, been selected to display their work at local universities and in preparation for their next steps, have visited arts universities.

ALUMNI MOLLIE HAMBLING



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
Art and Design, Maths and Psychology

Where are they now?
Studying Illustration at Falmouth University

Mollie said:
“ I built up my artistic skills, in addition to gaining my own independence and the ability to balance my workload. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be taught by professional tutors in a purpose-built art department, complete with a photographic studio, Mac suite, Nikon DSLR cameras and access to the Adobe Creative Cloud editing suite.

- We offer exciting trips to national art galleries. In addition, we run a programme of visiting artists and arts organisations, giving students connections and real world contacts in the arts.

- Your course will end with an exhibition, which looks fantastic on your CV and gives you the opportunity to celebrate all the brilliant work you have created along with your classmates.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Art and Design is an excellent course if you want to study a degree in subjects such as fine art, games design, concept art, prop making, theatre design, architecture, graphic design, illustration, 3D design, fashion and textiles, photography and marketing. Want to stay local? The University of Suffolk at East Coast College offers degree courses such as Creative Arts Practice, Visual Art, Creative Arts for Health and Wellbeing, Fashion and Textiles and Photography, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

The skills you gain will prepare you for a range of creative careers, including architecture, printmaking, graphic design, illustration, interior design, photography, tattoo artistry, ceramics, website design, and even working as a self-employed artist.



BIOLOGY



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Have you ever wondered why your siblings look like you? How medicines work? Why DNA is so important? Whether clones exist?

A Level Biology will give you an exciting insight into the contemporary world of biology. You will learn how to apply your knowledge, investigate and solve problems in a range of contexts.

Based in our spacious, modern laboratories, the course covers a range of engaging topics. These include cloning and biotechnology, biodiversity, ecosystems, exchange and transport in animals and plants, cell structure, homeostasis, biomolecules, populations and sustainability, the nervous system and disease pathogenesis.

PHOENIX BARBER



Studying

Biology, Chemistry and Psychology

Progression plan

Planning to study Healthcare at university

Phoenix said:

“ It has been an amazing experience and the modern building and facilities are great. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Each year, students interested in a career in medicine and health care take part in the James Paget University Hospital Senior Healthcare Academy in order to gain hands-on experience.
- You will have the opportunity to complete environmental field work at Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve in the summer of Year 12.
- You will hear from guest speakers about current biological issues and attend university workshops. Enrichment sessions are run by CEFAS staff on marine biology and the UEA on cutting-edge genetic techniques.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

A Level Biology is an excellent base for a healthcare-related university degree, such as medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses, as well as biological science, biochemistry, marine biology and environmental science.

Career routes include medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, radiology, veterinary studies, medical research, nutrition and dietetics, pharmacology, drug research, environmental surveying, plant pathology and many more.



BUSINESS STUDIES



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

The journey towards making your first million pounds begins with a deep passion for Business Studies. On this course, you will focus on problem-solving and making business decisions.

In your first year, you will learn how businesses are started and how they work. You will look at real world business news and case studies to develop your understanding of the problems and issues they face.

In the second year, you will consider larger businesses and the strategies they use to succeed. You will study how political, legal, social and technological issues affect businesses and how you can make a business successful even during the most difficult times.

ALUMNI GEORGE MADIN



Previous School

Sir John Leman High School

Studied

Geography, Environmental Science and Business

Where are they now?

Studying Business and Management at Bournemouth University

George said:

“L6FC prepared me really well for university, especially with the support submitting my application.”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- We offer tours to London's business hub, the Bank of England, the Financial District, Houses of Parliament, Wembley Stadium and more.
- This course involves work placements, job shadowing and virtual business experiences.
- You will get the chance to interact with guest speakers who are experienced in working as business leaders, bank ambassadors, financial and business experts, economists, entrepreneurs, business journalists, salespeople, investment analysts, university lecturers, estate agents, and managers.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

You can progress to an apprenticeship or to university to study your favourite field from a range of subjects, such as accountancy, finance, marketing, human resources management, leisure and tourism or business management. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Leadership and Management, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

The skills, knowledge and commercial awareness you acquire will prepare you for a career in accountancy, project management, retail and operations management, human resources management and marketing among others.



BUSINESS SUPPORT



T Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in the world of business and want to progress towards a managerial or administrative role? Our T Level in Business Support will provide you with real-world experience as well as the knowledge and skills needed to work in management.

You will explore business context, looking at organisational cultures and values, different types of internal and external stakeholders, different forms of governance and the impact of organisations on society and the environment. You will also develop skills in project and change management, using theories and models to support and improve your projects, and business behaviours including the importance of good communication and adapting styles to professional standards, purpose and audience. You will delve into quality and compliance, developing an understanding of the importance of maintaining and improving quality in all aspects of public and private sector organisations.

Then you will be able to put everything you learn into practice, with a substantial industry placement for a minimum of 315 hours. This will give you an amazing opportunity to work with a local or national business employer while you study, and gain invaluable experience as well as key skills that employers are looking for.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Students can take part in the college UNLOC programme developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills enhancing your potential and boosting your determination to succeed. A highly sought-after opportunity that will look amazing on your CV.
- You will be exposed to numerous opportunities to develop employability skills through a series of talks, workshops and networking opportunities.
- Gain real experience of work and networking opportunities with local businesses.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Following a T Level, you could progress straight into a skilled profession or continue your studies with a degree or higher apprenticeship. Career options might include becoming a manufacturing supervisor, office manager, barrister's clerk, information scientist, personal assistant or civil service admin officer - our careers advisor can help you choose the right path.



CHEMISTRY



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Have you ever wondered how you can help prevent climate change? Can you charge a mobile phone with a lemon? Why does wine turn to vinegar? Can you find a cure for the common cold?

A Level Chemistry will give you an exciting insight into the modern world of chemistry, with practical skills integrated throughout the course. You will learn how chemistry affects you and the impact it has on industry, which will equip you with the skills to investigate and solve problems in a range of contexts.

You will study topics such as PH and transition metals, periodicity and enthalpy changes, bonding and electronic configuration and NMR and infrared spectroscopy.

ALUMNI CHLOE FENN



Previous School

Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied

Chemistry, Biology and Music Performance

Where are they now?

Studying a teaching degree in Secondary Education

Chloe said:

“ My favourite part of L6FC was the people. They were all so friendly and helpful, which made my time so much better. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will benefit from being taught in professional laboratories in a state-of-the-art chemistry department.
- You will have the opportunity to attend seminars and hear from experts in the industry - including talks from engineers at Rolls-Royce.

Chemistry gives you many transferable skills, including analysis and problem solving, time management and organisation, research and presentation, teamwork and written communication.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

A Level Chemistry is the perfect course if you are looking to study a degree in subjects such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, chemistry, biochemistry or pharmaceuticals.

Chemistry will also lead to a range of careers in fields such as nursing, biochemistry, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, chemical engineering, forensic science, toxicology and more.



COMPUTER SCIENCE



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

This exciting course will demystify the magic of computer systems' hardware and software, providing you with a good understanding of the current issues facing computer scientists and the computing industry.

You will be introduced to the internal workings of the central processing unit, learn how data is exchanged, find out how to create software, develop your knowledge of data types and explore legal and ethical issues.

You will also develop your problem-solving and computational thinking skills, as well as the ability to develop algorithms to describe and solve problems. You will demonstrate your practical abilities through completing a programming project that is chosen by you.

ALUMNI LEWIS NORTON



Previous School

Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied

Computer Science, Maths and Economics

Where are they now?

Studying a degree in cadetship to join the Merchant Navy

Lewis said:

"The careers support was great and the college provided university trips to help inform our decisions."

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have access to high specification computing classrooms, equipped with a range of devices to assist your learning.
- This course offers many exciting opportunities, including trips, masterclasses, seminars and guest speakers.
- We encourage our students to take part in a variety of coding competitions, including the in-house Lowestoft Sixth Form College Programming Contest.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Computer Science is an excellent foundation for a university degree in the vast field of computing. You could choose to study computer science, business information systems, network engineering, computer games development or cyber security, as well as more traditional degree subjects such as maths or economics, where problem solving skills will be highly valued.

You will also be well-placed to apply for a degree apprenticeship.



CONTENT CREATION AND PRODUCTION



T Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you dream of working in the exciting world of film, TV or radio? Turn your passion for media and content creation into an exciting career with this new course. Our T Level in Content Creation and Production will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue an exciting career behind the camera.

Using our industry-standard television, camera and recording studios, you will immerse yourself in the world of media and develop first-hand experience as you work towards your chosen career. You will be able to produce high quality and professional media products for a range of purposes and audiences. You will also explore a diverse range of topics connected with the media, broadcast and production sector including the creative economy, cultural context and vocabulary, audience and consumer needs, legal and regulatory requirements and research skills.

Then you will be able to put everything you learn into practice, with a substantial industry placement of a minimum of 315 hours. This will give you an amazing opportunity to work within the media, broadcast and production sector, gaining invaluable experience as well as key skills that employers are looking for.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be encouraged to specialise in areas of production that interest you, in both internal and external projects, through your work placement.
- As part of this programme, you will have regular access to the specialist facilities on campus, including a theatre, TV studio and editing suites.
- You will be taught by practising industry professionals.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Following a T Level, you could progress straight into a skilled profession or continue your studies with a degree or higher apprenticeship. Career options might include becoming a TV or film director, video editor, radio broadcast assistant, studio sound engineer or film camera operator - our careers advisor can help you choose the right path.



CRIMINOLOGY



Applied General

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, management, causes, control, consequences and prevention of criminal behaviour.

This course has been designed to offer interesting and exciting experiences that focus on developing your knowledge and understanding of the nature of crime, criminological theories and the criminal justice system.

You will focus on topics such as changing awareness of crime, influences and perceptions, criminological theories including looking at why people commit crime, crime scene to courtroom and crime and punishment.

ALUMNI AMELIA KOLOMYCKA



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
Criminology, Law and History

Where are they now?
Studying Law at university

Amelia said:
“ I enjoyed all of the new experiences, meeting new people and getting the opportunity to visit new places. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- We offer visits to courts in Great Yarmouth and Norwich. You will also hear from guest speakers within the legal profession.
- You will have the exciting opportunity to investigate realistic crime scenes, putting your skills and knowledge into practice.
- We offer the chance to enter national law and criminological competitions when they arise.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

As a Criminology student with critical thinking, analytical and communications skills, you're attractive to employers both inside and outside the criminal justice sector. A qualification in Criminology will enable you to progress to university to study courses in areas such as law, criminal justice, psychology, sociology and forensics.

Criminology is also ideal if you are considering a career within the police, social services or probation service. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Crime, Justice and Society, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.



DIGITAL GAMES PRODUCTION



BTEC - Single and Triple Programme

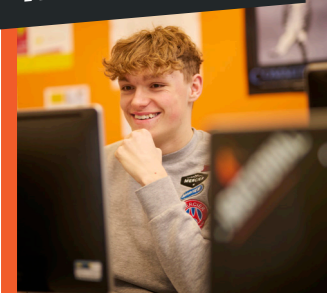
WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Digital Games Production will give you the academic knowledge needed to break into the games industry and serves as a university preferred route towards computer games design/development degrees.

You will study a range of exciting topics including 3D modelling, 3D animation, 3D environments, 2D animation, games testing, digital media skills and more!

You will develop skills in a wide range of software, including 3D modelling software Blender, Photoshop and 2D/3D game engines Unreal Engine/Unity and Game Maker Studio 2.

ZAK HATWELL



Previous School

Ormiston Denes Academy

Studying

Digital Games Production

Progression Plan

Planning to attend university after his studies

Zak said:

“ It has been a fun and challenging experience, learning all about a new subject and making new friends. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have access to high-specification computing classrooms, equipped with a range of devices and software to assist your learning.
- There are multiple opportunities to take part in competitions, such as BAFTA YGD and wider events EGX/Game Jams.
- You will benefit from trips and visits, as well as collaborative work with local universities and employers.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This course will prepare you for a range of degree and career opportunities. Degrees you can study include games design, production, animation, art, programming and 3D architectural design. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Visual Effects and Post-Production, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

There are also many fantastic opportunities within both the games industry and wider industries, including games development, digital animation, 3D architectural design, graphics design and more.



DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION



BTEC - Single Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

The Digital Music Production course will equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the digital music industry, through a wide-range of practical-based topics. You will learn the advanced techniques needed to become a proficient user of industry-standard recording software.

You will dive into the world of sound design and synthesis, creating your own software instruments and bespoke sounds from scratch, while learning the fundamental principles of sound. You will also use your skills to create music and sound effects for film, video games and other media.

In your second year, you will learn advanced recording, mixing and mastering techniques, producing a music project of your choice – this could be an EP, an album or a computer game soundtrack.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- The college boasts cutting-edge recording studios with 16-channel mixing desk, soundproofed recording rooms, industry-standard microphones and recording software, as well as a suite of 16 PCs with high-end recording software, MIDI keyboards, headphones and audio interfaces.
- The college provides opportunities to work on a range of projects, including being part of the tech crew for gigs and the musical theatre production, as well as having access to the studios to work on your own music projects.
- Our industry links have allowed us to be involved in fantastic projects with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Aldeburgh Music, the Marina Theatre, and the Broads Authority, giving our students priceless experiences of working within industry settings.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

You can progress to university to study various arts-related subjects. Students have gone onto study music technology, film composition, audio engineering, music business, sonic arts, electronic music production and popular music performance.

The course will open doors to a wide range of job opportunities within the creative arts industries, including music producer, sound engineer, composer for film/TV, acoustician, record company A&R, electronic musician, foley artist, audio technician, and teacher.



DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be taught by highly experienced, leading digital industry professionals.
- You will be exposed to numerous opportunities to develop employability skills through a series of talks, workshops and networking opportunities with local and national businesses.
- Students can take part in the college UNLOC programme developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills enhancing your potential and boosting your determination to succeed. A highly sought-after opportunity that will look amazing on your CV.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Following a T Level, you could progress straight into a skilled profession or continue your studies with a degree or higher apprenticeship. Career options might include becoming a web designer, computer games tester, user experience designer, software developer or e-learning developer - our careers advisor can help you choose the right path.



T Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

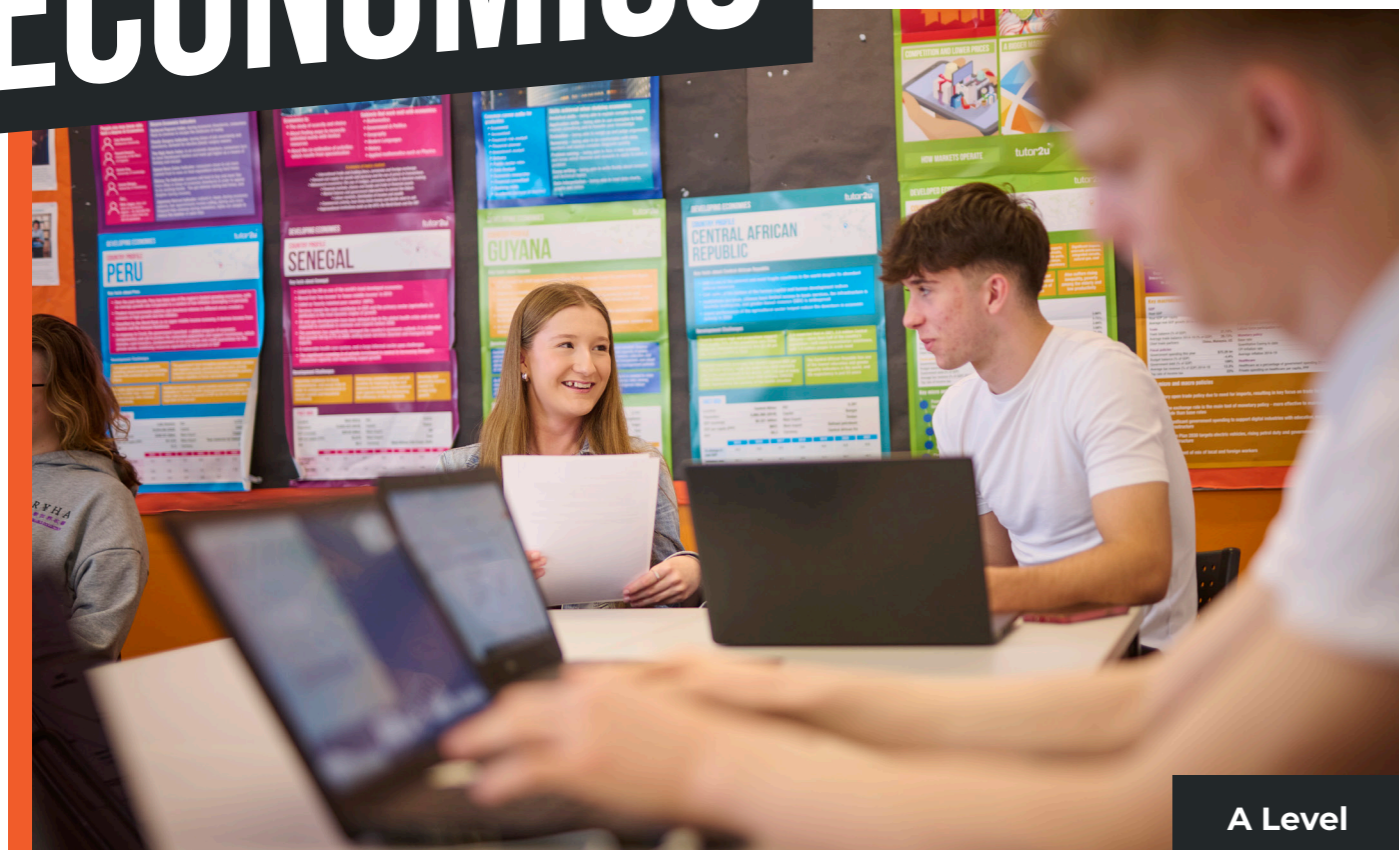
If you are interested in a career in software production and design, our T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development is the course for you! You will learn how to use data in software design, digital technologies to analyse and solve problems and explore digital environments including physical, virtual and cloud environments.

You will develop an understanding of how digital technologies impact business and the ethical and moral implications of digital technology. You will look at emerging technical trends such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Blockchain and 3D printing, plan digital projects and test software, hardware and data. The course will also provide you with knowledge of legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies, the privacy and confidentiality of personal data and the technical, physical and human aspects of internet security.

Then you will be able to put everything you learn into practice, with a substantial industry placement for a minimum of 315 hours. This will give you an amazing opportunity to work with an employer while you study, such as a web developer or games designer, and gain invaluable experience as well as key skills that employers are looking for.



ECONOMICS



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you enjoy both Maths and the Social Sciences? Do you like problem-solving, intelligent thinking and analysing numbers? If so, A Level Economics is the subject for you!

Economics is an exciting and newsworthy subject, which examines issues that make daily news headlines. The subject seeks to solve how we divide up our scarce resources to meet our unlimited wants and how those decisions affect us all.

You will develop an understanding of economics ideas and assumptions through a critical examination of present-day economic issues, problems and institutions that affect your daily life.

ALUMNI COSMIN FILIMON



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
Economics, History and Politics

Where are they now?
Studying at the University of Suffolk

Cosmin said:
“ Studying at Lowestoft Sixth form gave me the opportunity to pursue my passion. ”

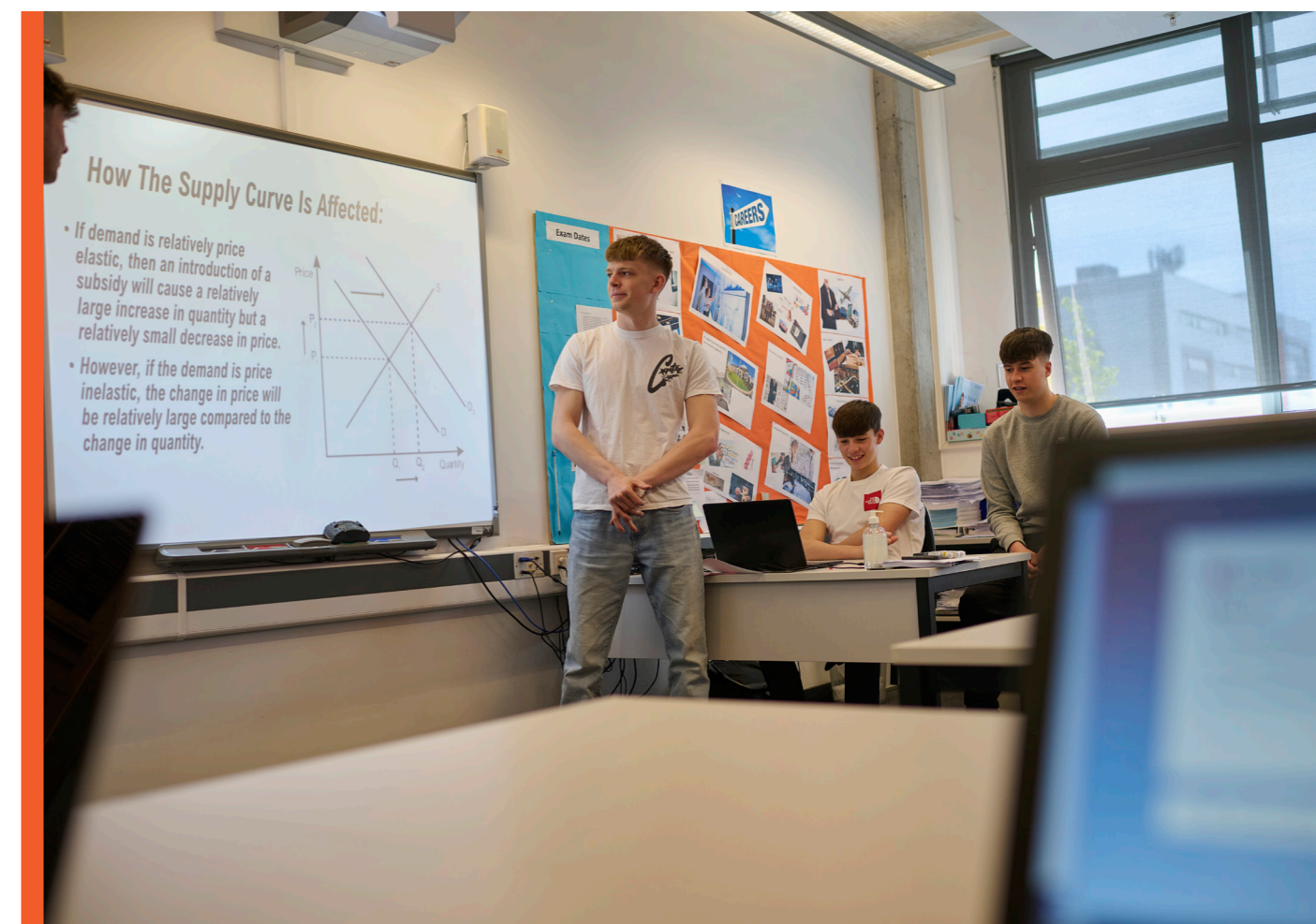
WHY STUDY WITH US?

- We offer trips to London to visit the Bank of England, the Financial District, the Houses of Parliament and Wembley Stadium. You will also visit top UK universities.
- You will hear from a range of guest speakers, including financial and business experts, economists, entrepreneurs, business journalists, investment analysts, university lecturers and more.
- The course involves a variety of interesting modules such as critical thinking, data analysis, problem solving, numeracy, cultural awareness and more.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Economics develops analytical thinking, alongside a good understanding of current affairs and how society functions, preparing you for employment or an apprenticeship in a range of sectors. These can include banking, insurance, finance and accounting, retail, manufacturing and operations, law and management trainee programmes.

You can also progress to university to study subjects such as economics, maths, business, accounting and finance, politics, law and more. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Leadership and Management, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.



ENGINEERING



AAQ

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in a career in the engineering sector?

This course will develop your knowledge in the principles and applications of engineering, including the fundamental mechanical, electrical/electronic and mathematical principles, engineering sectors, engineering materials, engineering processes and emerging technologies.

The qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a full study programme and can link to learning in A Level STEM subjects such as A Level Mathematics and A Level Physics. This course is a great choice for anyone wishing to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

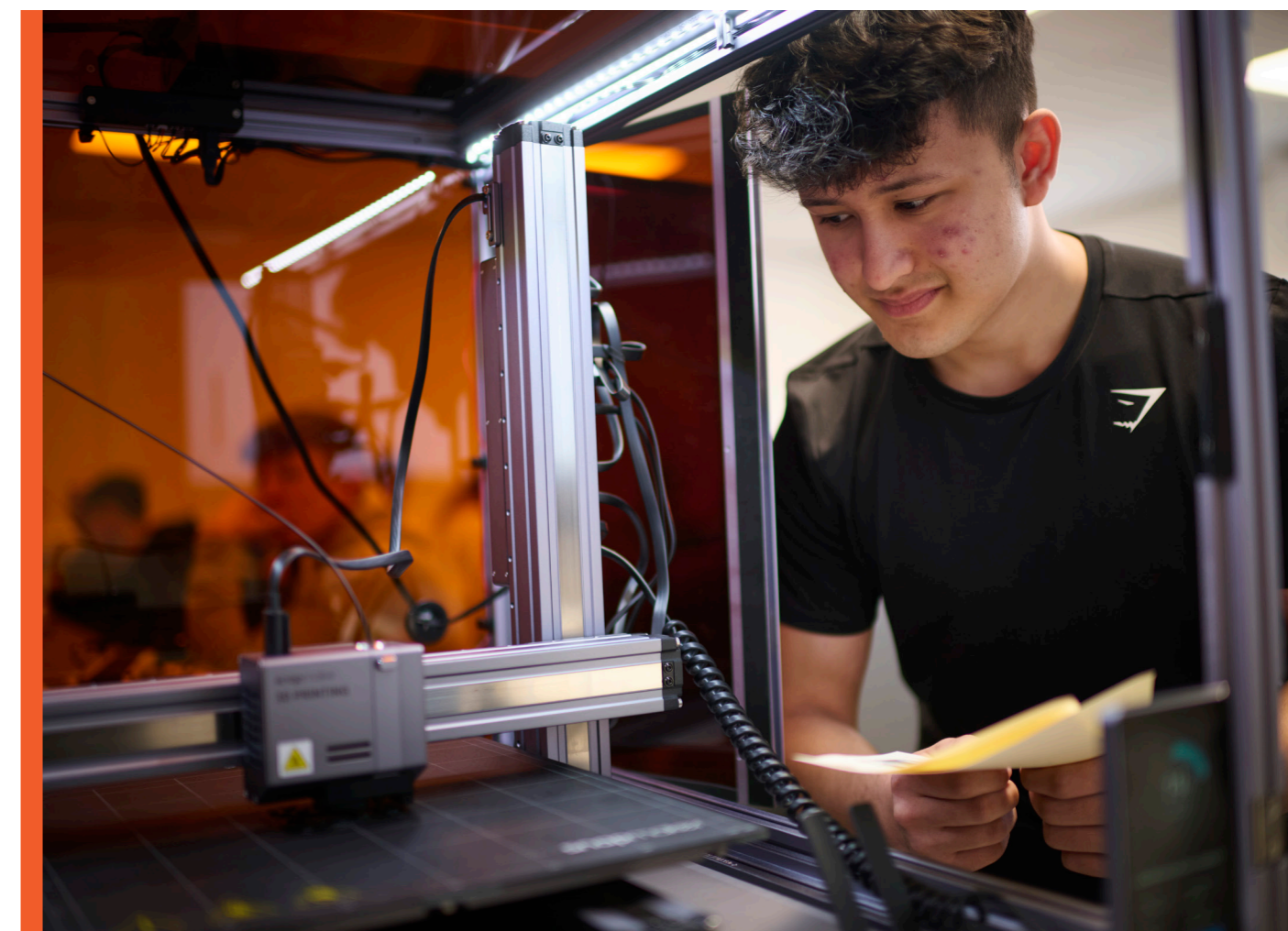
WHY STUDY WITH US?

- The course will help you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to become a successful engineer in today's rapidly moving industry.
- You will get the chance to visit sites such as Bacton Gas Terminal and Sizewell nuclear power station, and away from the practical elements you will develop your general knowledge of maths and engineering through classroom sessions.
- You will have access to industry-standard facilities and resources in our workshops and £11.3m Energy Skills Centre.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

The final year of the course can feed you directly into our Higher Education programme in Engineering, or you can progress to another university. You can also progress into an apprenticeship or employment in careers such as an electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, project engineer, chemical engineer, design engineer or maintenance engineer.

Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree course in HNC General Engineering, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you have a passion for discovering how language works? Do you thrive on interrogating the science of words and enjoy thinking analytically about the ways language is used in a variety of contexts? Do you have a passion for creative writing? This course is for you!

On this course, you will develop a linguistic terminology and explore language usage in different situations and social contexts through gender, power, technology, accent, dialect and age - to name a few!

You will study the difference between speech and writing and study child language acquisition, as well as having the opportunity to pursue your own linguistic passion by choosing your own areas to study for coursework.

ALUMNI ISABEL HOLLYHEAD



Previous School

Ormiston Denes Academy

Studied

English Literature, English Language and Politics

Where are they now?

Studying English Literature at the University of East Anglia

Isabel said:

“Lowestoft Sixth Form prepared me really well, I received a lot of advice about what options I had, information about career paths and what different degrees would lead to.”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the exciting opportunity to take part in reporting and representing the First Light Festival in Lowestoft, where you will work alongside industry professionals in marketing, journalism and PR.
- You will meet visiting academics and linguists from prestigious universities. This includes the opportunity to attend the A Level Language conference in London.
- You will develop a creative writing portfolio to help with your university progression. This course facilitates an optional certificate in Creative Writing.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

English Language is the perfect A Level to take if you want to pursue a degree in English language or linguistics, either as a single subject or combined with English literature, creative writing, linguistics or journalism. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Literary Studies with Creative Writing, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Careers in fields as diverse as public relations, teaching, social work, speech therapy, marketing, the civil service, publishing and film and television all welcome an academic qualification in English Language.



ENGLISH LITERATURE



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you have a passion for reading and exploring plays, poems and novels? Do you enjoy reading widely and analysing and interrogating texts to find meaning? If so, English Literature is an ideal subject for you!

Books, poems and plays are at the heart of this course, offering a wonderful opportunity to delve into classics such as Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* and Shakespeare's *King Lear*, as well as strikingly modern drama and poetry, such as Lucy Prebble's *Enron* and Carol Ann Duffy's *Mean Time*.

