Thank you for taking an interest in Furness College. When you discover the perfect course for the next stage of your journey, there are a few ways to apply:

APPLY ONLINE AT www.furness.ac.uk

CALL Furness College: 01229 825017
or Barrow Sixth Form College: 01229 828377

Drop in to our campuses for specialist advice and to apply

Channelside Campus: Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2PU
Barrow Sixth Form Campus: Rating Lane, Cumbria, LA13 9LE
Get used to hearing yes! more often

By choosing Furness College, you’re choosing inspirational industry connections, state-of-the-art campuses, world-class facilities and the largest range of courses in Cumbria that lead to genuine career opportunities.

Read on to find out more about why the unique features of the College will make the next stage of your journey the most exciting yet.

yes! to success

Whether you are looking to learn new skills, progress on to a degree or thinking of a career change, we are delighted that you are considering studying at Furness College.

Here, excellent teaching and support and outstanding links with our many employer partners come as standard. Following our merger with Barrow Sixth Form College, we now offer the largest choice of courses in Cumbria ranging from professional and technical courses, such as BTECs and apprenticeships, through to a range of more than 20 A Level subjects and various higher education courses.

We are one of the first colleges in the country to hold chartered status recognising us as a leading national performer for further education, and our higher education is graded as the best in the county with a silver award under the national Teaching Excellence Framework. In the 2017 ‘Golden Apple Awards’, we were judged to be the best further education provider in Cumbria, and our Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Centre was listed as ‘People’s Choice - Building of the Decade for Cumbria and the Isle of Man’ by the BBC’s North-West Tonight.

There has been significant investment recently across both of our fantastic campuses at Channleside and Rating Lane so the quality of the learning environment can match our excellent teaching. In its leafy setting at Rating Lane, the Sixth Form has a university feel and a solid reputation for academic excellence. Our experience shows that whatever your GCSE grades, you will go on to achieve better A Level results with us. Our Channleside campus provides outstanding technical and vocational facilities, recognised as state-of-the-art by the employers with whom we work.

Outside of the classrooms and workshops, we also offer a range of extra curricular opportunities including trips, sports, clubs, guest speakers, work experience and volunteering opportunities to get involved in community life. If you are interested in future leadership roles, you could become a student representative or student governor.

We hope that you will visit us soon at one of our open evenings and taster days where you can talk to staff and students and have a look around our superb facilities - and that you say yes to beginning the next step of your journey with us.

I look forward to meeting you.

Andrew Wren
Principal and Chief Executive
Our Channelside campus is the perfect place to study Professional/Technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

With excellent links to industry and award-winning teaching staff, the campus has had £47million invested into it over the past few years.

Some 98% of our students go on to further education or secure employment after their courses.

The campus is located next to the picturesque Walney Channel. Alongside state-of-the-art workshops, a specialist welding facility and hair and beauty training salon, it also has a fitness suite, sports hall and 3G pitches.
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Following the integration of Barrow Sixth Form College and Furness College, we are now able to draw on our extensive combined knowledge and expertise in a range of fields. This spans A Levels, Cambridge Technicals and Apprenticeships as well as full and part-time professional/technical courses, with our advanced facilities and extensive courses ranking amongst the best in the country. This is in addition to an elevated percentage of our students who either go onto Higher Education or employment after completing their course with us.

**LARGEST PROVIDER OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING IN CUMBRIA**

Largest provider of education and skills training in Cumbria with the widest range of course choices following the merger with Barrow Sixth Form College.

**£4 MILLION**

in the Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Centre

**£47 MILLION**

in our Channelside campus with high-tech facilities

**Top in Cumbria**

for the quality of teaching in Higher Education with the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Silver Award.

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**100%**

of students from areas of disadvantage studying a Level 3 Technical Programme successful completed their study programme.

**Recognised as leading national performer in the Further Education sector after becoming one of the first Further Education Colleges to achieve chartered status.**

**Learn why**

we’re the right college for your future

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Why say yes! to us?

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Learning Zones

to suit every type of student with a well-equipped library for quiet study. Specialist Sixth Form campus where, research shows, students are better prepared for university life than a school Sixth Form.

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**RECOGNISED BY THE NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY FOR NUCLEAR (NSAN) AS A HIGH QUALITY PROVIDER FOR DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN SKILLS TRAINING**

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**AWARDED FAIR TRAIN’S WORK EXPERIENCE QUALITY STANDARD**

for a second time in recognition of best practice in delivering work experience programmes including work placements, internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.
Achieving Excellence

Honours Programme - Sixth Form
The Honours programme, in partnership with Lancaster University, offers top achieving sixth formers a head start at university with expert mentoring, personal statement review, summer school places and favourable offers.
It stretches, challenges and provides additional support for students who show a flair for a subject and want to extend their knowledge. It helps develop key skills needed for university such as independent learning, research and report writing. Honours Programme subjects include: Mathematics; Chemistry; Physics; Biology; Law and History.
Students are identified by their school in Year 10 and nominated for a place, with meetings taking place in Year 10 and Year 11. To be accepted onto the Honours Programme, students need to achieve an average GCSE score of at least 7.0, which means mainly grades 7, 8 or 9 (legacy GCSEs at A or A* grades).

High Flyers Programme
Channelside / Sixth Form
The High Flyers programme aims to recognise learners who demonstrate excellence in their vocational subject, offering them additional opportunities to raise aspirations and enable positive progression opportunities.
It is for students on Level 3 BTEC and CTEC courses who have higher than average entry grades or demonstrate vocational or practical excellence.
Students will be recommended by their curriculum area by October half-term and a selection panel will make a final decision after an interview with the students.
Students must be ambitious, producing outstanding work that meets the highest requirements of their course, for example: Distinction/Distinction*, have outstanding attendance and be a positive role model.

Your Next Steps
Whether you are aiming for an apprenticeship, Higher Education or the world of work, we are here to help you take your next steps after College.

Work Experience
Work experience, which is mandatory for 16 – 18 year olds on full-time courses, is a valuable way for you to experience a workplace environment and explore exciting career options. It can also lead to part-time work opportunities while you complete your course.

You’ll gain:
• Increased employability skills and the chance to enhance your CV or university application
• Valuable connections with employers and employees
• An insight into your chosen career to decide if it’s right for you
• The chance to apply the theory, knowledge and skills learned at Furness College
Furness College currently works with 700 Cumbria-based businesses in a variety of sectors.

Applying to University
If you’re thinking of applying to university, our expert advisors will guide you every step of the way with one-to-one careers guidance appointments.

We can help with:
• Visits to universities
• Completing UCAS application forms and preparing for university interviews
• Student finance and organising accommodation
• Targeted support for students applying to study Medicine, Dentistry or Vet Medicine
• Regular sessions for students applying to Oxbridge
• Targeted support for students with additional needs to meet their individual requirements.
Learning support

If you have any additional needs then there are a number of ways in which we can help you to successfully complete your course.

**We can provide:**
- Class/workshop support
- One-to-one personal tuition
- Access to Learning Mentors
- Provision of specialist equipment for individuals based on learning needs
- Specialist tuition and equipment for students who have learning differences or disabilities
- Access to specialist software e.g. text to speech and Inspiration (mind mapping)
- Support with applications for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) for Higher Education students
- Free full assessments for dyslexia for Furness College students (based on initial screening results)
- Exam considerations (subject to exam board approval)

Please ensure you let us know about your support needs so we can invite you to a confidential interview to discuss your personal support package.

For further information about support with additional needs, please contact:
Helen Sharples (Head of Inclusion) on 01229 825017 or email helen.sharples@furness.ac.uk

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**The importance of Maths and English**

There have been many changes in the Education sector and far greater emphasis is now paid to Maths and English.

The Government recently introduced study programmes. A core principle of study programmes is that any student who has not achieved grade 4/S or grade A* to C or above in Maths and/or English GCSE, by age 16, must continue to work towards achieving these qualifications. Therefore every full-time learner aged 16 - 19 years old who undertakes a programme of study at Furness College will continue with Maths and English, either on discrete Maths and English courses or embedded within their curriculum.

If learners do not attend Maths and English classes as part of their studies, they are not eligible for funding and their place on their course is in jeopardy.

**HOW DO MATHS AND ENGLISH FIT IN?**

Research indicates that adults with poor Maths and English skills are:
- Most likely to end up in unskilled lower paid work
- Twice as likely to be released from employment
- Four times more likely to experience long periods of unemployment

In a recent survey for Maths and English skills, it found that almost every job requires competence in Maths and English and this is across the whole spectrum of employment opportunities, not just the perceived high flyer posts.

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**yes! to success**

**Jade Chelton, GCSE Maths, Barrow Sixth Form College**

I left school at 16 but my GCSE exam results weren’t quite what I wanted. I also had a child and for two years I was a full-time mum until she left nursery. I wanted to get back into education so applied to Barrow Sixth Form after an informal, yet helpful, chat with my tutor, Kevin, in 2017.

Studying at Barrow Sixth Form has really built up my confidence and I’ve made plenty of friends. The tutors are great and have offered lots of support so that I can achieve my potential. I would advise people in a similar position to mine to just go for it. I’m glad I made the decision to enrol at Barrow Sixth Form so that I can secure a better future for myself and my daughter. In the future, I hope to go into a healthcare or business related career, but I’m still considering my options. I’ve always wanted to go to university and after studying at Barrow Sixth Form that could now be a possibility.

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Furness College offers qualifications from GCSEs to degrees with A Levels, apprenticeships, professional/technical courses, BTECs/CTECs and HNCs in between.

Employers nowadays expect potential employees to have good digital skills and a strong background in Maths and English so that they’re perfectly equipped for the modern workplace.

Employers are increasingly looking for evidence of these skills on candidates’ CVs, and expect workers to have a sound understanding of certain digital programmes and applications.

To help support your digital skills here at Furness College, we include Independent Learning in your study programme. These sessions give you the opportunity to develop your digital skills. By working independently, without a tutor, you will be able to demonstrate the skills that employers are looking for, such as:

- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Organisation

You will be supported by our experienced Learning Resources Team and have access to all the resources you need, including printed and electronic books, magazines, journals, subject specific online resources, interactive online learning materials, websites, videos and more.

**What is Independent Learning?**

Independent Learning encourages and enables you to become self-directed in your learning experience and to have more control over your learning. In practice, elements of independent learning may include:

- Finding and collecting information
- Making decisions about what to study and when
- Carrying out research or projects
- Learning at your own pace using IT
- Completing extension work or course work outside of the classroom

If learners do not attend Independent Learning sessions as part of their studies, they are not eligible for funding and their place on their chosen course is in jeopardy.

**What is a linear A Level?**

A linear A Level is assessed at the end of two years of study. If you choose A Levels, you could be taking a study programme of three (or in some cases four!) linear A Levels where you will be formally assessed at the end of the two years, or mixing them with other qualifications such as Cambridge Technicals. This means that you are able to study your chosen A Level subjects in more depth and detail, and are much more prepared to take your next steps into Higher Education and Higher Apprenticeship routes, as you have a much deeper understanding of the subjects for your chosen career pathway.

**Independent Learning explained**

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Advanced Apprenticeship
AS or A Levels
Advanced Diploma
NVQ 3 |
| Grades 4-9, (GCSEs A*-C)
BTEC/CTEC Level 2 Qualification
NVQ 2
Higher Diploma |
| Grades 3-4, (GCSEs D-E) | Level 4 Qualifications
Higher National Certificate (HNC) |
| Level 1 Qualifications
Foundation Diploma | NVQ 4
Foundation Degree |
| Grades 1-3, (GCSEs F-G) | Bachelor of Engineering |
| Entry Level 3 Programmes | Teacher Training |
| No requirements | University |

**NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE**

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**What is Independent Learning?**

Independent Learning is a process, a method and a philosophy of education whereby a learner acquires knowledge by his or her own efforts and develops the ability for enquiry and critical evaluation.
How and when to apply

WHICH IS THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

To help you to decide it might be useful to ask yourself the following questions:

- What are my long-term career goals?
- What are my interests?
- What subjects do I enjoy?
- What GCSE grades am I likely to achieve?

Discuss your options with your friends, parents/ guardians, careers teachers and Inspira advisor. Make the most of attending open evenings and careers events.

WHEN TO APPLY

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<td>- you will have an interview for Sixth Form in the autumn or spring term, this is usually at school. You will then have a second interview during the enrolment period in September to ensure the programme you have chosen is right for you.</td>
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<td>- we look forward to welcoming you to Furness College, whether you choose to study professional/technical qualifications at Channelside or an academic programme at our Sixth Form.</td>
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If successful in your first choice of course, you will be notified by letter.
If not, you will be invited back to find an alternative. Our Student Services team offers impartial advice and can help you choose the course that is right for you.

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Your application will be acknowledged and an interview date provided
- You will be informed of the outcome of your interview after your interview date
- Some courses will depend on your GCSE results, particularly in Maths and English

Entry requirements can be found on our website.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

It’s really easy to complete and submit an application form online or you can alternatively request for a paper copy to be sent to you.

If you have any questions about completing your form, please contact Student Services.

To make it easier and quicker, you can now apply online at furness.ac.uk
Student Services is open throughout the year to provide information, advice and guidance to current and prospective students on a whole range of issues. You can find us in Room 002 on the ground floor of the Copperbox at our Channelside campus and in Room 100 by Reception at our Rating Lane campus.

We can provide confidential, one-to-one appointments on all the following topics:

**Admissions**
If you wish to discuss available courses and entry requirements

**Financial support**
See our Money Matters section on page 24

**Careers**
Visit Student Services to get help with your next steps after College, including: apprenticeships; Higher Education; part-time or voluntary work; job-search techniques including CVs and mock interviews.