You will also have the opportunity to pursue your own literary passion by choosing your own texts to study for coursework, preparing you for study at university.

ALUMNI NOAH BERREY



Previous School
Pakefield High School

Studied
English Literature, Maths and Psychology

Where are they now?
Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford

Noah said:
"Lowestoft Sixth Form really encouraged me to study independently but reminded me that you should not be embarrassed to ask for help."

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the exciting opportunity to take part in reporting and representing the First Light Festival in Lowestoft, where you will work alongside industry professionals in marketing, journalism and PR.
- You will meet visiting academics from prestigious universities and organisations such as the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and the National Centre for Writing and visit theatres to see the texts you are studying on stage. Previous visits have included a day in Cambridge.
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in finding out more about the impact of human activity on our planet? Perhaps you want to discover ways in which environmental damage can be halted or even reversed. If this sounds like you, then come and join like-minded people by choosing A Level Environmental Science.

You will gain insights and an understanding of how geographical and biological components are connected in terms of the environment. This scientific subject will lead you to both answers and more questions, and sits particularly well alongside subjects like Biology, Chemistry and Geography.

Topics you will study include sustainability, biological resources, pollution and energy resources.

ALUMNI SEBASTIAN SOLOMON



Previous School
Ormiston Denes Academy

Studied
Environmental Science, History and Maths

Where are they now?
Studying Environmental Science at the University of East Anglia

Sebastian said:
“ The college showed me the importance of independent study, preparing me further for my next steps at university. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- The course contains over twelve practical laboratory sessions and at least two days of fieldwork, practicing techniques used by ecologists to investigate issues such as biodiversity.
- Environmental Science explores real world issues, such as climate change and the pollution of our oceans. You will learn what we can do to tackle these problems and can help make a difference.
- Our local landscape lends itself perfectly to exploring a range of different habitats and their associated management issues.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Environmental Science will prepare you to study ecology, wildlife conservation, environmental impact assessment, aquaculture, local government, town planning, geography and earth sciences. It also provides you with the opportunity to enter new fields of study such as ecotoxicology, climatology, geobiology and marine biology.

Careers include roles such as recycling officer, landscape architect, environmental engineer, horticultural therapist, environmental health practitioner, transport planner and more. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Conservation Science, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Is there a topic that you are passionate about and would like to explore in more detail? Maybe you want to research why people commit a crime, or look into how we could tackle the climate crisis we face today.

Whatever your interests are, you can explore these further, while gaining a qualification and UCAS points, through completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

The EPQ can be taken alongside any courses, and involves completing a personal research project that is driven by your own independence and love for a subject. You can either create something - a piece of art, book, teaching resource, music video - or write a report that answers your research question.

ALUMNI REBECCA HAWES



Previous School
Pakefield High School

Studied
EPQ, Biology, History and Psychology

Where are they now?
Studying Midwifery at the University of East Anglia

Rebecca said:
“ I loved doing the EPQ as I could relate my project to my career aspirations. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- The EPQ will help your university application to stand out. Some universities may even lower their typical offer if you achieve a particular grade in an EPQ.
- You will be taught by teachers and supervisors who have a background in research and have an excellent track record of providing a great learning experience, leading to high percentage of A*-B grades.
- You will visit local universities and gain experience of study skills that all universities look for in applications. These skills will also help you to be successful in your other subjects.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

The emphasis throughout this course will be on developing your independent research, study and presentation skills, culminating in the completion of a piece of independent research by you on a topic of your choice. These skills are highly valued by universities and employers.

It shows you can undertake independent research, which is necessary for all students at university and helps to bridge the gap between sixth form and degree-level study.



FILM STUDIES



A Level

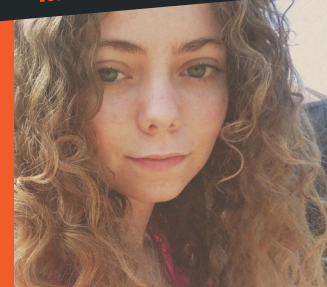
WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Film is one of the main cultural innovations of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years.

This course will introduce you to a wide variety of films in order to broaden your knowledge and understanding of film and the range of responses films can generate.

Production work is a crucial part of this course. Studying a diverse range of films from several different contexts gives you the opportunity to apply your knowledge and understanding of how films are constructed to your own filmmaking and screenwriting. This enables you to create high quality film and screenplay work, as well as providing an informed filmmaker's perspective on your own study of film.

ALUMNI MARIA HILL



Previous School
SET Beccles School

Studied
Film Studies, Media and English Literature

Where are they now?
Studying Film and Creative Writing at Lancaster University

Maria said:
"Every teacher is extremely passionate about their subject and encourages you to be passionate too."

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the exciting opportunity to create your own short film or screenplay. We have brand new equipment that will allow you to produce your work to a high standard.
- The course covers a wide range of films and film movements, including Casablanca, Captain Fantastic, We Need To Talk About Kevin and Vivre Sa Vie.
- You will study a range of engaging modules, such as global film, Hollywood 1930 - 1990, silent cinema, experimental film 1960 - 2000, American film since 2005 and more.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This course will prepare you for a range of degrees, including film production, digital film technologies, writing and film, drama and film, media studies, film studies, American studies and more! Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses in Photography and Visual Effects and Post-Production, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Career opportunities include film director, video editor, television camera operator, broadcast presenter, production designer, programme researcher, television producer, advertising art director, runner and marketing executive.



FORENSIC SCIENCE



Combined Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in a career in forensics sciences or criminal investigation?

Through our Forensic Science programme, you will study AAQ Medical Science, Applied Criminology and A Level Psychology, allowing you to tailor your study towards your interests and progression.

A forensic scientist or technician works to obtain scientific evidence at crime scenes to support criminal, regulatory and civil investigations. Through this programme, you will develop an understanding of how to study and inspect physical, biological, chemical and psychological pieces of evidence found at crime scenes to establish the circumstances and help law enforcers bring criminals to justice.

ALUMNI OLIVER MILLICAN



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
Forensic Science

Where are they now?
Studying Forensics and Criminology at Northumbria University

Oliver said:
“ The friendly teachers made me enjoy my time at college. You are given a lot of freedom and made to feel very comfortable day in, day out ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will benefit from excellent facilities, including high-specification laboratories with access to a wide range of the latest forensic study materials.
- We organise interactive and realistic crimes to investigate, where you will follow the case from the crime scene to the court room.
- This course will enable you to develop a purposeful and coherent combination of knowledge, skills and behaviours to confidently enter or progress into employment in occupations that are recognised and demanded by employers.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

After completing this programme, you can progress to university to study a degree in forensic science, criminal investigation, professional policing, psychology, criminology or paramedic science.

Further study at a higher level will lead to jobs in areas such as criminal psychology, criminology, biomedical science, forensic science, paramedic science and the police force. Other pathways include laboratory apprenticeships, policing apprenticeships and prison officer training.



FURTHER MATHS



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Further Maths is a highly challenging and stimulating course for excellent mathematicians who have achieved a grade 7, 8 or 9 in GCSE Maths. This course must be studied alongside A Level Maths.

Not only will this course improve your performance in A Level Maths, it is also designed to let you study a wide range of further options in pure maths, mechanics, statistics, decision and numerical maths in much more detail.

This course is more difficult than A Level Maths, so you need to be a very keen mathematician, as well as a highly motivated learner.

ALUMNI JOSHUA SKIPPER



Previous School
Ormiston Denes Academy

Studied
Maths, Further Maths and Physics

Where are they now?
Studying Maths at the University of Sheffield

Joshua said:
“ The sixth form is a really peaceful environment, so it was great to study there. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Further Maths is a highly regarded A Level and will allow you to progress into many maths related university courses and apprenticeships.
- We offer weekly maths workshops, where you can practise techniques and stretch your knowledge alongside students from other classes.
- Our maths teachers are passionate, caring experts in their field and dedicated to ensuring students make outstanding progress. This has been demonstrated through years of excellent results.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Further Maths can lead to degrees such as maths, physics, engineering, economics, accountancy, meteorology, data science, computer science and more.

A qualification in Further Maths can also lead to many different careers, including accountancy, actuary, cyber security, data analysis, economics, engineering, financial advice, investment, meteorology, physics, programming, research, software development, statistics, tax advice and teaching.



GEOGRAPHY



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you want to explore how the environment works and how our interactions affect it?

Geography gives you the skills to understand the fast changing world we live in today. It is an exploration of the changes in space and place over time, looking at both human behaviour and natural world processes. It is therefore an extremely exciting subject and one that combines approaches from both social and physical sciences.

We provide a balance of both the human and physical topics. Some of the main areas covered are coastal landscape systems, hazardous earth (volcanoes and earthquakes), geography of disease, global migration systems, global governance of human rights, the earth's life support systems and urban geography.

ALUMNI WILLIAM BASSETT



Previous School

Bungay High School

Studied

Geography, Environmental Science and Graphics

Where are they now?

Studying Environmental Science at the University of Nottingham

William said:

“The teachers trust you to work independently, while providing support. It's a huge difference from high school as you are treated like an adult.”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- We undertake several day trips to the local area and make use of the geography on our doorstep. We also visit the Lake District as part of a week-long residential trip to help prepare you with the skills to succeed in the NEA (coursework).
- For your coursework, you will be able to pick any topic that interests you within the syllabus.
- You will hear from guest speakers about current biological issues and attend university workshops. Enrichment sessions are run by CEFAS staff on marine biology and the UEA on cutting-edge genetic techniques.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Many students go onto study degrees such as geography, geology, environmental science and civil engineering.

As Geography gives a wide range of analytical skills, it is highly valued in careers such as cartography, climate change analysis, meteorology, chartered surveying and estate agency, tourism and recreation management, local government, water conservation, as well as in businesses in the insurance and energy sectors.



GRAPHICS



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Graphic designers create visual branding, adverts, brochures, magazines, website designs, product packaging, illustrations, animations and displays. Graphics is a fantastic creative subject that has transferable skills with other creative arts-based courses, such as Art and Design, Media and Photography.

You will explore and produce practical and critical/contextual work in multiple design-based disciplines including image editing, digital manipulation, layout, illustration, hand-drawn typography, printing, mark making, collage and construction, painting, drawing and photography.

Graphics is a highly academic subject, but can also be a very rewarding and creative outlet.

KALEL VAUGHAN



Previous School

Ormiston Denes Academy

Studying

Graphics, Photography and Games Production.

Progression Plan

Planning to attend university after his studies

Kaleb said:

“The college can help you gain experience and independence for the future.”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

You will be taught by professional tutors in a purpose-built art department, complete

- with a photographic studio, Mac suite, Nikon DSLR cameras and access to the Adobe Creative Cloud editing suite.

You will benefit from course trips to visit events and locations such as Norwich Print Fair, national art galleries, Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour and UCAS Create Your Future.

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Your course will end with an exhibition which looks fantastic on your CV and gives

- you the opportunity to celebrate with your peers all the brilliant images you have created.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Graphics is an excellent course if you want to go onto study fine art, graphic design, illustration, 3D design, fashion and textiles, photography, marketing and fashion design and merchandising. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Creative Arts Practice, Visual Art, Creative Arts for Health and Wellbeing, Fashion and Textiles and Photography, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

You can develop a career as an animator, art director, concept artist, creative director, freelance graphic designer, illustrator, interior and spatial designer, marketing specialist, production artist, product developer or user interface designer.



HEALTHCARE SCIENCE



T Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in a career in healthcare science, working in roles such as healthcare science assistant, radiography assistant or sterile services technician?

The T Level in Healthcare Science is equivalent to three A Levels and will give you the academic and practical skills required for progression into the healthcare science industries. It will give you the opportunity to develop your knowledge, understanding and the real-life skills that are needed for a range of healthcare jobs.

The course will be delivered in our purpose-built laboratories and simulated hospital environment. It provides an ideal mixture of both practical and theoretical skills development. Additionally, you will undertake an external work placement with a local employer, enabling you to apply your learning - giving you engagement, insight and connections for your future career within the industry.

An industry placement is a big part of the T Level course and you will undertake a minimum of 315 hours of industry experience. There you can develop the required hands on experience in your chosen industry while testing your technical skills and classroom knowledge further.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Delivered by expert teachers and industry specialists, this programme will broaden your options as you will cover a variety of topics and specialist areas. This means that
 - when it comes to employment, you will have the knowledge and skills to go wherever your ambitions take you.
- Partnership with employers such as the James Paget University Hospital to support students to meet the changing and emerging needs of the healthcare workforce.
- Train in our new healthcare suites which replicate a hospital ward to complement your classroom learning.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

T Levels provide you with UCAS tariff points and are equivalent to three A Levels..

As well as higher education, this study programme will also enable you to gain employment in the health sector as a healthcare science assistant (physiological measurements, sample collection and sample analysis) or apply for relevant apprenticeships, for example in the NHS.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



AAQ

Want to become a leader in the NHS, health charities, social organisations or another care-related role? Our course in Health and Social Care will allow you to engage in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector.

You will complete two examined units and one internally assessed unit. You will then select a further optional unit from the four available. The internally assessed units will give you the opportunity to engage in applied knowledge and understanding tasks to develop your health and social care knowledge.

This qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a study programme and can link to learning in A Levels such as Psychology, Biology or English. It is intended for those who wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Train in our new healthcare suites which replicate a hospital ward to compliment your classroom learning.
- You will benefit from excellent facilities including high specification laboratories with access to a wide range of the latest medical study materials.
- You will undertake an external work placement with a local employer, enabling you to apply your learning. The placement will support your engagement, insight and connections for your future career within the industry.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This qualification will be taken alongside other courses as part of a two-year programme of learning. This will enable you to progress to a degree programme chosen from a range of programmes in or linked to the health and social care sector. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education institutions as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses.

Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Applied Care Practice and Additional Support Needs, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep. As well as higher education, this study programme will also enable you to gain employment in the health sector or apply for relevant apprenticeships, for example in the NHS.



HISTORY



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

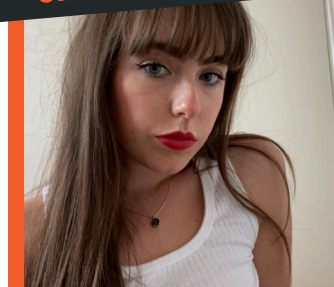
Are you interested in finding out about the major events of the past and how they have shaped the world today?

This course covers some of the most fascinating periods in world history and gives you the opportunity to deeply research one of the world's most troubling regimes.

You will study a range of interesting topics, including:

- Anglo Saxon England and the Norman Conquest (1035-1107)
- The Cold War in Europe (1941-1995)
- The Challenge of German Nationalism (1789-1919)
- The Rise of the Nazis and Nazi Germany (1920-1944)

ALUMNI GRACE ORAM



Previous School
Pakefield High School

Studied
History, Geography and Sociology

Where are they now?
Studying Modern History at Queen Mary, University of London

Grace said:
"Lowestoft Sixth Form College helped me realise the importance of asking for help when you need it."

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the exciting opportunity to take part in an archaeological dig.
- History will help you develop many transferable skills, including analysis, essay writing, research, problem solving, argumentation, communication and critical thinking. These skills will benefit you greatly as you progress to higher education and employment.
- The past teaches us about the present. Many of the topics you will cover are also relevant to modern political themes, such as nationalism, conservatism and immigration.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

History is highly regarded by universities. Degrees such as law, history, politics, English, media studies, archaeology, philosophy and sociology all favour an A Level in History.

With History providing many transferable skills, it can also lead to a range of careers with roles such as an academic researcher, archivist, heritage manager, historic buildings inspector/conservation officer, museum education officer, museum/gallery curator, museum/gallery exhibitions officer and teacher.

An educational trip to Poland



HISTORY OF ART



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in studying the development of visual arts in relation to historical events and eras?

This course will develop your understanding of the relationship between society and art; art historical terms, concepts and issues; the influence of cultural, social and political factors as well as developments in materials, techniques and processes of both art and architecture over time.

Through a visual analysis module, you will develop the core skills of visual literacy and understanding - vital skills in today's visual world. You will also delve into works from beyond the European traditions, introducing a global scope into your learning that is appropriate for the modern world. In addition, you will be able to make use of local museums and galleries to review work closer to home.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

You will have the opportunity to study some of the most significant and exciting eras of art and architecture in depth. You will continue to build and develop your skills of

- visual literacy and develop your knowledge from the breadth of the themes to the greater detail of periods.
- This course is led by a well-connected and experienced expert in the field who can give first-hand advice on further study and employment.
- Through research and the first-hand experience of seeing works of art in galleries, museums and alternative venues, you will create a portfolio of research alongside your written analysis.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

All elements of this course will equip you with skills for higher education and beyond: art history's inter-disciplinary benefits are key to this, as are the requirements for all students to learn to analyse, research and to create substantiated reasoned argument in written form.



LAW



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Studying A Level Law will enable you to investigate a wide range of high profile, real life cases. You will find out about the offences themselves, how they came to court, how the judge can sentence a convicted criminal and how solicitors, barristers, magistrates and juries interact.

In the first year, you will study the nature of law, the English legal system and one area of criminal law. You will be taught problem solving techniques, how to develop a legal argument and will analyse case studies.

In the second year, you will explore tort law and human rights law. Students who like analysing issues, problem solving and debating will thoroughly enjoy the whole course.

ALUMNI AMELIA KOLOMYCKA



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
History, Law and Criminology

Where are they now?
Studying Law at the University of Lincoln

Amelia said:
“ The college made the whole university process very clear. I felt very supported with the application process. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the opportunity to visit both Magistrates' and Crown Courts to observe real cases as they are tried.
- You will be able to participate in the annual National Bar Mock Trial to develop your advocacy skills against schools and colleges throughout the region.

The transferable skills you develop on this course will benefit you greatly as you progress to higher education and employment. You will gain the ability to write concisely, improve your attention to detail, grow confident in your persuasive communication skills and be able to research using a range of sources.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

After completing this course, you can progress to university to study degrees such as law, criminology, psychology and business. Alternatively, apprenticeships within the legal profession are now becoming more popular. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Crime, Justice and Society and Applied Psychology, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Career opportunities include arbitrator, barrister, barrister's clerk, civil service administrator, conveyancer, legal secretary, paralegal, patent attorney, police officer, probate practitioner, probation officer and solicitor.



MARITIME AND NAUTICAL SCIENCE



Level 3 - Full-time Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

The Merchant Navy Deck Cadet Programme is a fully-sponsored course with training time both at college and at sea - all while earning a salary! It is run by East Coast College from the Lowestoft campus, next to the sixth form.

The course is split into five phases, where you will complete your MCA training record book to record your completion of key tasks out at sea. You will qualify with a Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Nautical Science accredited by SQA, MCA and the Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB), which will provide the underpinning knowledge for the Officer of the Watch.

You will then become a vital member of your ship's management team and will be responsible for making decisions on steering and manoeuvring, controlling navigation and communications for the safety of the ship, crew, cargo and passengers. At the end of the training, you will have all the skills you need to gain employment as a fully qualified Officer of the Watch on any ship type around the world.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will complete 12 months combined seagoing service and training to support your learning.
- You will train in excellent learning facilities, including bridge and engine room simulators, ECDIS and GMDSS labs.
- We have dedicated teaching staff with extensive industry experience.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Upon successful completion of the programme, and required sea time, you can progress to Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Nautical Science leading to the Chief Mate Certificate of Competency followed by full Master's certification.

There are also opportunities for students who have the academic ability and desire to study for a higher-level Honours degree award to access management degree top-up programmes within the University of Suffolk or other institutions.



MATHS



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you enjoy Maths at school? Do you like solving problems? Do you feel confident with the work you have met so far at GCSE? If so, you should take A Level Maths.

Maths is a demanding and challenging subject, but it can be extremely rewarding if you are prepared to put in the time and effort.

Maths has wide applications in areas such as engineering, business, finance, science, computing and technology. In fact, there continues to be a national shortage of qualified mathematicians, so this course will give you a competitive edge with future employers.

ALUMNI SAMUEL TOWNSEND



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied
Physics and Maths

Where are they now?
Studying an Apprenticeship at Bradman Lake in Beccles

Samuel said:
“ I loved meeting new friends and studying was made enjoyable too. ”

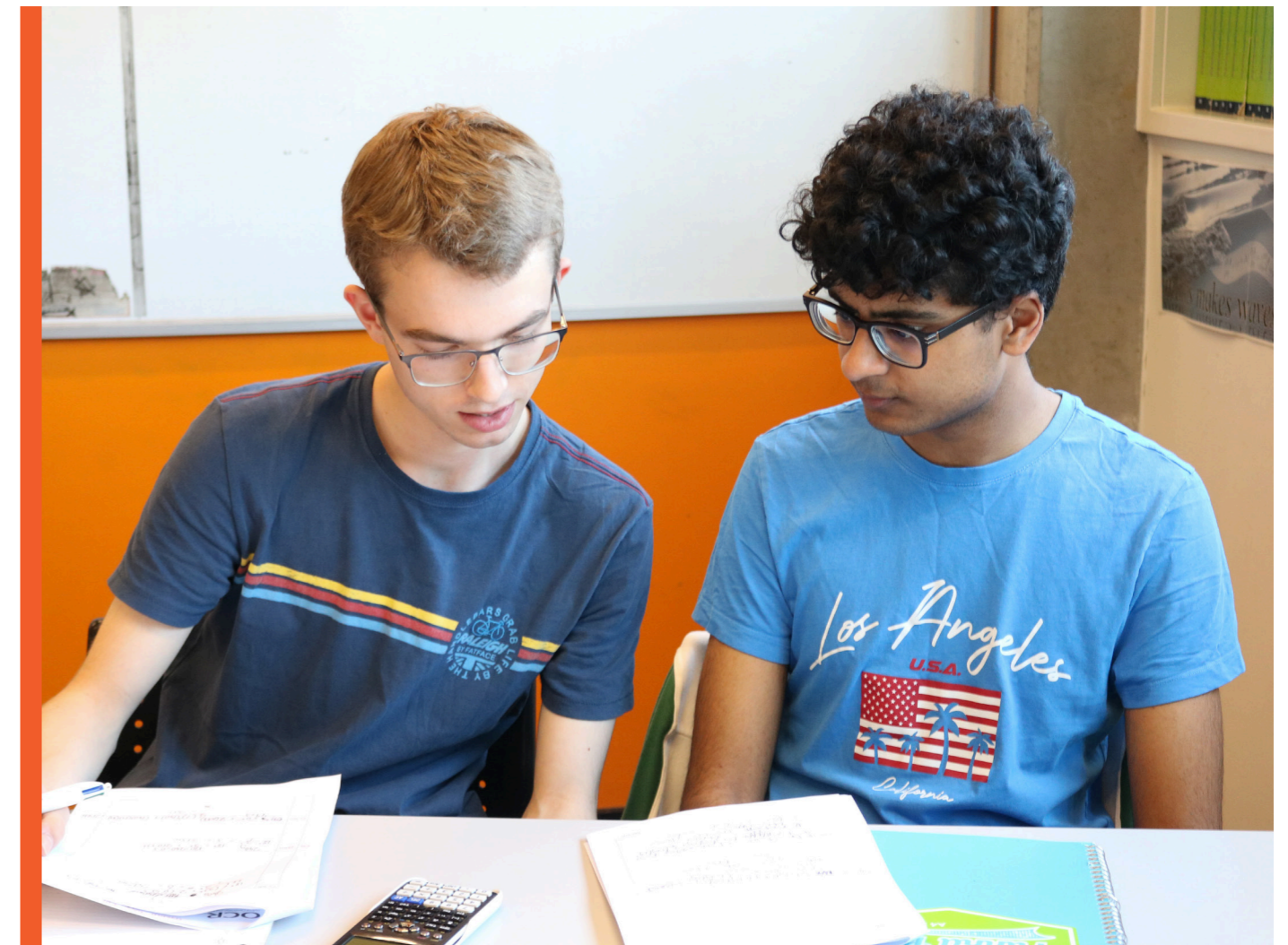
WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Maths develops excellent problem solving skills, which is highly sought after by universities and employers.
- We offer weekly maths workshops, where you can practise techniques and stretch your knowledge alongside students from other classes.
- Our maths teachers are passionate, caring experts in their field and dedicated to ensuring students make outstanding progress. This has been demonstrated through years of excellent results.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

An A Level in Maths can lead to almost any degree or apprenticeship. You could study maths, natural sciences, physics, engineering, economics, architecture, accountancy, meteorology, biology, chemistry, business, psychology, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, data science, computer science and more.

Career routes include accountancy, architecture, cyber security, data analysis, engineering, medicine, programming, software development and teaching.



MEDIA STUDIES



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Media is an ever-evolving industry, both due to the advancement in digital technology and how we as an audience choose to consume and engage with it.

This is why this A Level is such an exciting subject, as it gives you grounding on everything from: news and online media, marketing, magazines, radio, video games, film, music video, and television drama, to the representation in the media and how these all come together to give impact on their intended audience. It tackles and analyses the history in which our Media industry has evolved and gives you a broad opportunity in profession or degree options going forward.

This A Level is weighted 70% theory and 30% practical work. Practical learning, including sound and camera skills using our in-house equipment for stills, video and audio-only formats, are embedded throughout both years of study.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- We have a selection of in-house Canon DSLR cameras and Zoom mics for you to create your practical project with.
- You will have full access to the range of Adobe suite programmes relating to photo, video and audio editing, throughout your two years of study.
- You will also have further opportunities to grow and use your practical skills in wider projects outside of the college.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This A Level can give you both the UCAS points required and theoretical and practical experience for a variety of different university degrees, such as: media production, film studies, television production, media and creative writing and much more. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Visual Effects and Post-Production and Photography, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Career opportunities within the media industry can range from a TV runner, researcher, camera operator, sound engineer, journalist and photographer to higher level roles such as an editor, screenplay writer, director, producer, director of photography and much more; once industry experience is gained over time.



MEDICAL SCIENCE



AAQ

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in human biology, health or medical science?

Our Medical Science course will enable you to study the principles and applications of medical science through three units, and further explore other areas in more detail through an optional unit. You will also learn practical and investigation skills that build on this fundamental knowledge.

This qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a study programme and can link to A Level subjects such as Sport, Health and Exercise, Sociology, Chemistry and Psychology. It is intended for those that wish to progress onto higher education as a pathway to employment.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will benefit from excellent facilities including high specification laboratories with access to a wide range of the latest medical study materials.
- You will have multiple opportunities to hear from guest speakers in the medical field alongside relevant trips and visits to industry facilities.
- This course will enable you to develop a purposeful and coherent combination of knowledge, skills and behaviours to confidently enter or progress into employment in occupations that are recognised and demanded by employers.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

You could progress to university to study nursing (adult, children's mental health and learning disability), physiotherapy, paramedic science, midwifery, occupational health, radiotherapy and pharmaceutical sciences.



MUSIC PERFORMANCE



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Our Music Performance course covers a wide range of technical skills and knowledge, including instrumental and vocal techniques for a range of styles, solo and ensemble performance, composition, music theory and professional practice in the music industry.

You will develop confidence and ability as an all-round musician, performing at the sixth form's many gig nights throughout the year in front of a live audience. You will also have the opportunity to perform in a full-scale musical theatre show, with students previously performing *Les Misérables* and *Sweeney Todd*.

You will also deepen your understanding of music theory and acquire professional development skills for the music industry.

ALUMNI LAUREN BENJAMIN



Previous School

Ormiston Denes Academy

Studied

Music and Performing Arts

Where are they now?

Studying Performance at Leeds University

Lauren said:

"I came to L6FC after studying at another provider and I never looked back."

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have an abundance of performance and recording opportunities, facilitated by experienced, passionate and supportive staff.

- We have fantastic purpose-built music facilities, including soundproofed rehearsal rooms, a range of acoustic pianos, a fully-equipped performance venue, recording studio and industry-standard equipment.

- Our industry links have allowed us to be involved in fantastic projects with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Aldeburgh Music, the Marina Theatre, and the Broads Authority, giving our students priceless experiences of working within industry settings.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

You can progress to university or a music conservatoire to study various music-related subjects. Students have gone onto study music, music technology, composition, musical theatre, popular music performance, event management and music business.

This qualification will also set you on the path to a range of careers – from creative roles such as a professional musician, composer, arranger, or producer, to roles as diverse as teacher, music therapist, acoustician, event manager, publisher, record label A&R and much more.



NAVIGATE TO A LEVELS



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Our Navigate to A Levels programme is a completely bespoke skills and behaviour-focused programme using individual and group projects, including a Higher Project Qualification, to boost those interested in an A Level route to the standard required. English and Maths qualifications can be boosted during this course if required.

You will gain the skills and behaviours needed to support you in learning confidently and effectively. This will be supported by meaningful work experience within sectors relevant to the career path you choose.

Subject experience will be gained through a combination of lessons, HPQ qualification sessions and regular one-to-one progress checks. There will also be opportunities to gain and develop digital skills and upgrade any current GCSEs where relevant to further study. AQA unit awards in a variety of bespoke subjects may be available based on your chosen A Level pathway.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- The course is designed with the goal to build confidence and skills to succeed at the next level.
- Our offer is completely bespoke to enable you to progress onto your desired A Level subject.
- You will gain an additional qualification during this course to aid in your progression.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This course is designed for those who want to progress onto an A Level programme, but need to boost their qualifications, knowledge and skills to the standard required. From this course, you will progress onto your desired A Level programme to pursue your chosen career path.



PERFORMING ARTS



BTEC - Single and Double Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

This course offers extensive training in contemporary and jazz dance techniques, acting and singing. We also teach you about the performance industry and the opportunities that are available.

You will take part in five assessed performances over the year in front of an external audience, as well as having the exciting opportunity to audition for a full length musical, with students previously performing *Les Misérables* and *Sweeney Todd*.

Our teachers are industry professionals who are passionate about the subject and will continually push you to be the best performer you can be. If you are looking for a lively, engaging and creative course, Performing Arts is the perfect choice for you!

GRACE RODGERS



Previous School
Benjamin Britten Academy

Studying
Music and Performing Arts

Progression Plan
Planning to study Performing Arts at university

Grace said:
“ I have met so many new people and love having my own creative freedom in my work. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

You will learn in our fully-equipped dance and drama studios. A large performance space and soundproofed music practice booths are also available to you for both rehearsal and performance.

Following the success of our recent full-scale musical ‘*Les Misérables - School Edition*’ we offer weekly, extra-curricular musical theatre and dance classes, which will lead to a full-scale musical.