We have professional Careers Advisers available for one-to-one confidential appointments.

**Personal Support and Wellbeing**
If you are experiencing difficulties, you can talk to us confidentially and we will provide the necessary support. We have a counselling service available for students and work closely with external agencies on health and welfare issues.

**PERSONAL PROGRESS COACHES**
While you are a student at Furness College, you will be supported by a Personal Progress Coach who will work closely with the Student Services team. They will help you settle into college life and overcome any difficulties that may arise. They will also keep an eye on your attendance and academic progress and identify if you need any help.

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**Equality, Diversity and Safeguarding**

**RESPECT FOR ALL**
Furness College sees you, the student, at its very heart. We are therefore committed to providing you with a secure environment that gives you all the support and guidance services you will need to make your time at Furness College an enjoyable and productive one.

The College is committed to:

- Greater representation from those groups in society who are traditionally under-represented and disadvantaged
- Eradicating discrimination of any kind
- Celebrating diversity
- Providing equal opportunities for all through the ‘Protected Characteristics’ of sex, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity
- Providing purpose-built facilities, qualified support staff, specialist equipment and courses that make learning and success inclusive to all

**SAFEGUARDING**
Furness College regards safeguarding as an essential duty of all its staff. The College maintains an environment where students can feel secure and listened to, through its tutorial and pastoral systems.

The College has a Safeguarding Policy and Procedure, which provides a framework for action in the event of us receiving any allegations of abuse.

Full copies of our Single Equality Scheme and Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Policy and Procedure can be found on our website or obtained from Student Services.
Money Matters

If you’re thinking of continuing your education at Furness College, then getting your hands on some much-needed cash is going to be high on your list of priorities.

BURSARIES
Bursaries can help out if you have financial hardships or emergencies. They can help towards:
- Childcare costs (for Ofsted-registered childcare) where there is no entitlement to other government initiatives
- Travel costs
- Essential course-related equipment, books, materials, field trips and registration fees
- Examination and registration fees

STUDENT BURSARY
This is a weekly payment for students who have a low household income. To check if you are eligible for this bursary please ask at Student Services for an application form.

ADULT BURSARY
If you are aged 19 or over and have a low household income, you may be eligible for the adult bursary which is paid each week. To apply please ask Student Services for an application form.
- You can apply for this adult bursary if:
  - Your course will lead to your first full Level 2 or first Level 3 qualification
  - You are studying full-time - at least 12 hours a week (equivalent to 450 hours of ‘guided learning’ a year, or 150 hours a term)

FEES REMISSION
If you are over 19 on 1 September 2019 and have difficulty in paying your fees you can apply for a fee waiver or part fee waiver. This will go to a panel and each application will be judged individually.
- Please ask at Student Services for the application form.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS
If you are aged 19 and studying a second Level 3 or aged 24+, you can apply for a loan to help cover tuition fees
- Your course must start on or after 1 August 2019 and be eligible e.g. a Level 3 or 4 course (such as an Extended Diploma or an A Level)
- You will not have to pay anything back until you are earning over £25,000 a year
- If you receive an Advanced Learning Loan and you are on a low income, you can receive help from the adult bursary (see above)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION
There are different financial arrangements for university education. You can obtain an application pack from March onwards each year for entry to a course in the following September.
- Please contact Student Services to find out more on 01229 825017 or email info@furness.ac.uk

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- **Organising** - Work hard and play hard! FCSU organises a vast range of memorable events for you to take a break from the books and let your hair down with mates.
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**Say yes! to great experiences**

At Furness College, we encourage you to actively take part in the many extracurricular opportunities on offer. All of them would make worthy additions to your CV or UCAS application to show universities or prospective employers that you have encompassed the full experience of college life and have been prepared to step out of your comfort zone and take part. We will do our very best to make your time with us a memorable one!

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**Some examples of what we currently offer:**

- **Freshers’ Fair**
  The biggest event of your induction period and your opportunity to meet a huge range of local clubs, societies and projects.
- **Fundraising events**
  For local and national charities.
- **Students’ Union/Course Reps/Learner Voice.**
  See more on the opposite page.
- **Volunteering Fair**
  Important opportunities for making a contribution to your community as well as gaining valuable life and work experience skills.
- **Healthy College Week**
  Informative and fun activities helping to raise your awareness of all aspects of a healthier lifestyle.
- **Opportunities to compete at County and National Level in athletics and cross country.**
- **Get fit for less**
  You can also take part in a variety of sporting activities on campus by using our fitness suite, gym, sports hall and 3G pitch.
- **Safeguarding and E-Safety Awareness raising**
- **Duke of Edinburgh**
  Challenge yourself and learn skills to set you apart from the competition.
- **Young Enterprise Scheme**
  Set up in business and demonstrate your skills to potential future employers.
- **Work experience opportunities. See page 15**
- **New Employability Skills Framework**
  Will prepare students for the world of work.
- **National Citizen Service**
  An amazing opportunity for you to develop life skills and take your next steps with confidence. UCAS recommends students include NCS in their personal statement when applying to university.

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**If you have any ideas of other activities you would like to be on offer at the College we would welcome your input and we will do our very best to accommodate your wishes!**

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**Furness College Students’ Union**

The National Union of Students (NUS) is made up of more than 600 Students’ Unions, including Furness College Students’ Union, representing the interests of more than seven million students.
WHAT DOES THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME INVOLVE?

An apprenticeship is made up of:

- Practical work-based training with your employer
- Training to support the theory and knowledge of your vocational area
- General skill qualifications in Maths, English and Information Technology

Every apprentice must be allocated 20% of their contracted working hours to carry out off-the-job training, which could include a number of different activities, from classroom learning at College and writing assignments, to shadowing work colleagues.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

These are dependent on the sector and the criteria of some employers, but they are normally:

- Apprentice Level 2
  A minimum of four GCSEs at Grades 9-3, Grades A-E, or an equivalent qualification.
- Advanced Apprentice Level 3
  An Apprenticeship at Level 2 or other equivalent qualification.
- Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
  These depend on the subject area, and prior knowledge and experience.

The newly introduced apprenticeship reforms have extended the apprenticeship offer, with the opportunity to train at higher levels through an apprenticeship model.

As an apprentice at Furness College, you will have access to state-of-the-art technology and resources to support you throughout the duration of your apprenticeship. Alongside this, you will be allocated a Recruitment and Development Coach who will provide you with the support you need to achieve the goals you have set.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships are easily accessible to individuals of all ages - from young people wanting to carve out a career for themselves, to managers of large organisations who would like to further develop their knowledge and skills to take them to the next level of their career.

Say yes! to the skills you need for the job you want

There have been some exciting changes to apprenticeships, with the opportunity to train across a number of sectors expanding continuously.

Apprenticeships usually take anything between 1 - 3 years to complete
Apprenticeships

Discover a fantastic array of apprenticeships now on offer at Furness College

Accounting
  Level 2 Accountancy
  Level 3 Assistant Accountant
  Level 4 Professional Accounting
  Taxation Technician

Applied Science
  Level 3 Laboratory Technician

Barbering
  Level 2 Hair Professional – Barber

Beauty Therapy
  Level 2 Beauty Therapy
  Level 3 Beauty Therapy

Business Administration
  Level 2 Business Administration
  Level 3 Business and Professional Administration

Catering & Hospitality
  Level 2 Hospitality Team Member
  Level 2 Commis Chef
  Level 3 Senior Chef Production Cooking
  Level 3 Chef de Partie
  Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor

Construction
  Level 2 Brickwork
  Level 3 Brickwork
  Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery
  Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery
  Level 2 Painting & Decorating
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  Level 2 Plastering
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Customer Services
  Level 2 Customer Service Practitioner
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Early Years
  Level 2 Children and Young People’s Workforce
  Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce
  Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce - Early Years Educator
  Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce - Residential Childcare
  Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
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Engineering
  Level 2 & Level 3 Engineering Maintenance and Installation
  Level 2 & Level 3 Fabrication & Welding
  Level 2 & Level 3 Mechanical
  Level 2 & Level 3 Installation and Commissioning
  Level 3 Electrical and Electronic Engineering
  Level 3 Design and Draughtsperson
  Level 3 Engineering Technician
  Level 3 Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician
  Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering

Hairdressing
  Level 2 Hair Professional – Hairdresser
  Level 3 Hairdressing

Health & Social Care
  Level 2 Adult Care Worker
  Level 2 Healthcare Support Worker
  Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker
  Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker
  Level 5 Healthcare Assistant Practitioner

Information Technology
  Level 3 Digital Marketing
  Level 3 Infrastructure Technician
  Level 3 Software Development Technician
  Level 4 IS Business Analyst
  Level 4 Network Engineer
  Level 4 Software Developer
  Level 4 Data Analyst

Management and Team Leading
  Level 3 Team Leader / Supervisor
  Level 4 Associate Project Management
  Level 5 Operations / Departmental Manager

Motor Vehicle
  Level 2 Light Vehicle Body & Paint
  Level 2 Light Vehicle Technician
  Level 3 Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)

Retail
  Level 2 Retailer
  Level 3 Retail Team Leader

Information Technology
  Level 3 Digital Marketing
  Level 3 Infrastructure Technician
  Level 3 Software Development Technician
  Level 4 IS Business Analyst
  Level 4 Network Engineer
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Next Steps

If you have an employer who would like to take you on as an apprentice, or you are yet to find an employer but are interested in an apprenticeship, please give our Business and Employment Support Team a call on 01229 844836.

DID YOU KNOW?

Managers and businesses can use an apprenticeship route to upskill themselves or their workforce.

Furness College is continually adding to its apprenticeship offer, so please contact us on 01229 844836 if we don’t currently offer an apprenticeship that meets your needs.
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There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, only a willingness to learn and prior achievements/assessments which show an ability to work towards an Entry Level 3 qualification.

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PROGRESSION
A clear progression route will be identified for each learner in line with his or her own aspirations and abilities. Students may progress on to a full-time course, further training, an apprenticeship, a supported internship or employment.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance is full-time over one year and students are expected to make every effort to attend.

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Skills for Working Life
This full-time course provides a variety of subjects and experiences that will help to develop the student’s skills and confidence, thus guiding them towards the next stage of their education or employment.

The course has been designed for those who prefer a small class size and a supportive environment. Tutors make the learning relevant and fun, building on existing skills whilst using technology and practical tasks to cater for all learning styles.

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ENSURE YOU SHINE IN THE THRIVING BEAUTY SECTOR

Say yes! to a glowing future

If you’re a real people person who wants to acquire the skills needed to perform a diverse range of beauty therapy treatments and add them to your personal make-up, we have a number of courses to help you shine in this popular sector. Maths and English will form part of all of these courses and they will all involve some real work experience.

APPRENTICESHIP IN BEAUTY THERAPY & NAILS

Our Beauty Therapy Apprenticeship will invigorate those who love the idea of working in a customer-facing role and have the application required to carry out various beauty treatments.

We offer:
Level 2 Beauty Therapy
Level 3 Beauty Therapy

Entry Requirements
- Apprentice Level 2: A minimum of four GCSEs at grades 7-3, a Level 1 in Beauty Therapy or equivalent qualification.
- Advanced Apprentice Level 3: An Apprenticeship at Level 2 or equivalent qualification.

Progression
You can expect to be qualified in 12-18 months and progress onto an Advanced Level Apprenticeship or go onto higher education in a college or university. There is also the option to continue working.

BEAUTY THERAPY & NAILS PROGRAMMES

These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 1 Diploma in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector and build up to the Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy. The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in the Beauty Therapy & Nails sector.

We also offer an Entry Level 3 Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector. There is no GCSE entry requirement for this course. See page 57 for more information.

Check the website for details www.furness.ac.uk

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR

Entry Requirements
- This is an introduction to the hair and beauty sector. Two GCSEs at grades 3-1 or an Entry 3 qualification.

Content
- Units studied will include: health and safety, hair and beauty services preparation and salon treatment preparation.

Progression
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in either Hairdressing, Barbering, Beauty Therapy, Hair and Media Make-up or an apprenticeship level course.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

- **Entry Requirements**
  Four GCSEs at grades 4/5 or above, (including English, Maths and Science) or a Level 1 in Hairdressing/Beauty Therapy or other equivalent qualifications. Science GCSE must be at grade 4 or above.

- **Content**
  You will learn: waxing, manicures and pedicures, eyelash and eyebrow treatments, make-up, facials and threading.

- **Progression**
  This qualification will prepare learners for employment as a junior beauty therapist. Learners may choose to develop their skills further by undertaking Technical Level qualifications in Beauty Therapy at Level 3 full-time or as an apprentice.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIR & MEDIA MAKE-UP STUDIES

- **Entry Requirements**
  Four GCSEs at grades 4/5 or above, (including English, Maths and Science) or a Level 1 in Hairdressing/Beauty Therapy or other equivalent qualifications. Science GCSE must be at grade 4 or above.

- **Content**
  Units studied could include: applying make-up, themed face painting, dressing hair, photographic make-up, colouring hair and body art design.

- **Progression**
  This course gives you a basic grounding for a career as a make-up artist. A natural progression would be a Level 3 course.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

- **Entry Requirements**
  NVQ 2 in Beauty Therapy or equivalent qualifications and experience. Because the course contains a significant amount of science related material, you will also need to sit an aptitude test.

- **Content**
  Units studied could include: body massage, aromatherapy, mechanical and electrical face and body treatments, health and safety, epilation, business skills.