You will gain industry experience by taking on lead roles, both on stage and behind the scenes, in a variety of assessed and non-assessed performances. You will also take part in guest workshops throughout the year with visiting dance colleges and will have the opportunity to attend our trip to the West End!

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Previous students have progressed to professional training colleges such as Laine Theatre Arts, Bird College, Italia Conti, Masters Performing Arts College, Tiffany Theatre College and Performers College, as well as leading universities for the arts such as the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts and the Guildford School of Acting.

Career opportunities include West End performer, choreographer, company director, teacher, technician, stage manager, theatre blogger, costume designer, set designer, front of house, marketing assistant, presenter and more.



PHILOSOPHY



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you ever wonder what life is about, why we are here and what our purpose is? Do you ever question how we decide what is right and what is wrong? Or even wonder who decides what is right or wrong?

From ancient times to today, history's greatest minds have searched for answers to the big questions in life. Science can tell us how, but it can't always tell us why. Studying Philosophy means exploring these challenges in theoretical, practical, logical and historical contexts.

Philosophers are big thinkers, able to challenge commonly accepted ideas with their intellect and open-mindedness.

MIA STEPHENSON



Previous School
Ormiston Denes Academy

Studying
Philosophy, Maths, and Further Maths

Progression Plan
Planning to study Philosophy and Maths at university

Mia said:
“ You get to be independent in the majority of your study which requires a lot of resilience but helps you to thrive on your own. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have the opportunity to take part in the Ethics Cup Debating Competition, where in previous years our students have placed third in the national finals at St Andrews University, Scotland.
- You will study a range of interesting topics, including moral philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics of God and metaphysics of the mind.
- You will meet visiting academics from prestigious universities and organisations, as well as having the opportunity to attend taster sessions and conferences. There is also the opportunity to join the debating club, where you can put your reasoning skills to the test.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Philosophy pairs well with many different subjects, meaning you could study a general philosophy degree or a combined degree such as philosophy, politics and economics (PPE) or a range of dual honours degrees which combines philosophy with theology, physics, linguistics, literature, languages, law, music or maths.

Philosophy gives you a competitive edge when starting your career due to the critical thinking skills you will develop.



PHOTOGRAPHY



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Whether you enjoy taking photographs for fun, for keepsake memories, or because you love the technical aspects of how a camera works, then A Level Photography is the course for you.

Studying Photography will encourage you to expand your knowledge and understanding of photographic techniques and the history of photography, all while giving you the opportunity to explore personal ideas through keeping a sketchbook to record your learning

You will explore and produce practical work in multiple photographic and arts-based disciplines, including light-painting, digital image manipulation, compositing, cyanotypes, photographic sculpture, craft, collage and studio lighting.

ALUMNI SHANNA SHANKS



Previous School

Great Yarmouth Charter Academy

Studied

Photography, Art and Design and Maths

Where are they now?

Studying Photography at Norwich University of the Arts

Shanna said:

“ I loved how we were able to experiment with different techniques and really find our own style. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be taught in a purpose-built art department, complete with a photographic studio, Mac suite, Nikon DSLR cameras and access to the Adobe Creative Cloud editing suite.

- We offer visits to events and locations including national galleries and local one-off exhibitions such as Ed Sheeran's Made in Suffolk exhibition. In previous years, students also got the chance to visit Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour and UCAS Create Your Future.

- Your course will end with an exhibition, which looks fantastic on a CV and gives you the opportunity to celebrate with your peers all the brilliant images you have made collectively.

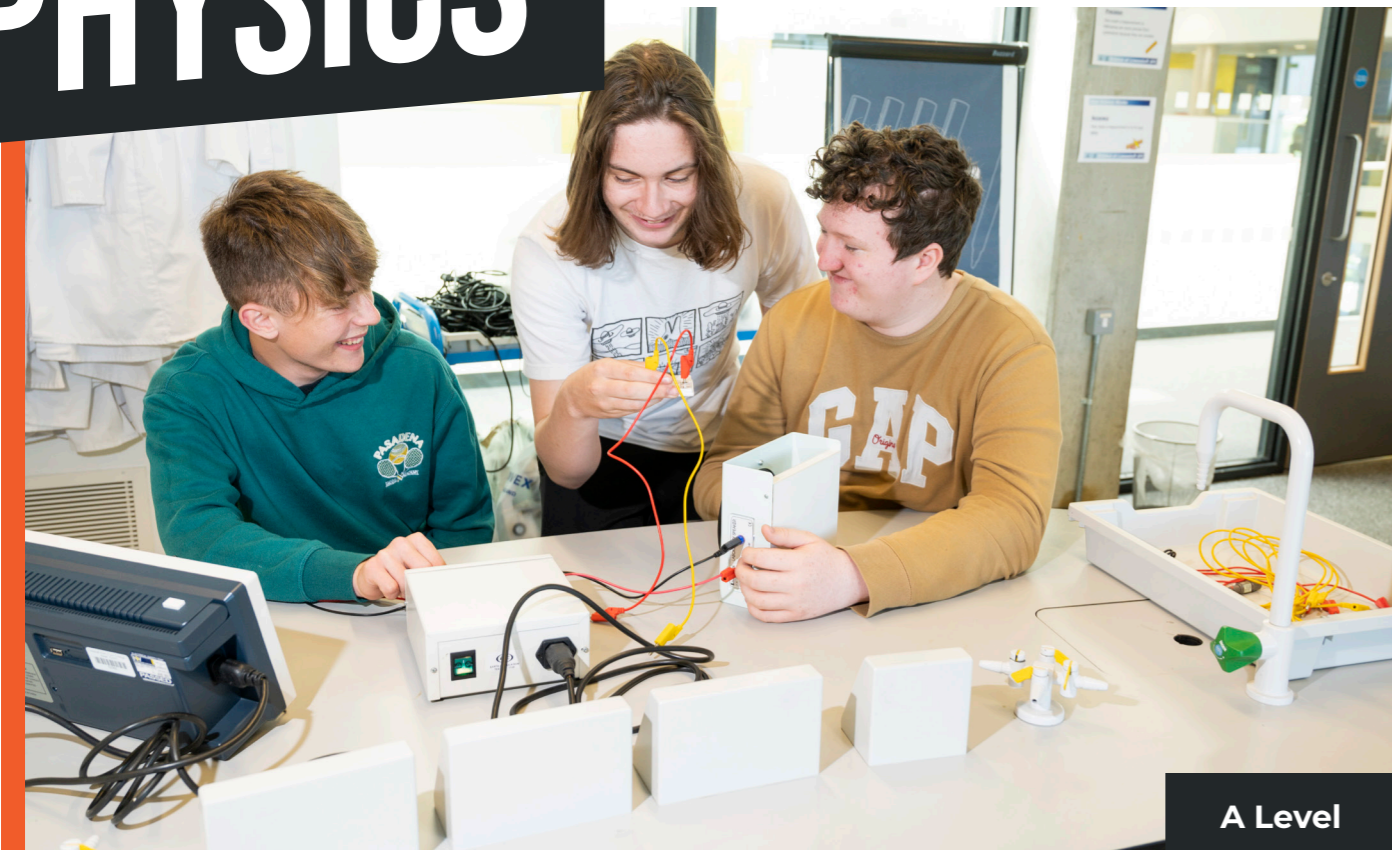
WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Photography is an excellent course if you want to go onto study a degree in subjects such as fine art, graphic design, illustration, 3D design, fashion, photography, marketing and fashion buying and merchandising. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Creative Arts Practice, Visual Art, Creative Arts for Health and Wellbeing, Fashion and Textiles and Photography, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Many people go onto use photography within their chosen field of work – this can range from forensics photography through to commercial studio photography. Other career routes may be geared towards marketing, branding, photographic digitising, compositing and teaching.



PHYSICS



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you want to deepen your understanding of how the universe works, as well as developing invaluable problem-solving skills?

A Level Physics will allow you to study the world around you at every level, from the smallest particle, to galaxies remote in space and time. The theoretical topics are always related to practical applications, with the teaching of practical skills incorporated throughout the course.

The first year of the course mainly builds on topics you will have already studied at GCSE, while most of the second year topics are brand new and will not have been studied before.

DOMINIC DLUGOSZ



Previous School
Ormiston Venture Academy

Studying
Physics, Maths and Computer Science

Progression Plan
Planning to study an apprenticeship in Computer Science

Dominic said:
“ I have received amazing support from my passionate tutors, who are always happy to help. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be working in laboratories with excellent facilities and equipment, including oscilloscopes and full sets of data logging equipment.
- There will be opportunities for trips to see physics in use in the industry and the chance to hear lectures.

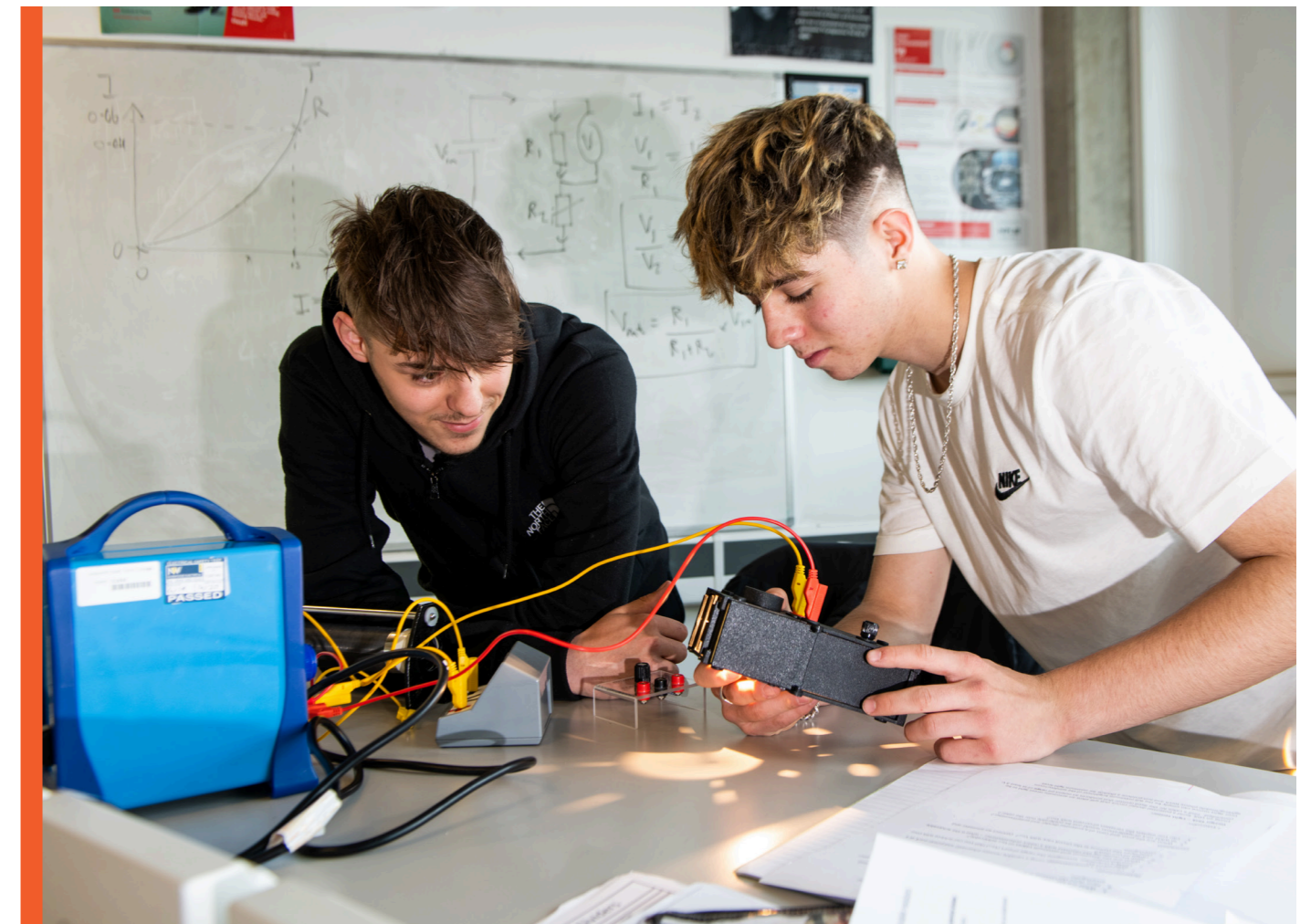
We incorporate various trips and guest speakers into the course. Previous visits have

- included a day trip to Sizewell B nuclear power station, a trip to the Bacton Gas Terminal on the North Norfolk coast, a college visit from the civil engineering firm Milne and a trip to the Offshore Oil and Gas Careers Fair at Potters Holiday Resort.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Most students progress onto degrees in scientific subjects such as engineering, medicine, electronics, architecture and physical sciences. Physics is also a useful foundation for subjects such as law, finance, business and IT.

Physics graduates are not only highly sought after and well suited to careers which directly involve science and engineering, but also in the financial and business sectors too.



POLICING



BTEC - Single and Triple Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you considering a career in law enforcement? This encompasses roles ranging from police officers to police specials, as well as civilian positions within the police force, such as working in the control room or serving as a custody assistant, among others.

This course provides a superb gateway into the field of law enforcement. We offer guidance and support tailored to your career aspirations. As you progress through the course, you may discover new interests within the diverse range of policing roles, and we are here to assist you in navigating those changes as well.

In addition to the core curriculum, you will engage in a comprehensive suite of activities designed to enhance your readiness for a career in law enforcement. These include: mock scenarios, forensic evidence collection, self-discipline and organisational skills, drill practice, physical fitness training, self-defence techniques, leadership skill development, communication training, navigation drills and community engagement.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will be taught by industry specialists with years of experience in the police, military, and other uniformed services.
- We have a direct partnership with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, providing you with an opportunity for work experience, with modules delivered directly by current officers through live scenario training.
- We will support you to secure job interviews within the sector upon successful completion of this course.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This course will provide you with the tools to navigate your preferred route to a career in law enforcement. Careers in the police are not all about driving to emergencies or patrolling a high street, and you could also consider working as a call handler to direct 999 calls, the civil nuclear constabulary to protect nuclear power plants, or even investigating environmental crimes to protect local wildlife.

Following this course you could progress through the Police Apprenticeship pathway or onto university.



POLITICS



WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in current affairs? Would you like to find out more about how decisions made in this country affect the lives of millions of people?

A Level Politics is a dynamic and highly topical course, where you will examine the underlying political system to gain a deeper insight of the ever changing events and policies. Not only does it develop an understanding of how our country is run, it also looks at key political ideals, parties and thinkers.

You will study a range of interesting topics, including UK politics and core political ideas, conservatism, liberalism, socialism, UK government, non-core political ideas and global politics.

ALUMNI CAITLIN MOORE



Previous School
East Point Academy

Studied
History, Politics and Criminology

Where are they now?
Studying Law at the University of Lincoln

Caitlin said:
“ The sixth form made the whole university process very clear. We visited so many universities which really helped me make my choice and I felt very prepared to go. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have many opportunities to debate about political ideas and movements, improving your public speaking skills and helping your confidence to grow.
- Whether you want to become a politician, or you are simply fascinated by the subject, a qualification in politics will leave you with many transferable skills that will benefit you when progressing to higher education and employment. These include assertiveness, public speaking, data analysis, essay writing and research.
- Politics is a highly topical subject, meaning you will develop a greater awareness of the world around you.