- **Progression**
  Students can progress onto various university courses in areas such as trichology to beauty or complementary therapy courses. Some go on to be employed in salons, health spas and on cruiseliners.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FASHION, THEATRE AND MEDIA HAIR AND MAKE-UP STUDIES

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 2 Diploma in Hair & Media Make-up Studies.

- **Content**
  Units studied could include: airbrush, camouflage, media make-up, fashion and photographic make-up, face and body art, production arts planning, styling and dressing hair and fantasy hair.

- **Progression**
  This course gives you the skills needed for a career as a make-up artist in everything from a beauty salon to a theatre. A natural progression would be to go onto university.

Ashleigh Comber, Apprenticeship in Beauty Therapy

I’ve always wanted to work in Beauty, and Furness College has a great reputation. When I came in for my interview, it felt right and I made up my mind straight away that I wanted to study at Channelside.

After completing my apprenticeship, I’ll be self employed. My tutors have been really supportive and prepared me for the next steps in my career. I know there are lots of opportunities to develop my skills further at Furness College.
Say **yes!** to making it big in business

**Business & Accounting**

**APPRENTICESHIP IN ACCOUNTING**

Enrolling on our Accounting Apprenticeship will pay dividends if you’re wanting to secure employment in finance or accounting.

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - There are no entry requirements, but a passion for the subject is essential. Contact tutor for details on 01229 825017.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    - Contact tutor for details on 01229 825017
  - Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
    - Usually an Apprenticeship at Level 3 (only available in some subject areas).

- **Progression**
  - You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of three years and you can progress onto our Advanced Level Apprenticeships, gain a promotion, continue working or go onto higher education in college or university.

**BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING PROGRAMMES**

Courses include Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer Services, Retail, Team Leading or Management and Level 3 Diploma in Business & Administration.

Apprenticeships usually take one year to complete and the Diploma is delivered full-time over the course of one year.

**APPRENTICESHIP IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - Typically four GCSEs at grades 9-3 or equivalent.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    - Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.
  - Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
    - Level 3 qualification.

- **Content**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - Units studied will include: principles of providing administrative services, communication in a business environment, understanding employer organisations and managing personal performance and development.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    - The modules covered include an advanced approach to the topics studied at Apprentice Level 2.
  - Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
    - Suitable for progressing onto Level 3 qualifications.

- **Progression**
  - You can progress onto our Advanced Level Apprenticeships, gain a promotion, continue working or go onto higher education in college or university.

Are you an aspiring customer services specialist or looking to break through into retail management? **We offer three levels of vocational courses that will help you make it big in business.**

We also offer courses for adults accredited by the Association for Project Management and the Institute of Leadership & Management.

Please call 01229 825017 for more information.
APPRENTICESHIP IN CUSTOMER SERVICES

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    Typically four GCSEs at grades 9-3 or equivalent.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.
  - Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
    Level 3 qualification.

- **Content**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    Units studied will include: understanding and delivering customer service, product and service knowledge, developing team work skills, managing personal development and personal presentation skills.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    Units studied will include: business-focused service delivery, customer journey knowledge, providing a positive customer experience and insights, service improvement, identifying creative solutions.

- **Progression**
  You can gain a promotion, continue working or go onto higher education in college or university.

APPRENTICESHIP IN RETAIL

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    Typically four GCSEs at grades 9-3 or equivalent.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.

- **Content**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    Units studied will include: business, financial, marketing, communications, sales and promotions, product and services, brand reputation and merchandising.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    Units studied will include: leadership, developing self and others, team performance, legal and governance and diversity.

- **Progression**
  You can progress onto a Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4, gain a promotion, continue working or go onto higher education in college or university. After completing a Level 2 or 3 apprenticeship, you are eligible to join the Institute of Customer Service as an individual member at a professional level.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION (BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL)

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs grade 4/5 or above (including Maths or English) or equivalent.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: producing complex business documents, supporting business meetings, working in business teams. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will include real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Level 4 Diploma in Administration, Apprenticeship in Business Administration or employment in administration in local organisations and businesses.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION (BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL)
There are so many exciting job opportunities awaiting within catering and hospitality, one of the country’s largest and most dynamic industries. Our vocational courses are purposely designed to serve up the exact skills that employers are seeking.

**APPRENTICESHIP IN CATERING & HOSPITALITY**

Our Catering & Hospitality Apprenticeship will give you a real flavour of what it is like to work front of house or in the kitchen of a restaurant, hotel, café or kitchen.

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprenticeships Level 3
    - Four GCSEs at grades 9-3 and a Level 2 Qualification in Hospitality or Professional Cookery.
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - Four GCSEs at grades 9-3.

- **Progression**
  - You can expect to be qualified between 12-18 months and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

Catering & Hospitality Programmes

Courses start with the Entry Level 3 Diploma in Vocational Studies and build up to the Level 2 Diploma in Food, Beverage and Professional Cookery Studies.

The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in the catering and hospitality sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

**ENTRY LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES - CATERING & HOSPITALITY**

- **Entry Requirements**
  - There are no entry requirements for this qualification, only a willingness to learn.

- **Content**
  - Units studied will include: how to use kitchen equipment, basic food preparation and cooking, serving food and drink, healthy eating as well as personal development units such as working as a group, working towards goals, healthy living and managing your own money.

- **Progression**
  - Level 1 Diploma in Vocational Studies - Catering & Hospitality or employment as a supervised assistant/waiting staff.

**LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES - CATERING & HOSPITALITY**

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Two GCSEs at grade 9-1 or Entry Level 3 Diploma in Vocational Studies - Catering & Hospitality or equivalent qualification.

- **Content**
  - Units studied include: how to use kitchen equipment, basic food preparation and cooking, serving food and drink, customer service, healthy eating and food safety as well as personal development units such as working towards goals, healthy living and managing your own money.

- **Progression**
  - Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food and Beverage Service. Employment as e.g. trainee waiting staff, trainee cook or trainee housekeeping assistant.

**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FOOD, BEVERAGE AND PROFESSIONAL COOKERY STUDIES**

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Five GCSEs with at least three of them at grades 9-4 or a Level 1 Diploma or equivalent qualification.

- **Content**
  - Units studied will include: health & safety in catering and hospitality, various forms of food preparation, food service, customer service, legislation and industry skills.

- **Progression**
  - Apprenticeship in Catering and Hospitality or on to employment within the catering and hospital sector in roles such as waiting staff or trainee chef/cook.

**WE OFFER:**

- Level 2 Hospitality Team Member
- Level 2 Commis Chef
- Level 3 Senior Chef Production Cooking
- Level 3 Chef de Partie
- Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor

**Say yes! to a serving of success**

Catering & Hospitality
APPRENTICESHIP IN CONSTRUCTION

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - Four GCSEs at grades 9-2 or equivalent qualification.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3
    - Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification.
  - Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4
    - An Apprenticeship at Level 3 (only available in some subject areas).

- **Course Content**
  - Choose from either:
    - Brickwork (Apprentice Level 2 or Advanced Apprentice Level 3)
    - Carpentry & Joinery (Apprentice Level 2 or Advanced Apprentice Level 3)
    - Painting & Decorating (Apprentice Level 2 or Advanced Apprentice Level 3)
    - Plastering (Apprentice Level 2 or Advanced Apprentice Level 3)

- **Progression**
  - You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of three years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMES

Courses start with the Award in Construction Skills and build up to the Level 3 Construction Crafts Diploma.

The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in construction. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

AWARD IN CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

- **Entry Requirements**
  - There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

- **Content**
  - You will study units including: site carpentry, paint finishing, brickwork. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  - Construction Skills Diploma Programme Level 1.

CONSTRUCTION

The UK construction industry is growing at a rapid rate and accounts for several million of the country’s jobs. If physical work is your bag, our apprenticeships and diplomas could put you on the working ladder in building, civil engineering and a host of other career pathways.

In total, there were **296,093** firms in the British construction industry as of the third quarter of 2016.
CONSTRUCTION SKILLS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 1
You choose to study this Diploma in one of the following areas: Brickwork, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting & Decorating or Plastering.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Two GCSEs at grades 3-1 (including Maths and English).

- **Content**
  It includes a Level 1 qualification in an appropriate craft and will give you an understanding of the construction industry. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Level 2 Diploma or Apprenticeship within the construction industry.

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 2
You choose to study this course in one of the following areas: Brickwork, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting & Decorating or Plastering.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 1 Construction Skills Diploma or equivalent.

- **Content**
  It includes a Level 2 qualification in an appropriate craft. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Advanced Apprenticeship or Level 3 Diploma.

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 3
Entry Requirements
Level 2 Diploma with an interest in the construction industry.

- **Content**
  The course is available in four crafts: Trowel Occupations, Wood Occupations, Decorative Occupations, Plastering Occupations. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Employment as a bricklayer, plasterer, painter & decorator, carpenter or joiner.

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Emmanuel Nyahe, Level 3 Diploma in Wood Occupations
Before starting at Furness College in September 2015, I had studied carpentry as an apprentice in Ghana. Being at the College I like to challenge myself and learn new skills, which is why in the future I’d like to study IT to learn computer-aided design.

One of my goals is to pursue a career in property development through my own construction company and I think the skills learnt at the College will help me achieve this. I’d like to inspire other students at Furness College to work hard and take on challenges in order to help them build their future careers.

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yes! to success

FIND OUT MORE furness.ac.uk/construction
APPRENTICESHIP IN EARLY YEARS

Entry Requirements
Apprentice Level 2
A good standard of English, Maths and ICT.
GCSE English and Maths at grade 9-2 is desirable.
Advanced Apprentice Level 3
Level 2 Early Years qualification or relevant experience.
GCSE English and Maths at grade 9-3.

Progression
You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of three years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

APPRENTICESHIP IN SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

Entry Requirements
Apprentice Level 2
Four GCSEs at grades 9-3 (including English Language and Maths).
Advanced Apprentice Level 3
Level 2 Early Years or TA qualification (or relevant experience) and GCSE English.

Progression
You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of three years and your progression could include a promotion at work, higher education in college or university or a Foundation Degree in Children, Young People & Their Services at Furness College.

Say yes! to the tools to teach

Keen to make a difference to young people’s lives and looking for a fun, rewarding career that offers diversity every single day? Our courses will give you a comprehensive schooling in what it takes to be top of the class at teaching.

See page 30 for the full list of apprenticeships in Early Years we offer at Furness College.
Natalie Thompson
Foundation Degree in Children, Young People and their Services, awarded by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

After studying A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form and a Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship, I studied a Children, Young People and their Services Foundation Degree. Studying at Furness College has meant I can carry on working while studying to develop my career. At Furness College, tutors are always available for tutorials and the library has a great range of resources for all types of subjects. I’m working towards becoming a primary school teacher, and studying at Furness College has helped me to prove to myself that I can do it and reach my goal.

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES
Courses commence with the Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children and build up to the Level 3 Diploma in either Early Years Education & Care or Specialist Support for Teaching & Learning in Schools. The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one and two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the education sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN CARING FOR CHILDREN
- Entry Requirements
  Two GCSEs at grades 3-1 or equivalent.
- Content
  Units will cover: communication, principles and values in caring, safeguarding, child development and working with others. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.
- Progression
  Level 2 Certificate in the Children and Young People’s Workforce or Level 2 in Health and Social Care.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING IN SCHOOLS
- Entry Requirements
  Four GCSEs at grades 3-1 or equivalent.
- Content
  Units studied will include: child and young person development, safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. Maths and English will also form part of the course and you will spend one day per week on work placement.
- Progression
  Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools or employment in a school setting.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION & CARE
- Entry Requirements
  Five GCSEs at grades 9-4.
- Content
  You will receive an introduction to working with children and cover units including: supporting children, play and learning in children’s education. Maths and English will form part of the course.
- Progression
  Early Years foundation degree, nursing degree or teacher training at Furness College or university. Employment opportunities include nursery supervisor, pre-school/creche/ playgroup leader, early years practitioner or teacher.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS
- Entry Requirements
  Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 (including Maths and English) or Level 2 Certificate in the Children and Young People’s Workforce or equivalent.
- Content
  Units studied will include: an introduction to working with children, supporting children, keeping children safe. Maths and English will also form part of the course.
- Progression
  Early Years foundation degree, nursing degree or teacher training at Furness College or university. Employment opportunities include nursery supervisor, pre-school/creche/ playgroup leader, early years practitioner or teacher.

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Whether you are a budding mechanical, technical or electrical engineer, seeking a career in fabrication and welding or traditional engineering, our range of apprenticeships and diplomas cover a wide range of vocational areas which will help you carve out your chosen career. Our engineering courses combine classroom study with hands on practical sessions in our fantastic workshop facilities alongside experience in the working world to deliver the best start to your future.

APPRENTICESHIP IN ENGINEERING

Our Engineering Apprenticeship will provide the catalyst to your engineering career, be that in electrical or mechanical engineering, or fabrication or welding.

The apprenticeship format will give you the best of both worlds, with hands on practical experience via your employer, supported by classroom and practical training at our fantastic facilities.

Entry Requirements
- Apprentice Level 2: A minimum of four GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent qualification.
- Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3: An Apprenticeship at Level 2 or equivalent qualification.
- Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4: An Apprenticeship at Level 3 (only available in some subject areas and require a Level 3 qualification).

Course Content
Choose from either;
- Electrical Engineering (Apprenticeship Level 2 or Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3)
- Fabrication & Welding (Apprenticeship Level 2 or Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3)
- Mechanical Engineering (Apprenticeship Level 2 or Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3)

Progression
You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of four years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

Say yes! to state-of-the-art facilities

Please see page 30 for the full list of apprenticeships in Engineering we offer.

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ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES - FOUNDATION TO LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 1 & 2 Engineering Foundation Programmes and build up to the Level 3 Subsidiary and Extended Diploma in Engineering Technology.

The courses are delivered full-time (approximately 12-16 hours per week) over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in the engineering sector, be it electrical, fabrication, welding, pipework or mechanical engineering.

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

LEVEL 1 ENGINEERING FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

- Entry Requirements
  GCSEs in Maths, English and Science, grades 9-1.
  In addition to these, students will have to achieve minimum requirements of College Engineering Assessment tests.

- Content
  A combination of EAL Level 1 Certificate in Engineering Technology and workshop practical experience. This course will provide insight into the vast range of opportunities available in the engineering and manufacturing sector and provide a vital stepping stone to the more advanced Level 2 qualification.

- Progression
  Level 2 Engineering Foundation Programme or Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 2 ENGINEERING FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

- Entry Requirements
  Generally four GCSEs grades 9-1 (including Maths and Science) or equivalent. In certain disciplines, i.e. Electrical, four GCSEs grades 9-4 are required.
  In addition to these, students will have to achieve minimum requirements of College Engineering Assessment tests.

- Content
  This comprehensive programme is recognised by industry as the first step into a career in engineering. The course content will provide a breadth of knowledge and practical competence in all aspects of engineering.

  The course is made up of EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations.

- Progression
  Level 2 Engineering Foundation Programme or Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- Entry Requirements
  Level 2 in Engineering with Maths and Science.

- Content
  This programme is ideally suited to students who wish to develop both practical skills and technical knowledge through a range of modules such as: engineering environmental health and safety, CAD, fabrication and welding principles, mechanical engineering principles and electrical maintenance.

- Progression
  Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering Technology. Students can be employed in careers such as CAD operators, draughting or technical engineering.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- Entry Requirements
  Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Engineering Technology.

- Content
  This programme is ideally suited to students who wish to further develop both practical skills and technical knowledge through a range of modules such as: engineering environmental health and safety, CAD, fabrication and welding principles, mechanical engineering principles and electrical maintenance.

- Progression
  Apprenticeship or career within engineering. Students can be employed in careers such as CAD operators, draughting or technical engineering.
APPRENTICESHIP IN BARBERING

- Entry Requirements
  Apprentice Level 2
  Four GCSEs at grades 9-4.
  Advanced Apprentice Level 3
  Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.

- Progression
  You can expect to be qualified in 12-18 months and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

APPRENTICESHIP IN HAIRDRESSING

- Entry Requirements
  Apprentice Level 2
  Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent.
  Advanced Apprentice Level 3
  Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.

- Progression
  You can expect to be qualified in 12-18 months and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

ENTRY LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR

- Entry Requirements
  There are no entry requirements. Check the website for details www.furness.ac.uk

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR

- Entry Requirements
  This is an introduction to the hair and beauty sector. Two GCSEs at grades 3-1 or an Entry 3 qualification.

- Content
  Units studied will include: health and safety, hair and beauty services preparation and salon treatment preparation.

- Progression
  Level 2 NVQ Diploma in either Hairdressing, Barbering, Beauty Therapy, Hair and Media Make-up or an apprenticeship level course.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN HAIRDRESSING

- Entry Requirements
  A minimum of two GCSEs at grades 5-1 and a willingness to learn.

- Content
  You’ll receive an introduction to the hair and beauty sector and learn about the art of dressing hair, colouring hair and creating a hair and beauty image.

- Progression
  Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing, Barbering or Beauty Therapy or Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Media Make-up.

Say yes! to making the cut

Hairdressing & Barbering

Any passion that you have for cutting and styling hair can be further realised and advanced via our specially designed apprenticeships and diplomas. The tools and techniques you will learn are what you need to know to be the cream of the crop. Maths and English will form part of all of these courses and they will all involve some real work experience.

HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING PROGRAMMES

These courses start with the Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing, and Level 1 Diploma in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector, and build up to the Level 3 Diploma in Fashion, Theatre and Media Hair and Make-up Studies, and Hairdressing.

The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in the hairdressing and barbering sector.

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIRDRESSING

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 1 Diploma in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty sector or Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing and four GCSEs at grades 9-1.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: advising and consulting clients, shampooing and conditioning treatments, styling and setting techniques, blow-drying and setting, colouring, perming, plaiting and twisting hair and health and safety. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  NVQ 2 Barbering, Level 3 Ladies Hairdressing or an Advanced Apprenticeship. Employment as a junior stylist.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FASHION, THEATRE AND MEDIA HAIR AND MAKE-UP STUDIES

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 2 Diploma in Hair & Media Make-up Studies.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: airbrush, camouflage, media make-up, fashion and photographic make-up, face and body art, production arts planning and styling and dressing hair.

- **Progression**
  This course gives you the skills needed for a career as a make-up artist in everything from a beauty salon to a theatre. A natural progression would be to go onto university.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BARBERING (APPRENTICESHIP)

- **Entry Requirements**
  A GCSE at grade 9-4, Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing or equivalent qualification.

- **Content**
  Units studied will cover cutting and styling men’s hair in a variety of looks, using basic clipper and scissor cutting techniques, facial haircutting. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Level 3 Diploma in Barbering. An NVQ in Barbering will also improve your chances of securing employment in the hairdressing and barbering industry.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN HAIRDRESSING

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing and four GCSEs at grades 9-1.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: advanced cutting, styling and colouring techniques and colour correction, specialist scalp services, bridal hairstyling, marketing, hair extension services, client consultation and health and safety. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Trichology foundation degree in hair, beauty & business, beauty/complementary therapy courses or teacher training at university. Employment in salons, cruiseliners, health spas.
Say **yes!** to courses for every **body**

**KEEP YOUR FINGER ON THE PULSE**

The door into the ever important health and social care sector will open once you have completed one of our courses. You will be in tip top educational health for employment as a nurse, social worker and a host of other related occupations.

**APPRENTICESHIP IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2 – 1) Adult Care Worker and 2) Health Support Worker
  - Employed in the Health and Social Care sector in a support role.
  - Over 16 years of age.
  - Advanced Apprentice Level 3 – 1) Lead Adult Care Worker and 2) Senior Health Support Worker
  - Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent.
  - Employed in the Health and Social Care sector in a support role.
  - Over 16 years of age.

- **Progression**
  - You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of three years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

**KEEP YOUR FINGER ON THE PULSE**

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

**READY FOR WORK**

The Health & Social Care courses for every **body** keep your finger on the pulse. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.
Emily Anderson, Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

I’d heard a lot of positive things about Furness College, so chose to study my Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care there. The College offers hands-on experience through placements and assignments, instead of making us take lots of exams, which was what I was looking for. The College has a relaxed but hard working approach, with helpful teachers on hand and great facilities.

In the future I’d like to become a nurse and my time at the College has given me a range of skills that’ll help me to achieve this in the future. When I gain my Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care I will go on to study nursing at the University of Cumbria.
Digital is taking over, with the demand for computing professionals stronger than it’s ever been. Our Information Technology courses at various levels will suit anyone who can process the information needed to become anything from a web developer to a desktop support engineer.

APPRENTICESHIPS IN DIGITAL LEARNING DESIGN

Entry Requirements
- Advanced Apprentice Level 3
- Level 2 Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification.

Progression
You can expect to be qualified between one to three years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

Information Technology Programmes

These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 1 Diploma for IT Users and build up to the Level 3 Subsidiary/Extended Diploma in IT.

The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in computers and other technology. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA FOR IT USERS

- Entry Requirements
  There are no entry requirements for this qualification.
- Content
  Units studied will include: IT security, desktop publishing, using email, using the Internet, presentation software, spreadsheet software, imaging software.
- Progression
  Level 2 Diploma in Information Technology or an IT Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Entry Requirements
  Four GCSEs at grades 3-1 (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualification.
- Content
  Units studied will include: computer graphics, computer hardware, web development, database systems, animation techniques.
- Progression
  Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT, Level 3 IT Apprenticeship, IT/Creative Media Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification. Employment within the IT industry.

LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN IT (TWO-YEAR PROGRAMME)

- Entry Requirements
  Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above (including English and Maths) or equivalent. On completion of the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT, students will progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT for an additional year.
- Content
  Units studied will include: developing computer games, information systems, computer networks, computer hardware, database systems, systems analysis, digital graphics and computer programming, cyber security, understanding mobile technologies, project management, big data communication, web development and employability skills for IT, which will also include a work experience placement.
- Progression
  Degree or Foundation computing related degrees at Furness College or university, or the opportunity to progress to a Higher Apprenticeship. Employment in web development, software engineering, IT support, cyber security, data and systems analysis and IT project management.

Morgan Fell, BTEC Extended Diploma in IT

IT has always interested me, so I chose to study a BTEC Extended Diploma in IT at Furness College, allowing me to focus on just that one subject. On the course we learn a range of topics, such as 3D modelling, computer networking and software development, so it gives you an insight into lots of different IT fields. Studying at Furness College has enhanced my knowledge of IT and given me skills that can transfer to a working environment.

In the future I’m hoping to go into a specific IT field, for example systems administration or network security, but I’m also interested in 3D modelling, so that could be another option for me. The other students and my tutors at Furness College made studying enjoyable and brought the whole experience together for me.
Fast developing technologies have resulted in a surge of interest in jobs within the media industry. Obtaining a certificate or diploma in this field will put you on the front foot and give you the perfect angle into that dream media job.

**Entry Requirements**

**Level 2 Diploma**
Four GCSEs at grades 3-1 (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications.

**Level 3 Diploma**
Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications.

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**MEDIA PRODUCTION PROGRAMMES**

These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 2 Diploma in Media and build up to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Media. The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one and two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the media production sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN MEDIA**

- **Entry Requirements**
  Four GCSEs at grades 3-1 (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications.
- **Content**
  Units studied will include: filming and editing, digital photography, graphic design, sound production.
- **Progression**
  Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Media or equivalent qualification. Employment in moving image production, audio production, publishing or graphic design.

**LEVEL 3 SUBSIDARY/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MEDIA PRODUCTION**
(Two year programme)

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications. On completion of the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Media, students will progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Media for an additional year.
- **Content**
  Units studied will include: pre-production techniques and scriptwriting, games production, web design, 3D modelling for gaming and animation.
- **Progression**
  Media-related degree at university. Employment in film producing, camera work, editing, graphic artistry.

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**Reece Keeble, Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production**

My love of all things media has grown since studying at Furness College. The Channelside campus is a good fit for me and I’ve made lots of friends, allowing me to both meet and work with like-minded people, growing my confidence.

I’m planning to study TV and Radio Production at Salford University after leaving Furness College, with the aim of becoming a Radio Producer in the future. Through my course and the guidance received, I feel ready to go on to university. My eyes have now been opened to the world of media and I’ve set my sights high.
Put yourself in gear for a motor-based career!

Motor Vehicle

Petrolheads will be fixed for work in the motor vehicle industry as anything from an MOT tester to an insurance vehicle repairer when they get their heads and hands around the mechanics of our Motor Vehicle Apprenticeships and Diplomas.

APPRENTICESHIP IN MOTOR VEHICLE

We offer:

- Level 2 Light Vehicle Body & Paint
- Level 2 Light Vehicle Technician
- Level 3 Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)

Entry Requirements

- Apprentice Level 2: Four GCSEs at grades 9-1 or equivalent.
- Advanced Apprentice Level 3: Four GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent.

Progression

You can expect to be qualified within a maximum of four years and your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college or university.

Motor Vehicle Programmes

Full-time courses start with the Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and continue on to the Level 2 content the following year.

The courses are delivered full-time (approximately 12–16 hrs per week) over the course of one year and are designed for those seeking a career in the motor vehicle sector.

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes and gets students ready for entry into the working environment.
LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- **Entry Requirements**
  Two GCSEs at grades 9-1 (including Maths and a Science subject) or equivalent.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance, engine liquid cooling. Maths and English will also form an integral part of the course and it will involve some experience of work, where appropriate.

- **Progression**
  Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting, an apprenticeship or employment in a garage.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE FITTING

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance or equivalent.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: skills in materials, routine light vehicle maintenance, removing and replacing light vehicle engine components. Maths and English will also form an integral part of the course and it will involve some experience of work, where appropriate.

- **Progression**
  An apprenticeship or employment in a garage.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting or equivalent.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: health and safety and good housekeeping in the automotive environment, skills in supporting job roles in the automotive work environment. Maths and English will also form an integral part of the course and it will involve some experience of work, where appropriate.

- **Progression**
  Apprenticeship or employment in a garage.
Say **yes!** to taking the lead

The importance of our public services cannot be overemphasised with those working within the Police, Fire Service and Army making a vital contribution to the country’s safety. Our Public Services programmes will put you on course for a position in a number of public service organisations.

**Public Services**

**PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAMMES**

These varied courses start with the Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services and build up to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in the Uniformed Public Services. The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one and two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the public service sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA FOR ENTRY TO THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**

- **Entry Requirements**
  There are no entry requirements, but learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a Level 1 qualification.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: career planning in the uniformed services, physical fitness for the uniformed services, team working and problem solving skills, health and safety, exploring equality and diversity for the uniformed services, competitive sports and volunteering opportunities.

- **Progression**
  Progression on to a Level 3 90 Credit Diploma in Public Services or employment in one of the public services.