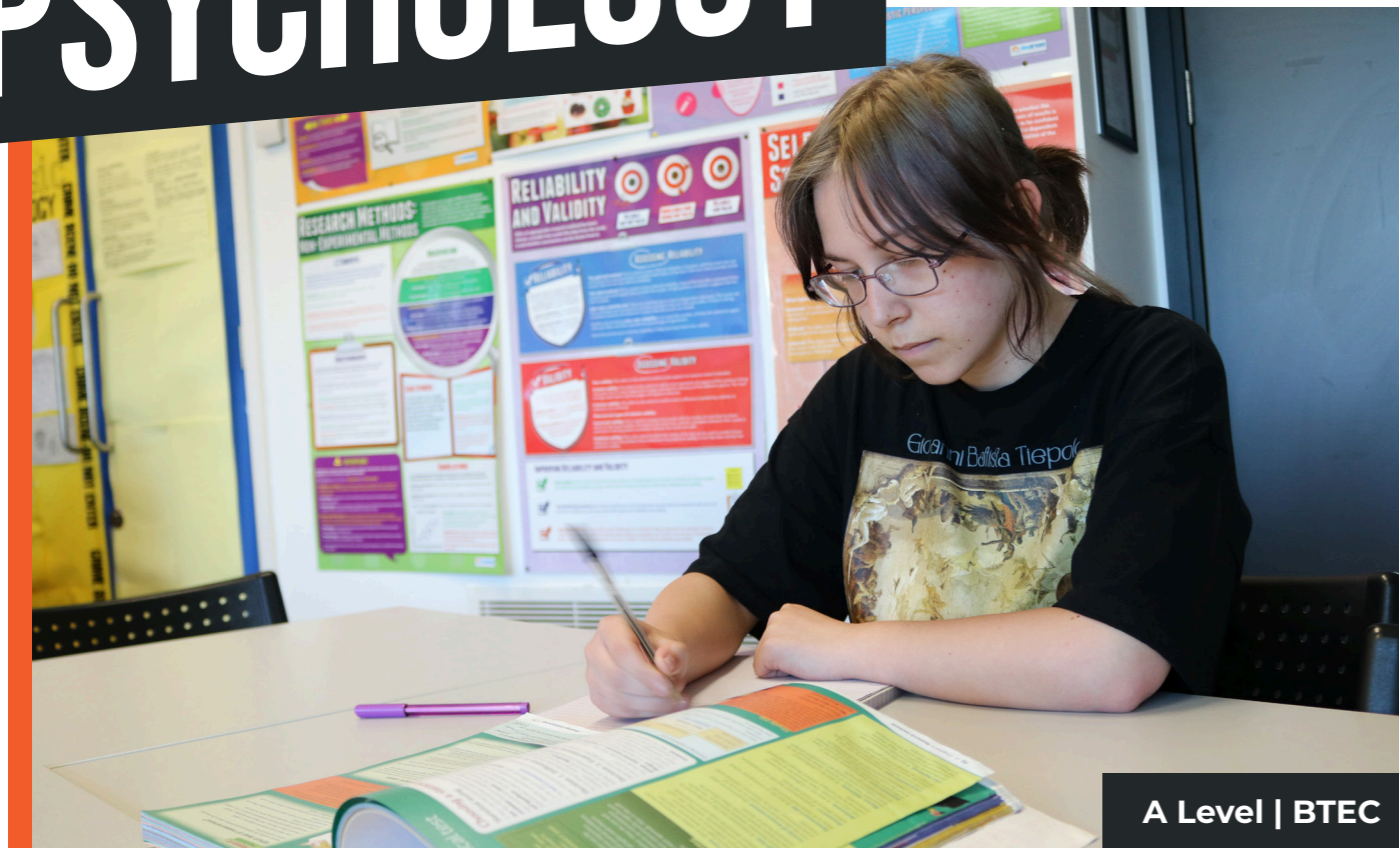
WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Politics is a subject that can be studied further at university and combines well with other subjects such as law, history, sociology and economics. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Crime, Justice and Society, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

It is also a pathway to a career in the civil service, broadcasting, journalism, the legal profession, the police force and more. Career opportunities include roles such as a policy officer, political risk analyst, politician's assistant, public affairs consultant and government social research officer.



PSYCHOLOGY



A Level | BTEC

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Psychology is about people; their biological processes, how their minds work, their behaviours and their experiences.

On this course, you will cover topics such as approaches to psychology - cognitive, biological, humanistic and psychodynamic and areas such as social influence, memory, attachment, relationships and forensic psychology.

You will also be given the opportunity for independent research in an area of psychology that interests you. The National Diploma contains a mixture of coursework and exams. You will focus on approaches in psychology, research methods, health psychology and forensic psychology.

ALUMNI MAY WOOLTORTON



Previous School

Benjamin Britten Academy

Studied

Film Studies and Psychology

Where are they now?

Studying Film and Moving Image Production at Norwich University of the Arts

May said:

“ If you have the ability to do something, go for it! Just think about what you enjoy and take pride in doing the things you love. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

You will have the opportunity to visit university psychology departments, take part in

- conferences and workshops, visit psychology events and engage in externally organised student sessions relevant to improving your grade.
- This course will help you develop many transferable skills, including critical thinking, time management, research and analysis.

Studying Psychology will help you to understand human diversity and personality

- types. Not only will it broaden your understanding of the people around you, but it will build up your empathy.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

After completing this course, you will be fully prepared to progress to university where you can study subjects such as counselling, psychology, criminology, sociology, philosophy and more. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Applied Psychology and Person-Centred Counselling, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

Career opportunities include counsellor, psychiatrist, family mediator, play therapist, forensic psychologist, health psychologist, sports psychologist, social worker, market researcher and teacher.



SCIENCE



T Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Are you interested in a career in healthcare science, in roles such as a science technician, clinical laboratory technician or industry and manufacturing technician?

Laboratory scientists apply specialist knowledge and understanding to carry out a range of vital technical activities to support science research and development in industry. This means a laboratory sciences qualification will open up a range of opportunities, giving you the practical and technical skills to build an exciting and high level career.

This T Level course is equivalent to three A Levels, but with a more vocational focus. In addition to classroom-based lessons, you will complete 315 hours working with an employer on a relevant industry placement. You will learn core scientific theories, concepts and skills alongside specialist skills to prepare you for a career in science. Your learning in the classroom and in our industry-standard laboratories will be supported by a significant industry placement where you will put your knowledge and skills into practice in a real working environment with a local employer.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Delivered by expert teachers and industry specialists, this programme will broaden your options as you will cover a variety of topics and specialist areas. This means that
 - when it comes to employment, you will have the knowledge and skills to go wherever your ambitions take you.
- You will benefit from excellent facilities including high-specification laboratories with access to a wide range of the latest medical study materials. Students learn to perform a wide range of scientific techniques and use a wide range of scientific equipment from all disciplines.
- The course will explore how the core knowledge of science relates to technical laboratory sciences as well as occupationally specific knowledge preparing you for progression into this sector.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

This T Level focuses far more on science vocational skills and can help you into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.

You could progress into a role such as laboratory technician, metrologist or food manufacturing inspector.



SOCIOLOGY



A Level

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you? Whether men or women are more likely to commit a crime?

If you are interested in the world and want to develop a critical mind, to anticipate and imagine a world free of inequalities, then Sociology is for you. You will learn a number of skills, including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts and critical thinking.

You will study a wide range of interesting and engaging topics, including crime and deviance, mass media, culture and identity, theories and methods and education with research methods.

ALUMNI OPHELIA BESSENT



Previous School
Pakefield High School

Studied
Psychology, Criminology and Sociology

Where are they now?
Studying Social Work Practice at the University of Lincoln

Ophelia said:
“Go for what you think you will be happiest doing, whether that is a subject or a university route after college.”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- Studying Sociology will make you more aware of the society you exist in and enable you to gain a valuable insight into human social behaviour.
- We have a well-stocked library to inspire and engage students in the contemporary study of society.
- You will have the exciting opportunity to attend student conferences to hear from academics and academic researchers.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Sociology is an academic subject which leads to most students progressing to university. It combines well with many subjects, including psychology, English, media studies, law, politics, history, health and social care and art. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer degree courses such as Applied Psychology and Person-Centered Counselling, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

It is also a pathway to many careers in teaching, journalism, criminology, nursing, the police, social work, youth work, probation work, counselling, business, human resources, marketing, the legal profession, local government and the forces.



SPORT, HEALTH AND EXERCISE



BTEC - Single and Triple Programme

WHAT YOU WILL COVER

Do you enjoy helping others to improve their health, wellbeing or sporting performance? Do you wonder how athletes prepare for competitions? Have you ever wondered how people acquire skills and how you should teach them to improve performance?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the right course for you. We offer a broad-based course that will give you the opportunity to explore a range of topics within sport, health and wellbeing, including anatomy, coaching and leadership, fitness training, sports development and practical sports performance.

The emphasis throughout this course will be on developing your theoretical knowledge of sport and health, practical skills in coaching and leading and developing the performance of others.

JOSH PALLANT



Studying
Sport, Maths and Physics

Progression Plan
Planning to attend university after his studies

Josh said:
“ The teaching is thorough and delivered by teachers who are easy to get along with. ”

WHY STUDY WITH US?

- You will have access to our exclusive, on-site gym facilities, as well as free membership to Waterlane Leisure Centre in Lowestoft.
- You can take additional qualifications alongside your course, such as Level 3 Sports Leadership.
- We have a bespoke partnership with Premier Education to develop you into leaders, ready for employment after college.

WHERE YOUR COURSE CAN TAKE YOU

Many of our students go onto further study at university, undertaking a wide range of courses including physical education, sports coaching, strength and conditioning, sports development, physiotherapy, sports therapy and paramedic science. Want to stay local? At the University of Suffolk at East Coast College, we offer a degree in Sport, Health and Exercise, allowing you to gain a degree on your doorstep.

There are also many careers available within the sports industry. Roles include exercise physiologist, nutritionist, personal trainer, physiotherapist, sports coach, strength and conditioning coach, sports development officer, sports therapist, teacher and more.



REASONS TO CHOOSE US



In 2023, 91% of our A Level students achieved A*- B grades in Physics and 75% achieved A* – B grades in Further Maths

We offer over 50 different qualifications, including A Levels, T Levels and BTECs - so you can choose subjects which suit your talents and career aspirations



Ideally located close to Lowestoft bus and train stations with transport links from surrounding towns and villages



Our teachers specialise in working with 16 to 19-year-olds and are friendly, approachable and committed

We are small enough to know students well, but big enough to offer an extensive curriculum choice



State-of-the-art purpose-built sixth form building with Mac suites, art studios, science laboratories, photography suites, music studios and drama and dance performance spaces



REASONS TO CHOOSE US

CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

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The Department for Education is planning changes to the qualifications on offer for young people to study from September 2025. There is no need to worry, we will still have a place for you at Lowestoft Sixth Form College on a wide range of subjects and qualifications. You will be able to choose great courses which suit your interests and ambitions.

Our study programmes are flexible and can be mixed and matched, combining A Levels with vocational courses to suit your interests, grades and career aims. We will take time to discuss all the possibilities with you when you come for your interview. If you are sitting your GCSEs in the summer and do not yet know the grades you will achieve, we can discuss this again in August when you come into college to formally sign up for your course following results day.

Take a look through the large range of subjects on offer and submit your application to get started.

THE BEST ROUTE FOR YOU

A LEVELS

A Levels are subject-based qualifications, studied across two years. Assessment is through exams and coursework. With A Levels, you can progress onto university, employment or a higher apprenticeship. You can select three A Levels to form a full study programme. Alternatively, you can combine A Levels with a BTEC single or double programme or AAQ to create a full study programme.

ENTRY CRITERIA FOR A LEVELS

- At least five GCSEs at grades 9-4 in one sitting
- An average GCSE score of 5 or more is preferred, although not essential
- GCSE English at grade 4 (language preferred)
- Some courses may have additional subject specific criteria

SCIENCE A LEVEL PROGRAMME

To follow a Science A Level programme (one that includes any two of these courses **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Further Maths**) you will need an average GCSE score of at least 5.5, plus a minimum GCSE grade 6 in Maths and a 6 in Science (core) and 6 in Additional Science (or 6 in GCSE Biology/Chemistry/Physics).



BTEC CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

BTECS are Level 3 vocational qualifications that provide specialist, work-related learning in a range of sectors. They will help you progress to university, an apprenticeship or employment.

A triple BTEC programme is equivalent to three A Levels and forms a full study programme. If you are studying a single or double BTEC programme, you will need to combine these courses either with each other or with A Levels to make a full study programme.

Single BTEC programme = equivalent to **one** A Level
Double BTEC programme = equivalent to **two** A Levels
Triple BTEC programme = equivalent to **three** A Levels

ENTRY CRITERIA FOR BTEC DIPLOMAS

- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4, or a Merit in a full Level 2 BTEC Diploma.
- If you want to combine your BTEC with an A Level, you will need to meet the entry criteria for that A Level too.

ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (AAQS)

AAQs are scholarly in nature and designed to support progression to further and higher education, making them the perfect choice for students who want to head to university. The AAQs offered at Lowestoft Sixth Form are equivalent to **one A Level** and can be studied alongside A Levels to make a full study programme.

- Four GCSEs at grades 9-4, or a Merit in a full Level 2 BTEC Diploma.
- Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and Maths is preferred.
- If you want to combine your AAQs with an A Level, you will need to meet the entry criteria for that A Level too.

T LEVELS

T Levels are two-year qualifications designed to give you a head start towards the career you want. They have been designed for 16 to 19-year-olds and offer a mixture of **classroom** learning and work **placement**. They follow GCSEs, gain you UCAS points and are equivalent to three A Levels.

Our T Levels have been developed with employers and businesses to prepare you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or university. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts a minimum of 315 hours, providing valuable experience in the workplace. T Levels form a full study programme and are not available to study alongside other courses.



DIDN'T QUITE GET THE RESULTS YOU WERE HOPING FOR? DON'T WORRY!

We offer a Navigate to A Levels programme for any students whose grades fall below the standard entry criteria for a Level 3 programme. If you are missing a grade in GCSE Maths or English, then you may be eligible for some Level 3 programmes. If you are missing both GCSE Maths and English then you are eligible for our Navigate to A Levels programme only. You may also have the opportunity to also study GCSE Science on the Navigate course.

For example, if you just missed out on passing GCSE Maths, you could resit GCSE Maths alongside studying a Level 3 course. Our college team can help you with this.

GCSE SCORE GCSE SCORE

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR GCSE SCORE

Write down the GCSE subjects you have taken and the results that you have achieved or hope to get.

If you have taken more than eight subjects at GCSE, remove the lowest grades, leaving your best eight grades.

If you have taken less than eight GCSE subjects, please include them all in your calculation. Then add the points together and divide by the number of subjects you have taken.

Each GCSE result is allocated a number of points, as shown here:

9 = 9 points
8 = 8 points
7 = 7 points
6 = 6 points
5 = 5 points
4 = 4 points
3 = 3 points
2 = 2 points
1 = 1 point

Example

Grades achieved:
English = 6
Maths = 5
History = 6
Art and Design = 7
Geography = 5
Drama = 3
Total = 32 points, divided by number of subjects (6)
= 5.3 average GCSE score



HOW TO APPLY

APPLY

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM ONLINE AT www.lowestoftsfc.ac.uk

If you experience any difficulties, please call our Admissions team on **01502 535654**.