**LEVEL 3 90 CREDIT DIPLOMA IN THE UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES**

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grades 4/5 or above (including Maths and English) or other equivalent qualifications and an interest in a career in the uniformed public services. You will also be expected to attend an interview.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: government policies, leadership and teamwork in the public services, citizenship, health and lifestyle, fitness testing, responding to incidents and police powers. Every full-time course will include a real experience of work. Maths and English form part of this course.

- **Progression**
  This programme can lead to progression to further studies to gain the Level 3 Extended Diploma in the Uniformed Public Services and into a wide range of careers within the uniformed public services.

**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN THE UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES**

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grades 4/5 or above (including Maths and English), a Level 3 BTEC 90 Credit Diploma in the Uniformed Public Services or other equivalent qualifications.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: government policies, leadership and teamwork in the public services, citizenship, understanding discipline, managing major incidents, communication and technology, understanding the impact of terrorism, custodial care, team sport, physical fitness. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  A wide range of careers in the uniformed services including the Police, Fire Service, Army, Navy and Air Force or further studies at university.
SPORT PROGRAMMES

These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 2 First Diploma in Sport (Sport, Exercise and Fitness) and build up to the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport. The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one and two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the sports sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

LEVEL 2 FIRST DIPLOMA IN SPORT (Sport, Exercise and Fitness)

- **Entry Requirements**
  There are no entry requirements, but an interest in or aptitude for sport is essential.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: participating in sport, anatomy and physiology for exercise, healthy exercise and nutrition, sports coaching, physical fitness and injuries in sport, sports volunteering and development of personal fitness through training.

- **Progression**
  Progression on to a Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Sport, an Apprentice in Active Leisure or employment as a leisure/gym/sports/retail assistant.

Say **yes!** to getting fit for work

WORK OUT A CAREER IN THE SPORTS SECTOR
LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN SPORT

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grades 4/5 or above (including Maths and English) or other equivalent qualifications, plus an interest in a career in sport.

- **Content**
  Units include: anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, professional development in the sports industry, sports leadership, practical sports performance and sports event organisation. Maths and English form part of this course.

- **Progression**
  Successful completion of the Foundation Diploma in Sport allows progression onto Year 2, the BTEC National Extended Diploma in Sport.

LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above (including Maths and English) and a Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Sport or other equivalent qualification, and an interest in a career in sport.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: fitness testing, sports coaching, sports injury management, business in sport, skill acquisition in sport and rules, regulations and officiating. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Degree or foundation degree in e.g. teacher training at Furness College or sports studies, sports development at university. Employment as e.g. leisure centre manager, coach, fitness instructor, sports journalist, performance analyst.

FOOTBALL AND RUGBY ACADEMIES

Furness College has a Football and a Rugby Academy for students who have aspirations to supplement their studies with the opportunity to play competitive sport.

The Football Academy has both Boys’ and Girls’ teams with each participating in the AoC Sport North West Colleges Leagues (ECFA North West). Both teams currently compete in Category 3 of the English College’s Football Association structure with a view to future progression into Category 2.

The Furness Raiders U19 Rugby League Academy is an exciting partnership between Barrow Raiders RLFC and Furness College that allows students to study their chosen subjects while training and playing in the AoC Sport Rugby League Premier Division. This league is the top level of College Rugby League Structure with all Colleges linked with professional Rugby League Clubs.

For students to be considered part of the Academies and available for selection, they must show good attendance and achievement within their area of study.

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An alumni perspective

With the biggest choice of courses in Cumbria – from apprenticeships to A Levels, BTECs to degrees – Furness College offers you the best start to your career.

Jay Watson, Senior Paramedic Team Leader – North West Ambulance Service.

I took part in the pilot for Furness College’s Health and Social Care Cadet Scheme back in 2011, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Studying at Furness College gave me the relevant qualifications - but most importantly, it gave me experience of work within the NHS, which enhanced my application over others applying to study Paramedicine at Staffordshire University.

I’m now a Senior Paramedic Team Leader with the North West Ambulance Service, looking after a team of 15 Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians and running the day-to-day aspects of stations in my area. In the future I’d like to progress to an Advanced Paramedic through gaining a Masters Degree and the relevant experience. This opportunity could then lead to me being a non-medical prescriber.

Matthew Dodd graduated from Barrow Sixth Form College in 2016 and has set up his own production company, BeeArrow Productions, based in Barrow.

I run my own production company, which focuses on corporate and promotional videos, along with creating documentary and travel content. I also regularly film for Barrow AFC and BT Sport, where I film and produce match highlights, interviews and other video related content. Studying Media Studies and Film Studies at Barrow Sixth Form helped me to discover more about the thinking behind creating content; allowing me to think more critically about the work I do. In the future, I want to grow my company to a point where I am producing TV and video content for a national and international audience.

Adam Payne graduated from Barrow Sixth Form College in 2012 and works as a Political Reporter for Business Insider In London.

In 2017, Adam was shortlisted for the New Journalist Of The Year prize at the British Journalism Awards, and received the judges’ high commendation at the 2018 ‘30 Under 30 Awards’ which recognise talented young journalists.

As a Political Reporter, I report on all the big stories in politics. It’s a time-consuming job but I really enjoy it. My time at Barrow Sixth Form furthered my interest in politics and helped me to develop critical thinking skills, which has really helped in my career. I’ve found that if you work hard, have enthusiasm about what you do and make short-term sacrifices, you can go far in a short space of time. I want to be considered as one of the country’s most valued journalists and would love to be an editor of a respected publication. There’s absolutely no reason why anyone from Barrow Sixth Form can’t go on to achieve big things in the most competitive industries, like journalism.

Rachael Tomlinson, University Of Cumbria BSc (Hons) Computer Systems Development.

I chose Furness College because of the fantastic facilities on offer. The College had a welcoming atmosphere from the start and I’ve made some great friends. The tutors really make the course as they’ve provided great teaching and been supportive of all of us. Studying at College has helped me to achieve my goal of becoming a Programming or Computer Science Teacher. I have become more self-confident and progressed both as an individual and as a student.

Gaining qualifications at Furness College can take you all over the world, with former students living, working and studying in hundreds of different destinations – from Cambridge to Canada and Manchester to Melbourne.
**Find a course by subject area**

Discover an array of A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form College. The perfect course for the next stage of your journey is waiting on one of the following pages...

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- A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY 115
- A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY 114

### Say yes! to figuring out your future

**A LEVEL ACCOUNTING**

You’ll be confident handling arithmetic, able to work accurately and be interested in the techniques used to analyse finances and make financial decisions, both in personal finance and in businesses of all sizes.

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  - A Level Accounting gives you a thorough grounding in financial accounting and bookkeeping and goes on to develop some of the ways in which accounting can provide valuable information for the management and monitoring of business performance and effective decision-making, especially when planning future operations.

  The course goes on to study limited companies and the structure and importance of published accounts. Cash flow and international accounting standards are included.

  Students are taught through a mixture of classroom based lessons and hands-on practice that will develop your accounting skills. Supported self-study tools are used to develop your competence as an independent learner.

- **Progression**
  - Many Accounting students go on to study numerate or business-related degrees, with a view to being able to run their own business or work professionally in a financially related field such as banking, accountancy, financial services and aspects of law. The subject is also widely accepted by apprenticeship programmes at Higher Level.

### Say yes! to success

**Thomas Huddleston, A Level Accounting**

Studying at Barrow Sixth Form has given me the chance to push myself and achieve the best I possibly can. My tutors are so helpful and give additional support for both class work and my personal welfare. Barrow Sixth Form has been an excellent environment to develop my independence and learning skills, and it has completely changed my outlook on education. Studying here not only helps you develop skills and knowledge in your chosen subjects, but the life skills needed to get you into work or higher education.

It is my goal to someday reach the top of my field in Finance and I believe my time at Barrow Sixth Form has helped me to get closer to that.
Let your creative flair thrive. Do you have a genuine interest and ability in art or design? Enjoy using your creative skills to develop and produce original work, inspired by the work of the best artists and designers? Then this course is for you!

A student-centred course which encourages independence and focuses on understanding the creative process with a range of workshops to develop new skills and media know-how. Work is displayed around the College and is often displayed at external exhibition shows.

Many students go on to study Art & Design at university and develop successful careers in the creative industries. For others, it is a passion that complements their other A Levels.

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  - Through investigating the work of artists and designers this course will strengthen your grasp of the visual language you can use to express yourself. You will experiment with a wide range of media and techniques to enhance your practical skills. You’ll develop personal responses to broad themes, always working from relevant visual sources. You’ll test a series of ideas before producing a well-considered outcome.

- **Progression**
  - After completion of A Level Art & Design many go on to study Foundation in Art and then onto university or art college. We have had students go to top universities across the country, from the Glasgow School of Art to Central Saint Martins. Career opportunities include a variety of roles within the creative industries.
Say yes! to creative careers

BTEC Foundation Art & Design

For those who are aiming to become a professional artist or designer, this foundation course is for you! After this course is complete students can progress to art and design-related degrees at university and art college.

In the exploratory stage you will be helped to adopt an open-minded approach and to broaden your research skills. You will then extend and integrate these skills through a series of negotiated projects. The final project will be an in-depth investigation into an area of interest that fully utilises and integrates your skills and understanding.

**Entry Requirements**
Check the website for entry requirements.
This is a one-year post A Level/Level 3 course and you will need a Level 3 qualification in Art & Design at grade E/merit or above to join. Exceptions may be made for adult students.

**Course Content**
The course launches with the exploratory stage through a variety of workshops exploring different specialisms within art and design. Students practise the essential skills of observing and recording, supported by life drawing classes. This will all be supported by art and design history lectures and gallery visits. Students will then progress to pathways stages and select the specialism they wish to progress into.

**Progression**
Our students have progressed to a range of top universities across England and Scotland to art and design related degrees and similar courses. Students have gone to the Glasgow School of Art, Central Saint Martins, Manchester Metropolitan University, Leeds, Kingston and other top universities.

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**Charisse Gozun, St Bernard’s Catholic High School**
Media & Art (A Level)

At school I didn’t study GCSE Art, but Barrow Sixth Form’s Centre of Excellence helped me reach my full potential and the support from my tutor Nikki has been phenomenal. I chose to study Media and Art as I have a passion for editing and design work. I’ve always wanted to be an interior designer. I really like the welcoming independent atmosphere of the campus which has allowed me to mature and better develop myself. I hope to progress to Manchester Metropolitan University where I can study interior design and have the career I’ve always dreamed of!
Do you have a deep passion for the arts? That passion could be transformed into a full-time obsession once you have completed one of our art and design courses and amassed the skills needed to put you in the frame for work in drawing, painting or fashion.

We have some fantastic art facilities within the College and there will be plenty of opportunities to apply your artistic abilities out in the working world so that you get a perfect balance of classroom study and real-life work experience.

- **Art & Design Programmes**

These varied courses start with the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art & Design & Creative Media and build up to the Level 3 Introductory Diploma/Extended Diploma in Art & Design.

The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one or two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the art and design sector.

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

### CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN ART & DESIGN & CREATIVE MEDIA

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: media products and audiences, planning and producing media products, sound for media products. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Level 3 in Creative Media Production, Art & Design or equivalent. Employment in junior creative, digital media, art or design roles such as working in moving image production, audio production, publishing or graphic design.

### ART & DESIGN CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA/EXTENDED DIPLOMA

The Cambridge Technical Level 3 Introductory Diploma/Extended Diploma in Art and Design is a varied course which aims to develop key skills in a range of art and design areas. Students will develop key knowledge of art theory, artists and creative practitioners. There is a strong vocational aspect to the course and this will allow you to gain experience working on live projects for clients and organise art exhibitions.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  Students will study a variety of art and design areas such as fine art, fashion, digital art, advertising and photography which will include some work experience. As part of the course there will be opportunities to demonstrate your skills by undertaking real briefs for local organisations. Recent partners include the National Trust, Barrow Council, Art Gene, Captain Shaw’s Primary School, Rock the Fells festival and other local community organisations and businesses.

  You will learn through studio workshops and demonstrations, lectures, seminars, project work, visits and exhibitions. You will also need to work independently outside the class. Assessment will be through portfolio and project assessment within College - assessed by your tutor and the external moderation of a sample of work.

- **Progression**
  Following the completion of this course, students either progress into further studies in the art and design field, apply for further courses with Furness College or enter the workplace within the industry.

**FIND OUT MORE** furness.ac.uk/art
You will be excited about the developments being made in our understanding of living organisms, the way they have evolved, how they function and play a part in their environment. You should have a commitment to apply yourself fully to what is a challenging subject. A good Biologist needs both mathematical and literacy skills.

A Level Biology emphasises the way in which biologists collect and analyse scientific data. The course starts with understanding biological molecules and then using this knowledge to develop an understanding of cells and organisms.

The second year of the course develops knowledge about population including energy flow in the ecosystem and population genetics. The course also develops an understanding of more complex biochemistry such as muscle contraction. Learning about genetics is applied to understanding technologies such as genetic modification and DNA fingerprinting. There is a Pass or Not Pass practical component of the A Level Biology qualification. This practical part of the course is teacher assessed. Outstanding attendance is required so that practical sessions are not missed.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will be taught through a mixture of theory and experimental work, supported by independent study using online resources. You will be prepared well both for written papers and practical assessment.

Progression
Biology students go on to Higher Education courses, studying a variety of life science related degrees e.g. health and clinical professions such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, physiotherapy, pharmacy, optometry, or nursing. Many students combine A Level Biology and Chemistry. A Level Chemistry is usually required for Biology degrees. Many A Level Biology students progress to Apprenticeships and some to direct employment.

See page 128 for information on GCSE Biology. Students on a mainly A Level programme of study can use GCSE Biology to gain the necessary qualifications for progression to some Higher Education courses.

Say yes! to the study of life

A LEVEL BIOLOGY

Do you follow media reporting of changes in the business world including the effects of new technology, reasons for bankruptcies and takeovers, consequences of changes in taxation or exchange rates? If so, start your path towards understanding the business world so you are ready to make an impact.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
The course includes topics such as financial planning, managing a business, the environments businesses work in, strategies for success and managing change. Within these topics you will learn about finance, people, operations management, marketing and competition.

You will be taught in a formal classroom setting alongside reading case studies, analysing business performance, learning how to solve problems and develop strategies. You will also develop data handling skills.

Progression
Business students go on to business careers such as accounting, insurance, banking, retailing, human resources, marketing and any type of management, usually after university study.

In 2017 23,755 businesses were operating in Cumbria.
Liam Edgley, Chetwynde School

Barrow Sixth Form offers a unique range of A Levels, and studying here is giving me the chance to really develop - not only academically, but extracurricularly. The best thing about studying Chemistry is that it's both interesting and challenging. We work interactively and the tutors guide you through uncovering the subject, rather than just teaching you out of a book. I’d like to go on to study Engineering at university - hopefully at Oxbridge! With the support programmes on offer at Barrow Sixth Form, I know I have the best chance to achieve my goal.

Say **yes!** to that eureka moment!

### A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Have you ever wondered how new medicines are developed? How does the shape and bonding in a molecule affect its smell? How is nitrogen similar to arsenic? What new fuels can be developed to replace fossil fuels? To find out the answers, study A Level Chemistry B (Salters).

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  Salters Advanced Chemistry is a modern course in which the chemical concepts of organic, physical and inorganic chemistry are introduced within a relevant context. It aims to convey the excitement of contemporary chemistry by focusing on the ways in which chemistry is used, often at the frontiers of the subject. You will study chemistry in a 'spiral way' so that chemical ideas introduced in an earlier topic are reinforced in later topics. This approach to teaching and learning allows you to revisit key topics several times during the course, each time taking your knowledge and understanding to a deeper level.

- **Progression**
  Many Chemistry students progress on to scientific degrees and then to a wide variety of careers, including medicine, pharmacy, chemical engineering, veterinary medicine, finance, law, media, engineering, forensic science and art restoration. Chemistry opens the doors to many careers.

### A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

Do you see yourself working within a computing or technical industry? The world of technology is changing at an exponential rate with exciting developments occurring frequently around us. Studying Computer Science will help lay the foundation for a career in Computer Science/Engineering.

Obtaining an A Level in Computer Science will help you with the core knowledge necessary to succeed in a related field. As a logical thinker and problem-solver, you will enjoy programming, research and development in this exciting discipline.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  You will study a wide range of topics, including: the structure and function of the processor, types of processor, input, output and storage-operating systems, application generation, an introduction to programming, databases, computer networks, web technologies, data types, data structures, Boolean algebra, computing-related legislation and ethical, moral and cultural issues.

  The first year will be dominated by theory in preparation for the hands-on programming in the second year. This will include learning how to program in a programming language in addition to theory topics. You will work using updated and modern technologies and tools to prepare both your written and practical assessments.

- **Progression**
  Students often progress to a computing or technical-related degree and follow a technical career in the computing industry, business or engineering.
Say **yes!** to the performance of a lifetime

**A LEVEL DANCE**

Is dance and choreography your passion? If you have a background of dancing and performance, incorporating ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap modern, and want to study dance in depth, this course is for you.

Students studying A Level Dance will have the opportunity to perform in many different festivals and on different stages including the Ulverston Dance Platform and Dance in the Spirit.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  You will gain an understanding of the dancer as a performer and the significance of dance, as well as the process of choreography. There are options to study a particular style of dance and you will learn to gain an appreciation of the content and context of two sets of work.

A significant part of the learning process is through the experience of performing, choreographing and analysing dance. You will compose and perform solo as well as take part in group work and will be encouraged to take every opportunity to see live professional dance.

- **Progression**
  Progression option to A Level may be possible, but is not guaranteed due to student numbers.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  This course aims to enhance those skills that many universities and employers value - for example, the ability to effectively analyse problems and situations, see a project through to a conclusion, meet deadlines and work to a budget.

Students should develop the ability to draw on and apply a range of skills and knowledge from other subject areas to inform their decisions in design and the application or development of technology. There are clear links between aspects of the specification content and other courses such as Computer Science, Business Studies, Art & Design and History.

- **Progression**
  Product Design is an excellent choice for anyone considering a career in any field of design and technology, for example, engineering, product design, graphic design, furniture design, car design or architecture.

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Say **yes!** to manufacturing your own path

**A LEVEL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: PRODUCT DESIGN**

Envisage a career in manufacturing or design? By studying A Level Design & Technology you will learn core technical, design and manufacturing principles and additional specialist knowledge in areas including material science and applications, manufacturing techniques, CAD/CAM skills and how new technologies influence design.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
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Talented dancer Alice Worrall will study and train at prestigious dance school Ballet West in Argyll after gaining her A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form College.

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Gabriel Blackburn, Millom School

One of the reasons for choosing Barrow Sixth Form was the Design and Technology course on offer [in partnership with Chetwynde School]. Design and Technology allows us students to come up with our own ideas, concepts and projects. Being at the College has really boosted my confidence, helping me to work more independently and develop my people skills, which I think will be a huge help in the workplace.

There’s so much on offer, especially in terms of careers advice. I’m aiming for a higher apprenticeship in electrical engineering at a large employer such as Sellafield or Kimberly-Clark. Studying at Barrow Sixth Form is helping me to obtain the qualifications I need to achieve my future goals.
Are you interested in how variation in meanings and forms in language are influenced by situational, cultural and social factors as well as in developing your own skills as a writer? By studying English Language at A Level you will explore how the spoken word has evolved over centuries and you will trace back the ways in which English has developed from its Old English origins to Late Modern English.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will learn how to analyse the way other writers and speakers use language in a diverse range of genres such as short stories, magazine and newspaper articles, advertising copy, reportage, political speeches and campaigning, charity campaigns, sports commentaries, TV chat shows and media interviews.

Lessons involve a wide variety of learning activities. You will engage in analysis, individual writing and research involving one-to-one tutorials. You will also engage in discussions, workshops and presentations, working as a whole class and in smaller groups.

Progression
Students often go on to university study and employment in journalism, the media or public relations, but English Language equally provides an excellent basis for a wide range of other careers and courses, including business and legal professions.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Enjoy reading? Like debating what things really mean? Love exploring the ways those meanings are made? If you are interested in contemporary and pre-20th century prose, poetry and drama, and want to study a subject that engages your feelings as well as your mind, then English Literature is for you.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will be reading the works of the renowned author Oscar Wilde and comparing those to the supernatural novels of modern author Toni Morrison. You will develop as an independent reader and as a literary critic, exploring comparisons and connections between texts, considering other readers’ interpretations and appreciating the contexts in which texts were written.

The coursework will give you the opportunity to compare the treatment of a specific theme in a 20th century play and novel.

Progression
English Literature students are highly respected by prestigious universities and the skills of analysis and expression that you develop on the course can lead to a wide range of university courses and careers, including roles within business and legal professions.

Say yes! to writing it your way
Say yes! to the starring role

A LEVEL FILM STUDIES

Do you love film and the cinema, as well as being interested in film as an artform and as an industry? Interested in more than just mainstream movies, extending to different periods and national origins as well as different forms and styles? If so, A Level Film Studies is the course for you.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  Film Studies explores how meaning is made, and emotion conveyed, through the analysis of film language and the production of your own creative practical work. There will be an opportunity to write a screenplay or produce a short film/film sequence in video format as part of your practical coursework.

- **Progression**
  Film Studies prepares you well for a range of arts and humanities-related degree choices and offers a broad range of career opportunities.

Students will be studying some of the great films both old and new from the UK and around the world, from classics like Casablanca and Blade Runner to modern classics like Pulp Fiction, Winter’s Bone, Trainspotting and This is England. We will look at European films such as Pan’s Labyrinth, as well as short animated films such as The Wrong Trousers.

Lessons involve a variety of teaching methods and learning activities, including pair and group work, discussion and independent research and filmmaking.

Say oui! to your future

A LEVEL FRENCH

Confident communicating in French and eager to learn more about the French culture and language? You will have enjoyed French at school and want to further develop your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  A Level French is a two-year linear course, with all exams undertaken at the end of the course. There is an emphasis on students developing a knowledge and understanding of aspects of the society, culture and history of France; a key part of this will be the in-depth study of two works - literary or film. Grammar is essential for speaking and writing accurate French and will be introduced and thoroughly practised alongside translation skills, both from and into French.

The course is taught through a mixture of classroom based study and conversation classes, nearly all of the teaching will be delivered in French to develop your fluency. The opportunity for a prolonged stay in France may be provided via a study visit to Paris.

- **Progression**
  Many French students go on to study at university, often choosing courses in the arts or humanities that make good use of their talent for communication.

For more information, visit furness.ac.uk/french
A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Having enjoyed GCSE Geography, and being interested in current affairs, you will also be curious about how your actions affect the world around you - including the effects of climate change and how an increase or decrease in the global population can impact much more than just family life.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Geography students study: the carbon cycle and water issues; the characteristics of cold environments as well as considering the issues of global population change, weather and climate and tectonic hazards, the challenges facing our energy supply and address the issues raised by world cities.

Coursework allows students to work on a chosen topic area, giving you an opportunity to get to grips with something that really interests you. As well as classroom study, residential field trips are an important element of the course and often the highlights of the year! You’ll visit Borrowdale for three days to study rivers and glacialiation.

You may also have the opportunity to take part in a geography expedition; previous locations have included the French Alps, Borneo, Thailand, Tanzania and Morocco.

Progression
Students go on to take a broad range of degrees, especially disciplines related to geography and go on to use their geographical skills in their careers, as the environment, tourism and planning become more important.

Say yes! to opening a world of opportunity

A LEVEL GEOLOGY

Are you intrigued to find out exactly how rocks are formed and identified? By studying Geology you will find this out, as well as the fossil records they contain and their importance in civil engineering.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Geology students learn about the composition of the Earth’s crust, mantle and core, earthquakes, continental drift and plate tectonics. The course also includes study into the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with students learning how to identify rocks and minerals. In addition to environmental geology, this course involves study into the evolution of life, undertaking a detailed study of the major groups of invertebrate fossils, evolution and extinction, ecology and the use of fossils in dating.

As well as classroom study, fieldwork and the development of practical skills is essential to geology and you will have numerous opportunities to visit locations within Cumbria, one of the classical areas of British geology. Students may have the option to visit an internationally-renowned geological location; in recent years this has been Iceland.

Progression
Students often progress to degree courses in related fields. Past students work professionally as geologists in areas such as oil and mineral exploration.

If you intend to study Geology at university, you should also choose at least one A Level from Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry or Biology.

FIND OUT MORE furness.ac.uk/geology
A LEVEL HISTORY

Through studying the history of Britain, Ireland, Europe and the US you will find out how history unfolds and the role and impact individuals have on movements and the world we live in today.

● Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

● Course Content
  Students will consider broad periods and topics of history based around the key theme of rebellions and civil struggle including: the Mid-Tudor Crisis, Elizabeth I and the USA – expansion west, civil war and reconstruction. There will also be an in-depth study into Britain and Ireland 1798-1921 and a piece of individual research coursework.

  Studying A Level History will give students an expansive perspective of British, American, Irish and some European history.

  Lessons will be exciting with opportunities to explore and discuss issues of conflict within established states and struggles for independence against empires and crowns.

● Progression
  As well as going on to study a degree in History at university, students use the research, critical evaluation, investigation and document appraisal skills developed by studying history in a wide range of degrees and careers.

Say yes! to making your mark

Charlotte Butcher, Millom School

I chose A Level History, Chemistry, Biology and AS Maths as I have a great passion for STEM subjects and want to work in education as a teacher of History which is a keen interest of mine. I’ve been inspired by Caroline, my tutor, to pursue it further.

At Barrow Sixth Form College, I really like the amount of independence and trust put into me as a student which has massively boosted my confidence and improved my grades dramatically. I hope to do a History degree and possibly even study Philosophy at Lancaster University.
Law is a very broad subject that includes a study of the key issues currently impacting the United Kingdom. A Law student is required to have a sharp mind capable of critical evaluation as well as comprehensive problem-solving skills. The reformed A Level Law has been designed to ensure students are well prepared for studying Law at university.

- Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- Course Content
  Law students look at three areas of substantive including Crime, Tort and Contract. Each substantive topic must be critically evaluated, which involves studying whether the law is fit for purpose in 21st century Britain. The course also includes a study of the English legal system as well as an examination of how the concepts of morality, justice, society and technology underpin the nature of Law of the United Kingdom.

The Law department provides students with lots of extra-curricular opportunities such as visits to local courts, universities and Barrow-in-Furness police station. There is also an annual trip to London so that students can see Parliament and our Supreme Court in Westminster.

- Progression
  Most students will continue their study of Law at university, leading them on to a career in the legal profession. Some Law students take the skills they have learnt and move on to a wide range of degrees and apprenticeships.

Say yes! to defending the rights

A LEVEL LAW

Yes! to success

Sadie Hill, St. Bernard’s Catholic High School

Studying at Barrow Sixth Form has made me a more organised and mature student. The flexible timetables and scheduled independent learning sessions have given me the freedom to grow and develop the skills to become a better learner. I’ve learnt a lot about myself since being here. I know my strengths and weaknesses, how to overcome challenges and how to recognise my future goals.