We are happy to receive applications throughout the year, but advise you to submit yours as soon as you are ready.

INTERVIEW

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Once we have received your application form, we will invite you to an interview which may be held at your school or you will be invited to attend campus. The interview is a relaxed, informal discussion about your course choices and aspirations. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss anything related to your college application that you are unsure about. At the end of your interview we will confirm the outcome with you.

AFTER YOUR INTERVIEW

If you are offered a place during your interview, you can expect to receive your offer letter, via email. Sometimes it is necessary for further discussions to take place before an offer can be made but you will have been made aware of the reasons for this during your discussion.

If you are undecided following your interview and would like to discuss your offer further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

OFFER

WHAT TO DO NEXT - ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

Your offer letter will give you details of how to accept or decline your offer. If you are considering more than one course you can hold the offer of a place while you explore other course options. Once you have had all of your interviews we ask you to make a decision on which course is your first choice. You can only accept one offer, however should you change your mind at a later date, you would have the option to switch your acceptance without requiring a further interview, provided spaces are still available.

We understand that some offers are based on achieving certain grades and will always support applicants to find alternative choices in the event that those grades are not achieved.

Once you have accepted your offer we will keep you up-to-date with details of your course to prepare you for when you start college.

RESULTS

GCSE RESULTS

We will be available on GCSE results day in August 2025 to give advice; call us if you have any questions or concerns about your course.

SIGN UP

ENROLMENT

We will send you a letter with your individual enrolment date in July 2025. Classes begin early September 2025.

KEEPING US UPDATED

If you change your contact details at any point during the year, please remember to let us know. You can email admissions16form@eastcoast.ac.uk with your new details.

WHAT WILL YOUR DAY LOOK LIKE? WHAT WILL YOUR DAY LOOK LIKE?

You will be on a full-time programme at Lowestoft Sixth Form and we commit to you for at least two years to complete your Level 3 study. You will typically be on a three-block programme. Each block usually represents one subject, for example, three A Levels will be three blocks. Students may wish to study a four-block programme or a three-block programme plus the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). We are happy to discuss these options with you at application/interview.

Each block is 60-90 minutes long with three lessons a week for each subject. You will also have an allocated tutorial block each week where you will complete the sixth form tutorial programme and have regular one-to-one reviews with your teacher. Blocks outside of subject lessons and tutorials will be for independent study or extracurricular activities available in our PlusMore programme.

You are free to use the campus facilities – study areas and pods, quiet and individual study rooms, digital and IT areas, library and cafeteria – when you are not in your lessons and during break and lunch. You can access the sixth form Careers team and Success Coaches throughout the day. You also have access to all of the East Coast College facilities using your Lowestoft Sixth Form access card. As a student of the sixth form, you can also access Waterlane Sports Centre for many free activities and classes.

You are equally free to leave the campus when you are not in lessons or accessing a college activity. Many students choose to study at home, take time out with friends, plan driving lessons or work experience or access part-time work alongside their study.

EXAMPLE THREE BLOCK TIMETABLE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am	A	C	B	Independent study	Independent study
10.30am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.45am	B	A	C	Independent study	Independent study
11.45am	Independent study	Independent study	Tutorial	Independent study	Independent study
12.15pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1pm	Independent study	Independent study	A	C	Independent study
2pm					
2.30pm	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2.45pm	Independent study	Independent study	PlusMore	B	End
4.15pm	End	End	End	End	

STUDENT FINANCE STUDENT FINANCE

We don't want costs to be a barrier to study. That is why we offer access to a range of financial support for students with households on low incomes or qualifying benefits.

Applications for the below funds can be made during the summer before the start of the new academic year. Financial support information will be sent out with enrolment packs, but for more details visit our website www.lowestoftsfc.ac.uk, click on the Information for Parents tab and then select Financial Help.

The Student Finance team can provide information, advice and guidance about:

- Accessing funding for costs such as travelling to college, course equipment and clothing, educational trips and university applications and visits through our means tested Bursary Fund.
- The Free College Meals scheme.
- Funding through the 16-19 Vulnerable Student Bursary.
- Childcare funding through the Care to Learn scheme (for student parents under 20).
- Care to Learn childcare funding applications can be submitted via the student support service at: www.gov.uk/care-to-learn.

For further help and advice, contact the Student Finance team by emailing studentfinance@eastcoast.ac.uk or call **01502 525124**



CAREERS AND SUPPORT

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STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services provide you with dedicated support to help you make the best of your time at college and move onto your future successes. You will find student support on your campus to drop-in or you can connect online to make appointments in person, virtually, by email or telephone.

CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Our specialist Careers team are here to help you with making career choices and understanding the opportunities available into higher education, apprenticeships, employment, self-employment and further training. They can work with you to plan your career, understand your strengths and develop new skills. Support for UCAS, apprenticeship and work applications alongside CVs and preparation for interview are also available by appointment with the Careers team.

The National Careers Service can offer free and impartial advice on 0800 100 900 or you can visit their website at <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>. You can book a careers meeting with the college by calling **0800 854 695** or emailing careers@eastcoast.ac.uk.

Find out more about where courses can take you by using the sites below:

- www.icanbea.org.uk
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- www.ucas.com/careers-advice
- www.icould.com
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- www.amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our sixth form safe. We ask that you wear your lanyard to identify yourself and to access the building. We have a team of safeguarding and wellbeing specialists to offer support if you are worried about your own or someone else's health, safety or wellbeing on or off campus.

Our team can support you with a range of worries, including study, relationships, housing, mental health and money. Sometimes problems can seem hard to deal with, but we are here to help. We offer free confidential counselling for all students and work with over 80 specialist organisations.



FAITH AND BELIEF

Rooms are available for you to use on all campuses for prayer and quiet reflection.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We have a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all. We take our commitment to equality of opportunity seriously and base our relationships in the college on mutual respect and appreciation of difference. We will not tolerate any discrimination or harassment. We support wholeheartedly the aims of the Equality Act 2010 and we will make all reasonable adjustments to ensure your requirements are met.

TRANSITION

Coming to college can be a daunting experience for some. We offer taster sessions, sixth form tours and one-to-one support to help you adjust to college life. If you would like to get to know the college and our team before you start, email heretohelp@eastcoast.ac.uk or telephone **0800 854 695**.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council represent students' views through the Learner Voice programme and supporting themed weeks. When you join college, you can apply for a National Union of Students Totum Card, which offers discounts and savings at stores and online. To become part of the Student Council or a Student Governor, contact wellbeing@eastcoast.ac.uk.

YOUR VOICE

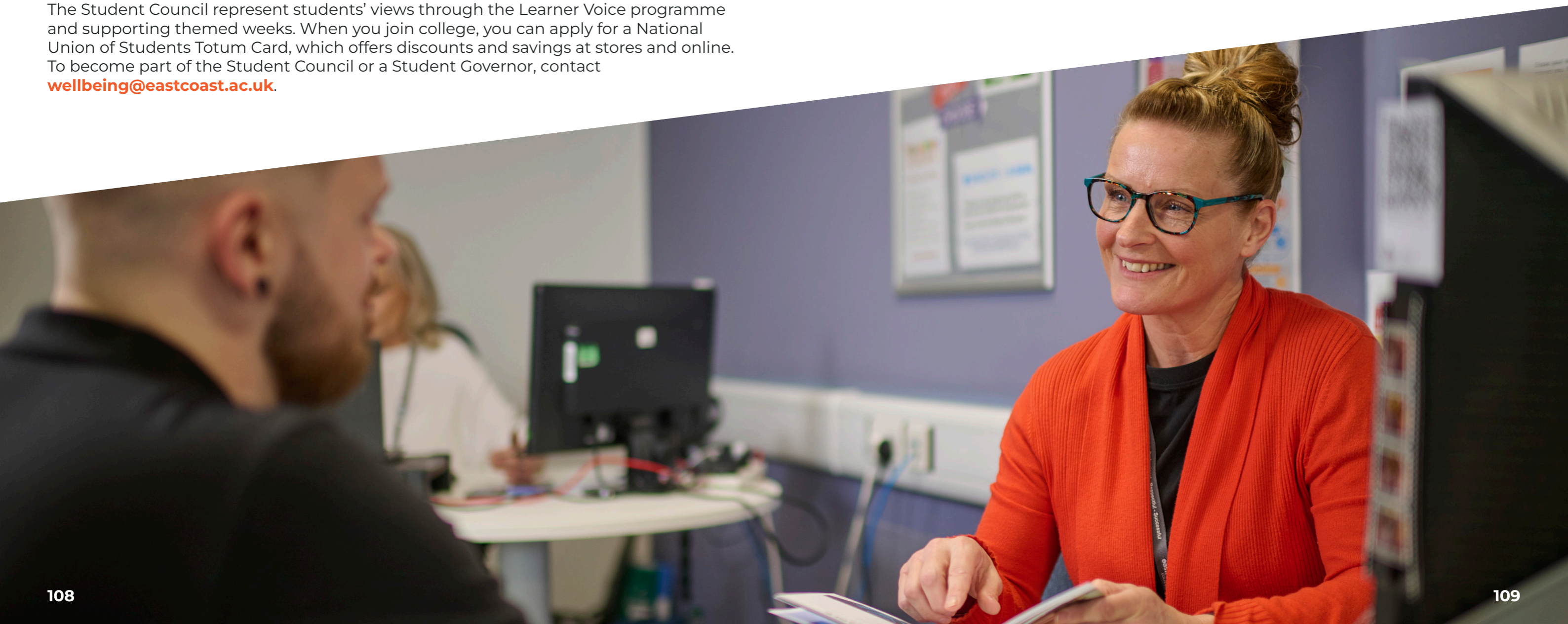
You can get involved with key decisions at college by taking part in student roles. These include course representatives as well as involvement with the Student Council, becoming an ambassador and taking part in forums and surveys. We are always listening to our students' views and each class can nominate representatives to discuss the things that matter to them.

VOLUNTEERING

The college promotes volunteering and social action opportunities, which enables students and staff to take part in volunteering through programmes such as Good For Me, Good For FE. This can boost your wellbeing and add great experience to your CV or personal statement. Find out more at plusmore@eastcoast.ac.uk.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

We offer clubs and societies to help you pursue your interests outside of classes. These include sport for fun, arts, gaming, debating, student magazine, LGBTQ+, young carers, and much more. You can find out more at our Freshers' Fair or by emailing plusmore@eastcoast.ac.uk.



SEND SUPPORT SEND SUPPORT

At Lowestoft Sixth Form College, everyone is provided with the same opportunities to achieve their potential, regardless of their needs.

If you have a support need, an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or received additional support when you were at school/previous education, please let us know so we can discuss what we can do to help you when you join our college.

This might include:

- Support at interview (to help understand your needs and what help you may need)
- Transition arrangements
- Assistive technology (e.g. laptops with specialist software, dictaphones etc)
- In-class support
- Mobility support
- Personal care
- Note taking
- Communication support
- Wellbeing and counselling
- Modification of learning materials
- Exam access arrangements
- Advice and guidance on applying for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- Independent careers advice and guidance

Speak to a member of the team

Please get in touch by calling us on **01502 537000** or emailing

SENDSupport@eastcoast.ac.uk

You can also visit us in person to discuss your needs by arranging an appointment.



TRANSPORT INFORMATION TRANSPORT INFORMATION

We can advise on finding the most practical and cost effective travel solution. The college may be able to help eligible students with the cost of all methods of transport through our Discretionary Bursary Fund.

BUS

Lowestoft Bus Station is approximately a 10 minute walk from the college. There are frequent bus services throughout the area, which terminate in Lowestoft. The main bus company that operates in the surrounding area is the First Group. You can view routes online at **www.firstbus.co.uk/norfolk-suffolk**

Lowestoft Sixth Form College has transport links from surrounding towns and villages. We have created a handy bus travel map on the next page to show you how to get to college.

TRAIN

Lowestoft Train Station is situated in the town centre, about 12 minutes from college. For more information, visit **www.greateranglia.co.uk** or enquire at your nearest station.

For information on how to purchase a termly academic pass, visit **www.railplus.greateranglia.co.uk/scholars.html** and select the Lowestoft section.

National Rail offer 16-17 and 16-25 Saver Railcards. More information is available at **www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/National-Railcards.aspx**

SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT

Both Suffolk and Norfolk County Council offer post-16 transport schemes. This could offer a subsidised travel provision for eligible students living over three miles from college. Find out more using the contact information below:

Suffolk - 0345 606 6173 - www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel

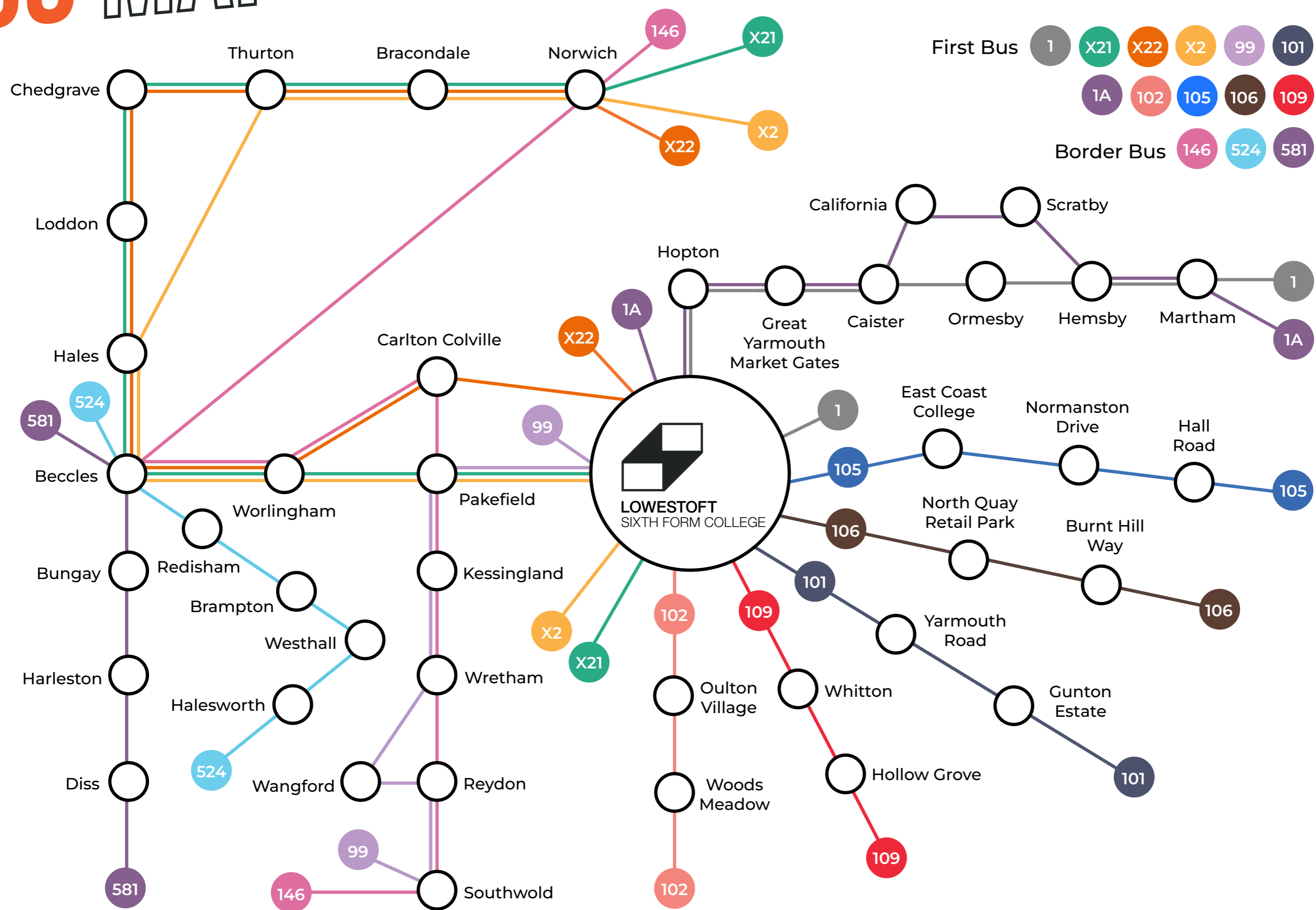
Norfolk - 0344 800 8020 - www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38278/Post-16-travel-scheme

TRAVEL BY BICYCLE, MOPED OR CAR

We have 100 sheltered and secure bike racks and a limited number of designated moped/motorcycle parking bays available with lockers for storage. We do not have any student parking on site for the sixth form. Students are welcome to park in the East Coast College car park, which is on the same campus, and has free on-site parking. If parking elsewhere, students should be mindful and considerate of parking restrictions in the surrounding residential area.