By studying A Levels I have learnt that you need to work hard to get to where you want to be. The tutors and staff are so friendly, encouraging you to reach your full potential. After Sixth Form I hope to go to university and gain a teaching qualification to enable me to teach and inspire young people in schools.

FIND OUT MORE furness.ac.uk/law
Say **yes!** to multiplying your skills

**A LEVEL MATHEMATICS AND FURTHER MATHEMATICS**

Having enjoyed Mathematics at school, you will be eager to learn more. You will relish the chance to solve problems using mathematical equations. Comfortable with algebra, you will build on this with the addition of calculus and in depth study into core mathematical subjects.

- **Entry Requirements**
  
  Check the website for entry requirements.

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**Course Content**

- **A Level Mathematics**
  
  A Level Mathematics consists of three key strands: Pure, Mechanics and Statistics. These sections build upon integral methodologies introduced during GCSE including algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus. Students will be assessed at the end of the two year course on all three strands with the Pure Mathematical content forming 67% of the final examination whilst the other strands comprise the remaining 33%.

- **A Level Further Mathematics**
  
  Further Mathematics develops the knowledge acquired during the A Level course and introduces new concepts. Much like the A Level course, the Further Mathematics course consists of three strands: Further Pure, Further Mechanics and Decision. Students will be introduced to a wide range of new content including matrices, complex numbers, advanced differential functions, linear programming and mechanics of collisions.

- **Progression**
  
  A Level Mathematics is widely regarded as a strong A Level discipline and forms part of the requisite A Level entry requirements for many degree courses. A Level Mathematics will enable students to progress on to further education in scientific and engineering fields. The inclusion of an A Level in Further Mathematics offers opportunities into careers where more in depth Mathematics knowledge is required, such as Computer Science, Statistics and Economics.

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**Say **yes!** to success**

Chloe Taylor, Ulverston Victoria High School

I chose to study at Barrow Sixth Form College because of the flexible learning hours and increased independence. My timetable gives me the freedom to further study aspects of the subjects I’m interested in and the College continually encourages us to independently research new topics. I’m enrolled in the Honours Programme, which offers additional opportunities, such as visits to Lancaster University. My goal is to get into a STEM-related career, and studying at Barrow Sixth Form will enable me to get the correct qualifications to get into university, as well as the right careers guidance to make an informed decision about my future.

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**FIND OUT MORE**

furness.ac.uk/maths
Say **yes!** to the perfect addition to your future

**MATHEMATICAL STUDIES**

Want to improve your confidence with numbers? Then this is the course for you. This one-year Level 3 course is designed to encourage students to study Mathematics beyond GCSE level to gain an improved understanding in the subject. Mathematical Studies is a great way to continue improving your Maths and is worth UCAS points in the same way as an AS qualification.

- **Entry Requirements**
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  You will learn about finance, cost benefit analysis and the critical paths of projects – skills many employers value. It will enable you to continue to perform calculations confidently and solve problems in real-life situations.

- **Progression**
  This course will improve your confidence in Maths and will support the study of other subjects where Maths is used such as Science, Geography and Business Studies. A good understanding of Maths will be useful in most careers including marketing, management and if you would like to run your own business one day.

We also offer Functional Skills Level 3 qualifications in Maths and English to give students confidence and skills for the workplace, plus support learning in other subjects. These courses enable students to progress to GCSE Maths and English. Check the website for details.

**FIND OUT MORE** furness.ac.uk/maths
Britain is a world leader in creative media production. If studying films, journalism, hit Netflix shows, social media, games, advertising and music videos sounds like something you might like to do, then you should consider an A Level in Media Studies.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will be introduced to the fundamentals of media texts. What are the skills required to make video and audio; to build a website; to write a journalistic piece; to animate? We will seek to understand the appeals of media to different target audiences and think about how we can try to shape audiences ourselves through our own pieces of media.

We look at what is successful; chart topping music videos, blockbuster films, leading newspapers, as well as the up and coming and innovative pieces of media so we can prepare to be a part of a dynamic media, whether as an engaged and creative audience or as a full blown media industry creative.

We work closely with media partners such as Barrow’s Signal Films and CandoFM to offer hands-on industry experience.

Progression
Students often progress to further work in a media related area, whether academic or vocational. Others access a wide range of other degrees. Knowledge and understanding of the media is increasingly valued across industries as an important aspect of living and working in the digital age.

Say yes! to capturing your destiny

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you find inspiration in a single image? Are you bursting with creative ideas? A Level Photography will utilise your creative skills to develop and produce original work, inspired by the work of the best photographers and designers in the world.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Throughout the A Level, students will investigate how to create strong images, how to work a camera to its full potential and develop images from a given brief. Through using sketchbooks to display your work and to create ideas, students will use traditional methods and digital techniques to produce images.

Students will be assessed on the context of the content and skills presented as well as the importance of process. From the course, students will gain knowledge about camera functions, aperture and shutter speed looking at composition and depth of field using a specialised vocabulary.

A part of the course will including investigating different areas of photography, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, fashion, experimental, multimedia, installation or moving image, working independently on chosen themes.

Progression
Many students go on to study a degree in Photography at university or join our Art Foundation course (see page 84) to further their portfolios, leading to successful careers in the creative industries.

Say yes! to the course of communication

A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

Britain is a world leader in creative media production. If studying films, journalism, hit Netflix shows, social media, games, advertising and music videos sounds like something you might like to do, then you should consider an A Level in Media Studies.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will be introduced to the fundamentals of media texts. What are the skills required to make video and audio; to build a website; to write a journalistic piece; to animate? We will seek to understand the appeals of media to different target audiences and think about how we can try to shape audiences ourselves through our own pieces of media.

We look at what is successful; chart topping music videos, blockbuster films, leading newspapers, as well as the up and coming and innovative pieces of media so we can prepare to be a part of a dynamic media, whether as an engaged and creative audience or as a full blown media industry creative.

We work closely with media partners such as Barrow’s Signal Films and CandoFM to offer hands-on industry experience.

Progression
Students often progress to further work in a media related area, whether academic or vocational. Others access a wide range of other degrees. Knowledge and understanding of the media is increasingly valued across industries as an important aspect of living and working in the digital age.

Say yes! to the course of communication

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you find inspiration in a single image? Are you bursting with creative ideas? A Level Photography will utilise your creative skills to develop and produce original work, inspired by the work of the best photographers and designers in the world.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Throughout the A Level, students will investigate how to create strong images, how to work a camera to its full potential and develop images from a given brief. Through using sketchbooks to display your work and to create ideas, students will use traditional methods and digital techniques to produce images.

Students will be assessed on the context of the content and skills presented as well as the importance of process. From the course, students will gain knowledge about camera functions, aperture and shutter speed looking at composition and depth of field using a specialised vocabulary.

A part of the course will including investigating different areas of photography, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, fashion, experimental, multimedia, installation or moving image, working independently on chosen themes.

Progression
Many students go on to study a degree in Photography at university or join our Art Foundation course (see page 84) to further their portfolios, leading to successful careers in the creative industries.
If you’re curious about the natural world, the laws governing how the universe works and how those laws can be applied to solve problems, then A Level Physics is for you. You will be confident using mathematical equations and have the determination and stamina to tackle this challenging but mindblowing subject.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
The fundamental ideas of physics, matter, force and energy, are the basis of all other sciences and most of our modern technologies. You will study quantum phenomena, electricity, mechanics, materials, waves, fields, energy, nuclear and thermal physics.

You will be taught through a variety of methods including experiential, hands-on laboratory work, demonstration, small group and one-to-one discussions, problem solving exercises and examination preparation.

Progression
Many Physics students go on to study Physics and Engineering at university and progress into a wide variety of jobs where a technical, analytical or problem solving mind is required. Physicists span many industries from transport and aviation to the military and research labs.
A LEVEL POLITICS

Politics is brutal and politicians will do anything to obtain and hold onto power. If you take an interest in current affairs and enjoy debating current affairs and politics generally, our Politics A Level could be just the course for you. If you wish to study a subject that offers insight and want to experience the workings of real life events that affect your everyday life, you are in the right place. Will there be a new Prime Minister when you start the course? Will it be Boris? Will Brexit mean Brexit? Will Trump still be President of the USA? There are so many unanswered questions in politics. Join us to find out!

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Students develop a critical awareness of the nature of power and gain knowledge and understanding of the political system in the UK as well as detailed knowledge of political institutions and figureheads. Prime Ministers such as Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Theresa May will be studied in depth. Presidents such as Donald Trump, Barack Obama, George W Bush and Bill Clinton will be studied in depth. Students will also be encouraged to challenge their own political views with studies on Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Nationalism. Lessons tend to be interactive and you will learn through a variety of activities including role-play, pair and group work and individual research.

Progression
Students progress to a broad range of degrees that draw on the skills of argument and communication, all of which are honed on the course. Previous students include the Lancaster MP and Shadow Labour Cabinet Secretary, Cat Smith and the Brexit expert Adam Payne, journalist for Business Insider magazine.

FIND OUT MORE  furness.ac.uk/politics

Politics is an excellent subject to combine with History. See page 100

Say yes! to making your voice heard

Politics is an excellent subject to combine with History. See page 100

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As an A Level Sociology student you will be eager to find out how society works and how different theories might be applied to the way the modern world appears to function. You will also be interested in how education works in society and how some students may get ‘labelled’ on their journey through the system.

**Entry Requirements**

Check the website for entry requirements.

**Course Content**

Students will investigate the ways in which sociologists gather their information – questionnaires, experiments, official documents – also considering some of the great and controversial theories such as Marxism, feminism and social conservatism.

Armed with both theory and method you will then be well placed to engage in a deeper study of what ‘family’ means in modern society. You can expect to be challenged and motivated towards developing independent views on what it means to live in a modern society.

**Progression**

Sociology students progress to a range of higher education options and careers and make very good use of the research skills developed in their studies.

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We are all amateur psychologists, constantly trying to explain the behaviour we see around us. You will be fascinated by this and want to develop a more informed and scientific approach. With programmes such as CSI becoming evermore popular, dive into the science behind it all.

**Entry Requirements**

Check the website for entry requirements.

**Course Content**

Students will study psychological explanations of behaviour, including why behaviour is influenced by the people around us, how memory works and why we forget, the importance of early childhood attachments, and why people may suffer from mental health issues and how they can be helped and supported.

The course will include elements of forensic psychology in relation to solving crime alongside the police and the changes with age in childhood. You’ll be introduced to psychological approaches to research and carry out small investigations. You will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the measurements you have collected.

**Progression**

Students often go on to study degrees in related fields at university. Others use this A Level to support progression to a broad range of university degrees.
BTECs and Cambridge Technicals (CTECs) are an exciting range of qualifications aimed at students who want to study a more vocational programme or combine with A Levels at the Rating Lane campus. They are available at a range of levels and are designed with the workplace in mind so students can leave College work-ready. They also carry UCAS points for those students wanting to progress to university and are accepted as part of applications into higher apprenticeships alongside A Levels.

**CTEC and BTEC Qualifications**

The course will explore and develop practical skills in science underpinning biological and chemical analysis. There are a wide variety of subjects covered in the course, targeted both at progression into scientific industries and to higher education. Examples include: analytical chemical techniques, human physiology, biochemistry, properties and applications of waves, organic chemistry, microbiology and science investigation skills.

The course is assessed both through single unit exams, assessed practicals/tasks and coursework, making this a good option for students who prefer a variety of assessment techniques rather than large terminal exams.

**Progression**

On completion of this course you will achieve a qualification which is equivalent to one A Level on the Extended Certificate or three full A Levels on the Extended Diploma. You can progress into any relevant scientific industry or a higher level of study. You could also choose to study a number of subjects at university including: the sciences, pharmacy, forensics, nursing, radiography, pathology and many more.

**Entry Requirements**

Check the website for entry requirements.

**Course Content**

The course will explore and develop practical skills in science underpinning biological and chemical analysis. There are a wide variety of subjects covered in the course, targeted both at progression into scientific industries and to higher education. Examples include: analytical chemical techniques, human physiology, biochemistry, properties and applications of waves, organic chemistry, microbiology, scientific investigation skills, contemporary issues in science, industrial chemical reactions and genetics.

The course is assessed both through single unit exams, assessed practicals/tasks and coursework, making this a good option for students who prefer a variety of assessment techniques rather than large terminal exams. There will be an independent investigation to be completed throughout the second year of the course.

**Progression**

On completion of the Extended Diploma, you will achieve a qualification which is equivalent to three full A Levels. You can progress into any relevant scientific industry or Higher Apprenticeship. You could also choose to study a number of subjects at university including: the sciences, pharmacy, forensics, nursing, radiography, pathology and many more.
BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2
AND LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA
If you are looking at a career in the business world, why not get hands-on experience whilst gaining a business qualification?

BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2
● Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

● Course Content
  This course includes the difference between sole traders, partnerships and limited companies, the different departments of a business and how they interact together - such as marketing, human resources and how finance and customer relations can help students to prepare themselves for the world of employment.
  Current business topics such as online business and business ethics can also be studied. There is an option to prepare for training and employment in business where students can produce and evaluate the necessary documentation in order to apply for relevant jobs.

● Progression
  This is an ideal qualification if you are thinking about a career or employment in business. There is also progression on to the Level 3 Business qualification.

BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3
● Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

● Course Content
  There are three mandatory units that must be studied in the qualification involving looking at the internal and external business environment, investigating resources that are available to a business in constrained circumstances and an introduction to how a business markets itself.
  Optional units for this qualification include: human resource management in business, business communication, business accounting, creative product promotion, managing a business event, aspects of contract and business law, project management and website design strategy.
  Gaining business-related experience through a work placement is part of both levels of this course.