For further help and advice, contact the Student Finance team by emailing **studentfinance@eastcoast.ac.uk** or call **01502 525124**.

BUS MAP



SUCCESS GOALS SUCCESS COACHES

You will be allocated a Success Coach during your time at L6.

Your Success Coach will work to motivate, inspire, support and encourage you alongside your teachers to achieve the best that you can. They contribute to a culture of high expectations and excellence within the college which is achieved through high-quality support and meaningful intervention at an individual level.

Your Success Coach will provide effective mentoring and personal development delivery through timetabled tutorial sessions each week and will support you in enrichment opportunities to further your learning. Our aim is for you to become an independent learner and complete your courses successfully, allowing you to progress beyond college into appropriate employment, apprenticeships or higher education.

Your coach will ensure your progress and wellbeing throughout your time at college. This means that they will monitor, track and document your attendance, punctuality and discipline daily, ensuring appropriate and prompt action is taken to help you remain on track at all times. You will have access to regular one-to-one meetings outside of the main tutorial programme delivery.

Lowestoft Sixth Form has a bespoke tutorial programme designed with key stakeholders to provide a rounded and enjoyable, progress-focused programme. The tutorial sessions are designed to ensure that students have all the information they need to progress effectively at college and achieve the best possible outcomes while continuing to feel safe, supported and cared for.

Most sessions are student-led and personalised to individual requirements. This is complemented by regular short assemblies for college information plus many external speakers and events. These include talks from university and apprenticeship providers and a range of speakers including sessions on youth parliament, the importance of democracy, and specialists in sleep and its impact on study through a valuable and unique insight into sleep deprivation, plus much more.

Your next steps will be reviewed with your Success Coach regularly, with personal targets agreed with you. In addition, all students can access one-to-one sessions with our careers advisors or wellbeing team to discuss next steps or for support with study skills or wider progress support. This will secure your continued achievement and your enjoyment of college.

INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS

Industrial placements provide learners with the opportunity to put their skills and knowledge into practice in a real work environment. This experience helps learners to build confidence, connections within the industry and improves employability. As well as providing students with valuable life skills, an industry placement may lead to an offer of paid employment or an apprenticeship, and it makes a great addition to any CV.

Lowestoft Sixth Form College works with over **500 local employers** to provide meaningful, course-related learning opportunities for students in a work place environment. The Industry Placement team support students to ensure that learners are work ready. Throughout their industry placement, the team will work with learners on an individual basis to ensure that they are matched with the correct placement opportunity. Students are able to meet with their placement team coordinator to discuss their placement throughout their time at college. The placement team will also encourage employers to provide feedback on students' progress.

Employers we work with include:

- Moss and Co
- Victoria Hotel
- Morgan Sindall
- Equinor
- Sizewell C

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

My industry placement helped me to gain confidence and experience. Following my placement, I was able to find employment within the industry. - **Harrison**

I was able to use my placement project work to build my photography portfolio, which played an important part in my university interview. - **Jade**

My industry placement helped me to improve my skills. I was able to work with different chefs, create a variety of dishes and experience different settings - **Dylan**



GIFTED AND TALENTED GIFTED AND TALENTED

We offer our extensive Gifted and Talented programme for students who join us having achieved outstanding GCSE results. We harness students' academic talents by developing their ambitions and provide challenging opportunities for them to excel above and beyond their expectations.

As part of the Gifted and Talented programme, we will:

- Support your application to competitive university courses, internships and employment opportunities, including in medicine and Oxbridge applications.
- Support you to take part in courses such as the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme, University of Oxford residential programmes, Sutton Trust Summer Schools and more.
- Help you with additional specialist entry requirements, including mock interview practice and workshops from Oxbridge professors.
- Provide opportunities for you to visit top universities and participate in residential programmes.
- Help you to source valuable work experience to supplement your applications. For example, an internship at Greencoat Capital, part of the Schroeders Group.

For more information, please email heretohelp@eastcoast.ac.uk



TRIPS AND PLUSMORE TRIPS AND PLUSMORE

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Educational trips are a huge part of your experience at Lowestoft Sixth Form, enhancing your learning in a practical setting. In 2024, over 30 trips and residential visits took place across the country and internationally, providing students with opportunities to boost their knowledge and experience, as well as over 25 guest speakers visiting the college.

Some of the trips included: History, Politics, Law, Philosophy and Sociology students visiting Poland, Greencoat Capital paid internship in London, Philosophy Ethics Cup at St Andrews University in Scotland, Sports trip to Manchester, Criminology students visiting Shrewsbury Prison, Law students visiting the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey in London and Performing Arts students visiting the West End in London.



PLUSMORE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Our PlusMore enrichment programme offers you a wide range of extra-curricular activities to get involved with. Whether you wish to develop a skill, support your wellbeing or have fun and make new friends, we have an activity you can get involved with.

Activities include student leadership, becoming part of the student union, supporting our environment, social action and volunteering opportunities and the chance to take part in lunchtime games and activity clubs. We also offer our students free gym access!

Full details on the PlusMore programme and how you can get involved will be available during your first few weeks at college.

OPEN EVENTS

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We know how important it is to choose the right college for you – somewhere you will feel welcomed, inspired and supported during your studies.

To make your choice easier, we host a number of open events each academic year to give future students, parents and carers the chance to get a feel for college life, see our facilities, meet our tutors, find out about our full range of courses and ask any questions you may have.

As well as Year 10 and 11 students deciding on their next steps after school, our open events are also aimed at anyone interested in adult courses, apprenticeship opportunities and degree programmes. Our Admissions, Careers, SEND and Wellbeing teams are also available to meet with.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday, 5th October 2024 - Lowestoft Sixth Form Open Day

Wednesday, 13th November 2024 - Lowestoft Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday, 12th February 2025 - Lowestoft Sixth Form Open Evening

Full details will be advertised on our website in advance of each event as well as the college social media channels. Keep an eye out to book your place!

In addition to welcoming you into college, we work with our local primary and high schools to offer assemblies, workshops and taster sessions both in school and at college, as well as attending community events.



EAST COAST COLLEGE



East Coast College is the largest Ofsted 'Good' college in Great Yarmouth and Waveney, offering a broad range of vocational courses developed with local employers to ensure students have the skills required to progress to university, an apprenticeship or straight into employment.

The college has campuses in Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth and has benefited from over £1m investment in T Level facilities including a healthcare suite, dedicated laboratory and engineering workshop, as well as £500,000 in new specialist equipment to provide a real working environment for students. The college has also secured a new multi-million pound campus for Great Yarmouth, working in partnership with the Department for Education. This will secure the highest quality experience for future students and accelerate learning and development of technical skills in state-of-the-art facilities.

East Coast College is committed to helping students reach their goals through achieving the best grades and helping them stand out in their chosen field. Students get more than just a course. Their innovative study programmes also include work experience, guest speakers, trips, project work and volunteering opportunities.



- £11.3m Energy Skills Centre with industry-standard pneumatics and hydraulics training rigs, Kongsberg maritime simulation equipment and an OPITO-approved emergency management centre
- East training restaurant for Hospitality and Catering students
- Two hair and beauty training salons open to the public
- Sport and fitness facilities
- Air cabin crew training facility
- Industry-standard construction and engineering workshops
- Media studios with Apple Macs, high definition Black Magic Television studio, radio studio and a 5.1 stereo surround sound studio.
- Excellent learning resource centres
- Dog grooming training salon

For further information or to apply, please visit:

www.eastcoast.ac.uk

or call 0800 854 695



Taking your next step is exciting and might feel complicated, but East Coast College can help you make the right choice for you. We will spend as much time as you need guiding and providing high quality advice to make sure that you get the best learning experience.



PAUL PADDA
PRINCIPAL AND CEO



APPRENTICESHIPS AT EAST COAST COLLEGE

East Coast College is the local leading provider of apprenticeships, working with hundreds of employers to place and deliver apprenticeships for over 800 learners.

We offer apprenticeships in a wide range of subjects ranging from Level 2 through to degree level. An apprenticeship is an alternative to further education and gives you the opportunity to earn an income while studying. After completing your apprenticeship you can also progress onto higher level of study.



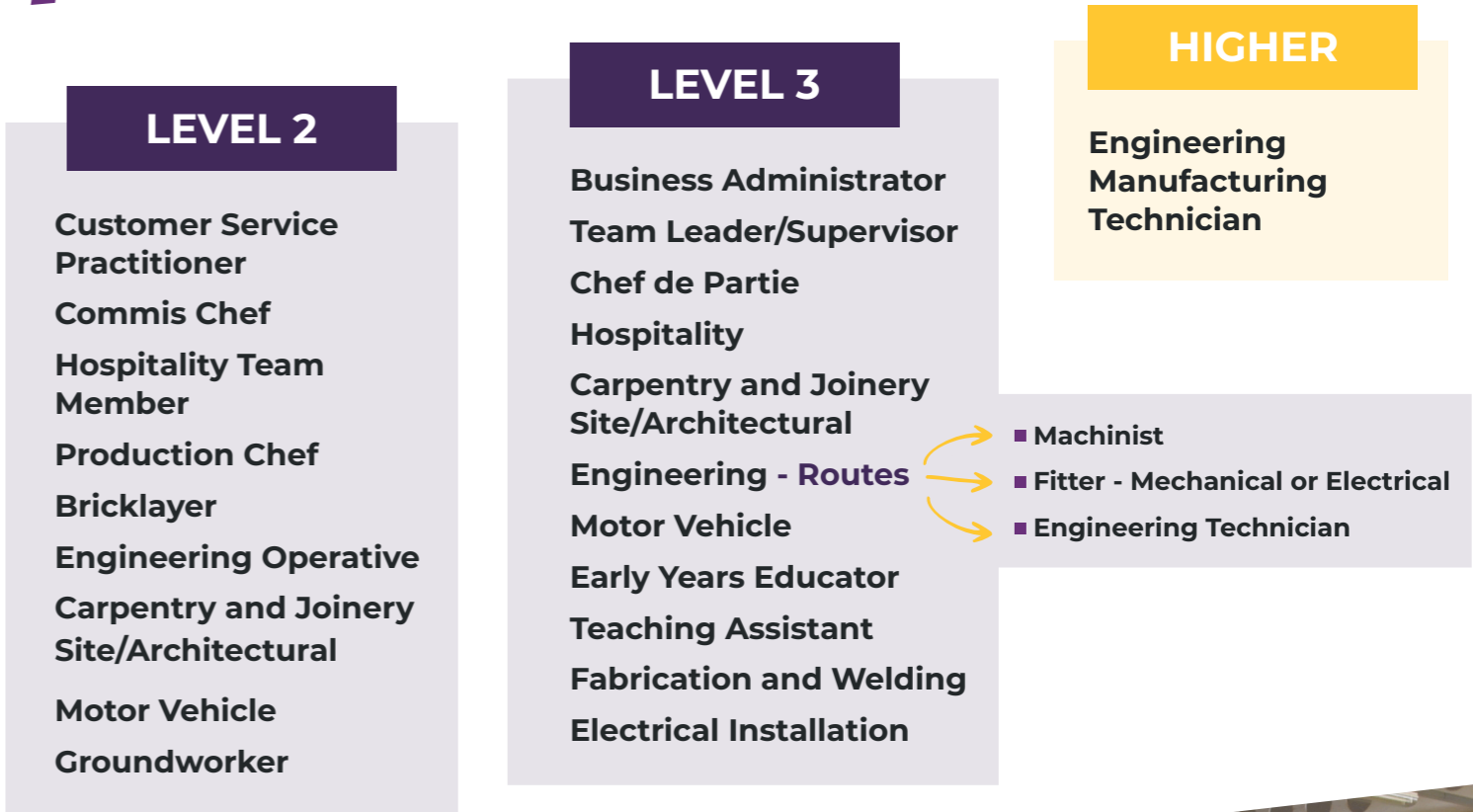
HOW TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND BECOME AN APPRENTICE

- Register on the 'find an apprenticeship' website at www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.
- Contact employers and enquire whether they would be interested in employing you as an apprentice.
- If you find or already have an employer willing to offer you an apprenticeship, contact us on apprenticeships@eastcoast.ac.uk and we will guide you through the process.
- Contact one of the impartial teams below or the college Careers team who can give you advice and support:

Apprenticeships Norfolk
<https://apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org>

Apprenticeships Suffolk
<https://apprenticeshipssuffolk.org>

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE OFFER



“After my apprenticeship I hope to start my own building company. I have a few friends who specialise in plumbing and electrical. It would be great to have my own team that builds houses. I really want to make that happen.”

ENAMULLAH SAFI - BRICKLAYING APPRENTICE
 East Suffolk Apprentice of the Year 2023



As a partner college of the University of Suffolk, students can study degrees on their doorstep at East Coast College.

Subject areas offered through the University of Suffolk at East Coast College include:

STAY NEAR GO FAR

Many students choose to study for their degree with the University of Suffolk at East Coast College.

Some of the benefits of staying local include:

- Smaller class sizes
- Sector experienced tutors
- Excellent student satisfaction
- Fantastic links to employers
- Easy to study around other commitments
- Lower cost, live at home and stay in work

All degrees are validated by, and awards of, the University of Suffolk.

- Applied Care Practice (Adult Support Needs, Children and Families, Mental Health Support)
- Applied Psychology
- Biomedical Science
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years and Childhood Studies
- Children's Health, Play and Wellbeing
- Conservation Science and Animal Management (Wildlife and Zoo)
- Creative Arts for Health and Wellbeing
- Creative Arts Practice
- Crime, Justice and Society
- Environment and Sustainable Energy
- Fashion and Textiles
- Forensic Science
- Maritime Management
- Nautical Science
- Operations Engineering
- Person-Centred Counselling
- Professional Photographic Practice
- Social Welfare, Advice and Guidance Practice
- Sport, Health and Exercise
- Additional Support Needs
- Sustainable Futures
- Visual Arts
- Visual Effects and Post-Production



**APPLY
ONLINE
TODAY.**



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All information is correct at the time of going to print.
Please visit our website for all the latest course details and college information:

www.lowestoftsfc.ac.uk