● Progression
  This qualification can lead to employment or higher education in a business-related field such as management, marketing or human resources when studied alongside other advanced level courses.

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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE, LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA AND LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Do you want a high quality, industry-recognised qualification with the opportunity to develop relevant skills and knowledge? For a career in fields such as healthcare, social care or early years and education, this is the course for you.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2

Entry requirements
There are no set entry requirements for this course, although skills such as communication, IT, organisation and time-management will be helpful.

Course Content
This Level 2 qualification takes a year to complete. At the end of the course, you will achieve an Extended Certificate qualification, which is equivalent to two GCSEs.

Progression
Success on this course will enable you to enter employment or training within a wide range of health and social care environments, for example, you could be accepted as a trainee for a post as a care assistant or early-years worker. You can also use this qualification to progress further with your education on to a Level 3 course.

All the assessment for the course is done through coursework, so there are no exams. You have to achieve at least a pass on every unit of the course to achieve the overall qualification.

During the course, you will cover a range of topics including communication, individual rights and needs, health and safety and vocational experience.

The course includes relevant work placement as part of the study programme, in order to give you the opportunity to gain work experience and an opportunity to collect information to help for coursework.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SINGLE COURSE OPTION (CERTIFICATE/INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA)

Entry Requirements
Please check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Students on this course study a broad range of topics such as: communication, equality and rights, health and safety, health promotion, caring for children, working in the health and social care sectors and nutrition.

As part of the course there are opportunities to take part in relevant work placements – for example, in a care home, nursery, primary or secondary school or a day-centre. This will help you to collect information for coursework, as well as gaining practical experience of working in a care setting. Many university courses and employers expect you to have done some relevant work placement prior to starting your degree course or career.

Progression
Students can progress to study higher level qualifications in further or higher education including degrees in nursing and teaching. Alternatively you can progress on to career areas through apprenticeships, higher apprenticeships and traineeships or enter the workplace.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

These are two-year courses, with all the assessment being done through coursework. You have to achieve at least a pass on every unit of the course to achieve the overall qualification.

You can choose to take a Cambridge Technical Level 3 qualification as a single course (one of your three Level 3/A Level options) or a double course (two of your Level 3/A Level options). In the single course, you will achieve a Certificate qualification in Health and Social Care in Year 1 and then top this up to an Introductory Diploma qualification in Health and Social Care in Year 2. Alternatively, you can choose to take the double course. In the double course, you will achieve the Introductory Diploma qualification in Health and Social Care in Year 1 and then top this up to a Diploma qualification in Health and Social Care in Year 2.

Entry Requirements
Please check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Students on this double course study a wider range of topics than the single option course. As well as the topics studied in the single course, you will also study additional topics such as anatomy and physiology, physiological disorders, mental health, human development, and aspects of sociology and psychology.

As part of the course there are opportunities to take part in relevant work placements – for example, in a care home, nursery, primary or secondary school or a day-centre. This will help you to collect information for coursework, as well as gaining practical experience of working in a care setting. Many university courses and employers expect you to have done some relevant work placement prior to starting your degree course or career.

Progression
Students can progress to study higher level qualifications in further or higher education including degrees in nursing, teaching and social work. Alternatively, you can progress on to career areas such as healthcare and social care through apprenticeships, higher apprenticeships and traineeships or enter the workplace within the healthcare and social care industries.

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IT CTEC LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

It’s at the heart of everyday life, at home, work and in our leisure time from computer graphics and control systems to communications and problem-solving, IT skills make the modern world go round.

IT CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

- **Entry Requirements**
  Please check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  Students study units focusing on communication and employability skills for the IT workplace, information systems, social media for business, e-commerce, project management in IT and website production.
  This course includes an in-depth project where students research the jobs that are available in the IT industry and choose one job within the IT industry to research and describe in detail. Alongside this, students gain knowledge about the importance of “information” for modern businesses.
  During the course, you will identify ways a business can benefit from e-commerce, leading to you designing and creating a website for a business that is secure and efficient and fit for purpose, using consistent styles to get people’s attention and communicate information in a meaningful way. You will include ways that social media can be used to help promote a business and widen the customer base.

- **Progression**
  This course can lead to IT-related employment or higher education in an IT-related field when studied alongside other advanced level courses.

MEDIA CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

Media CTEC

MEDIA CTEC LEVEL 2 & 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

The media is dynamic and ever-changing. What was cutting edge last year is this year’s Myspace. The creative industries are one of the UK’s fastest growing areas of the economy. If you are considering a career within one of these industries then this is the course for you.

MEDIA CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2

- **Entry Requirements**
  Please check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  You have already had a lifelong interest in the media, whether it is your favourite movies, social media, fashion magazines. Cambridge Technical Level 2 is your opportunity to study the media products that you love. You will choose your own favourite media products, learning through research why they have been so successful and how they have been made. What you learn will then be put to practical use making your own media products based on your areas of study.

- **Progression**
  This course is a great introduction to the Level 3 course as students will learn the skills vital to success in the media industries.

MEDIA CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

- **Entry Requirements**
  Please check the website for entry requirements.

- **Course Content**
  Jobs in the media industries are very diverse and cover: advertising, web design, filmmaking and audio production. What they all have in common is that they are skilled professions that require an understanding of the software and the techniques that industry needs. Students on this course learn how to use a range of creative software and then put it to use with practical projects that have real-world applications. This will include producing work with local companies such as Signal Films and The Mail.

- **Progression**
  This course will be useful if you are looking to get on to a media degree or just looking to study an interesting subject and to gain some invaluable media skills.
This course includes a wide range of units covering biology, chemistry and physics by researching new innovations in these areas. These are units which will give you a strong foundation to progress to the workplace or to continue studying science-related subjects at a higher level.

Entry Requirements
Please check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will have valuable opportunities to develop skills, gain knowledge and understanding in science, provide progression to further study and improve your employability.

The units students on this course will study include: Science of the Earth - to introduce ideas about the changing nature of the Earth; processing and presenting data in science - looking at ways of collecting data and consider how it is presented to make it as clear as possible; Practical techniques in science - to understand the need for standard procedures in workplaces that use science to ensure the workplace is free from contamination; Chemistry of production - studying the factors involved in producing chemicals on an industrial scale.

Progression
This qualification is ideal if you are thinking of a career or employment in science-related roles. You will gain a Level 2 qualification, which will support further study in science. You will have valuable opportunities to develop skills, gain knowledge and understanding in science, provide progression to further study and improve your employability.
Are you interested in sport and physical activity across a wide range of areas? BTEC Level 3 Sport involves learning scientific theory, taking part in debate, as well as physical participation.

Entry Requirements
Please check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
Students will study the effects of leading a healthy and active lifestyle in addition to skill acquisition and exercise physiology. As part of the course there is an expectation to demonstrate the application of theoretical knowledge for effective performance.

The course includes applied physiological, psychological and contemporary aspects and optimising performance in a competitive situation. Students will gain an understanding of the role of technology in sport and will perform practically, coach, observe, analyse and apply knowledge learnt to optimise performance.

A small proportion of lessons will allow practical performance and skill observation, practical exercise training programmes and fitness measuring, in addition to group work and individual research.

Progression
Students often progress to a variety of sport, PE and health related degrees varying from a degree in Teaching to Physical Therapy.

Entry Requirements
Please check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
This course is for those who are interested in tourism and might wish to work in the industry in the future. During the course, students study a variety of work-related themes and gain a broad knowledge and understanding of the tourism industry, its size, development and importance to a country’s economy. This includes why customers are the most important part of the industry, and the standards of service they should expect, as well as the many different forms of tourism including eco-tourism, adventure tourism and cultural tourism. As you would expect, there will be a lot of discussion and group work, and the chance to go on tourism-related visits during the course. Students are given the chance to visit Europe as part of their studies. There will also be the opportunity for students to go on work experience in a travel and tourism related setting, to find out how travel and tourism businesses operate in the real world.

Progression
Upon completion of this course, many students go on to tourism-related degrees, others move directly into employment.

This course is equivalent to one A Level.
FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

- Functional Skills English Level 1 and Level 2
  Functional Skills English is aimed at students who have not yet achieved at least a grade 3 in GCSE English; it can act as a stepping stone towards achieving the GCSE grade 4 in future years.

- Entry Requirements
  Grade 2 or below at GCSE English.
  The course is designed to enhance confidence and skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, which will support learning in other subjects and increase opportunities outside College, both socially and professionally.
  More specifically, this course will develop your understanding of audience, purpose and context through the study of a range of relevant texts.
  The tests are taken at various points throughout the College year; you will be entered for them when your tutor deems you are ready to be successful in them!

- Functional Skills Mathematics Level 1 and Level 2
  The Functional Skills course focuses on practical applications to real-life problems and leads to additional mathematics qualifications, giving students excellent skills for the workplace. Students will initially work towards the Level 1 Functional Skills qualification before progressing on to the Level 2 Functional Skills course.

- Entry requirements
  Grade 2 or below at GCSE Maths.
  These courses will improve students' confidence in numeracy, data handling and practical problem solving to enable students to progress on to GCSE Mathematics.

- Entry Requirements
  Grade 3 or higher in GCSE Science or Biology.

GCSE BIOLOGY

- GCSE BIOLOGY
  You will want to gain a GCSE Biology qualification if you are interested in Science and Biology in particular.
  Students on a mainly A Level programme of study can use GCSE Biology to gain the necessary qualifications for progression to some Higher Education courses - e.g. degrees including primary teaching or nursing.
  Students who are on a Level 2 programme can progress to further education - e.g. BTEC Applied Science. After GCSE Biology, progression directly into the workplace could be through an apprenticeship or employment in a Science-related field.
  You will follow a course that is different from GCSE Science courses delivered at local schools. If you are joining straight from school, you may have recently learned about some topics and other topics may be new to you.
  Topics to be learned include: understanding genetics, understanding healthy body systems, understanding disease, understanding the role of photosynthesis in ecosystems and many more.
  You must complete required practicals and your understanding of these practicals will be assessed in the final exams. You will learn through a mixture of theory lessons and practical work. You will also develop Maths skills so that you can make conclusions about data collected from investigations.

Extended Project Qualification

Students on our Honours Programme have the option to take an Extended Project Qualification.

The EPQ is equivalent to half an A Level and allows you to pursue an individual research project related to your future ambitions, or one that draws on a personal interest. You are supervised by a tutor who guides you in your choice of project and the skills you will need to realise it; you will attend EPQ sessions each week with your supervisor as a part of your timetable. Ultimately, you will produce a significant piece of independent research.

The EPQ provides you with vital skills that will not only help you with your applications and interviews for universities, but also develops your capability to work independently. Skills include obtaining and selecting information from a variety of sources, analysing data, taking critical decisions and communicating ideas effectively to others. It is a requirement that you present your research findings to an appropriate audience upon completion of your EPQ.

Many universities view this qualification very positively. Cambridge University’s Dr Geoff Parks said:

“The potential benefits of Extended Projects are enormous. They give students the opportunity to get deeply involved in a subject that interests them, to develop research and critical thinking skills, to pull together learning from other subjects and to develop extended writing skills – all of which are hugely valuable preparation for university study. Cambridge is one of many universities which support Extended Projects as good preparation for degree-level study.”

Find out more about our Honours Programme on page 14.

yes! to success

Katherine Atkinson, Walney School

I chose to study at Barrow Sixth Form because I wanted to carry on my education after leaving school and experience a different learning environment. I’ve always found learning new things fun, and although some subjects are challenging, I have enjoyed the academic challenge that A Levels have given me.

The subjects I chose helped guide me towards a future career in Biomedicine. The ability to experience a mix of subjects has allowed me to find out what I enjoy most.
University education, usually known as higher education, is the next step after further education. University education qualifications include:

- Higher National Certificates (HNC)
- Higher National Diplomas (HND)
- Foundation Degrees
- Degrees (BSc, BA or BEng with Honours)
- Higher Apprenticeships
- Degree Apprenticeships

Furness College has been recognised for a high quality of teaching and learning with a silver award for Higher Education under the Teaching Excellence Framework. The College achieved the award for 'consistently exceeding' rigorous national quality requirements.

Why should I study at Furness College?

As the largest provider of education and training in South Cumbria, studying with Furness College can offer you a wide range of benefits:

- Over 30 years’ experience of providing university education (over 500 Furness College students studied university level courses in 2016/17)
- Learn while you work, thereby reducing costs and loans
- University qualifications which are validated by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), the University of Cumbria, Lancaster University or Edexcel
- Accreditation by the Institute of Engineering Technology (IET) and Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)
- University qualifications which are relevant to future employment opportunities
- Small group sizes which are friendly and supportive and help to improve confidence
- Courses which fit around the workplace and a busy home life
- Reduced transport costs
- A network of support including personal tutors and additional support
- High standards of tuition
- Excellent training resources which meet industrial/commercial standards
- Progression routes to honours degree courses or employment
- Superb facilities including several IT suites with subject specific software
- Learning Resource Centre with quiet study areas, resources and computers
- At Furness College we provide degrees in a range of professional/technical subjects which can be studied full or part-time. Many students either progress directly into employment or transfer to the third and final year of an honours degree course at university.

The subjects on offer are:

- Art & Design
- Business with Project Management
- Children, Young People and their Services
- Computing
- Engineering – Mechanical and Electrical/Electronic
- Health and Social Care
- Teacher Training (Post-16)