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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 Channelside 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 Channelside 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 activities 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
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Furness College has teamed up with Barrow AFC to launch a new College Football Academy where you can combine academic study with sport. Starting in September 2019 and available for 16-18 year olds, successful applicants will split their time between studying, playing, coaching, training and learning about the business aspects of the club. They will also play with the club's existing professional teams.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR BTEC IN SPORT ON PAGE 72.

We are partnering with a specialist land-based education provider to offer land-based courses from September 2020. This is an exciting opportunity to combine practical residential in state-of-the-art surroundings with theory taught by specialist tutors in Barrow. Courses will include Level 2 and Level 3 Agriculture, Level 2 Animal Care (small and large), Level 3 Animal Management, Level 2 Equine, Level 3 Horse Management plus Level 2 and Level 3 Horticulture.
2019 OFSTED SUCCESS

OUR SUCCESSFUL FURNESS COLLEGE AND BARROW SIXTH FORM COLLEGE MERGER HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRaised BY OFSTED INSPECTORS WHO HAVE RECENTLY RATED US AS A ‘GOOD’ COLLEGE.

Amongst the first colleges in the country to be inspected as a merged college, Furness College was praised by inspectors for merging ‘effectively and sensitively’, with the quality of education for students improving across the board.

They said our learners and apprentices had support to achieve their goals, behaviour was good and students had a positive attitude towards learning. They also said our leaders and managers used their links with local employers to continually develop the curriculum to meet industry needs. In addition, they said our tutors used their professional and industrial experience successfully to help students develop high-level skills.

Principal and Chief Executive Andrew Wren said: “We are delighted to receive a good rating for our college and such high praise, showing us to be the beating heart of education in our community. It is particularly rewarding that the inspectors also commented on the caring culture of the college which reflects our people-centered ethos. We are now focused on the future to continue our improvement plan and achieve an outstanding grade.

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The merger means we are now the largest college in Cumbria with a specialist sixth form and offer the widest choice of courses, so to receive such high praise on the improvements to the quality of education from Ofsted following the merger is excellent news for our staff and our students.

Inspectors also praised our ‘significant investment’ in high-quality equipment and resources for students. Mr Wren said this follows on from an outstanding grade from the Education and Skills Funding Agency, which shows the college is in strong financial health.

They identified the high-quality on and off the job training for apprentices that helps develop their skills, in particular maths skills, and said our apprentices make a valuable contribution to the workplace. “

Mr Wren said: “We had identified areas to improve a couple of years ago and it takes time for the improvements to come through. We are pleased that Ofsted recognises the progress we have made since making changes.”

Inspectors noted that our governors were ambitious for our students and work closely with college leaders and managers to help learners achieve their goals.

Chair of Governors Caroline Vernon said: “This glowing Ofsted report is a real testament to the hard work of our professional and caring staff and a tribute to our excellent students. This town has a college of which we can rightly be very proud.”
EXCELLENT INDUSTRY LINKS THAT LEAD TO JOBS

HIGH-QUALITY ON AND OFF THE JOB TRAINING

THE WIDEST RANGE OF COURSES IN CUMBRIA

THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF SKILLS TRAINING IN CUMBRIA

APPRENTICES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE WORKPLACE

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES ACROSS STATE-OF-THE-ART CAMPUSES
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.
THE BEATING HEART OF EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE LARGEST COLLEGE IN CUMBRIA WITH A SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM

A CARING CULTURE WITH A STUDENT-CENTERED ETHOS

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES ACROSS STATE-OF-THE-ART CAMPUS

RATED IN THE TOP TIER NATIONALLY FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

YES! TO SUCCESS
Say **yes!** to high aspirations

Our **Rating Lane campus** has a university feel and the learning environment is an ideal stepping stone from school to university, a Higher Apprenticeship or employment.

The Sixth Form has a long tradition of academic excellence and has been rated in the top tier nationally for academic achievement. Our tutors are specialists at post-16 teaching and treat students as individuals. Development in a Sixth Form environment ensures our students are better prepared for life beyond college.

Students have a choice of over 20 A Levels plus Cambridge Technical Qualifications and BTECs, ensuring they can combine the right subjects to get to their dream career.
2021
T LEVELS
SELECTED TO DELIVER T LEVELS, PUTTING FURNESS AT THE FOREFRONT OF HIGH-QUALITY TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING

98%
OF STUDENTS GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION OR GAIN EMPLOYMENT ONCE COMPLETING THEIR COURSE

94%
OVERALL PASS RATE ACROSS ALL OUR SUBJECTS

74%
A* - C A LEVEL GRADES

1 IN 3
OF OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVED A* - B GRADE

99%
A LEVEL PASS RATE

£47 MILLION
CHANNELSIDE CAMPUS WITH HIGH-TECH, STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

WHY SAY
yes!
FIND OUT WHY WE’RE THE RIGHT COLLEGE FOR YOUR FUTURE

WHY SAY
12
100% BTEC LEVEL 3 PASS RATE from students living in areas of disadvantage

£4 MILLION advanced manufacturing and technology centre

2020

2020

AN EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP will offer agricultural education in land-based subjects. See website for details

93% of our 16-18 year olds pass the courses they have undertaken

OUTSTANDING

NSAN SKILLS ACADEMY

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

LEARNING ZONE

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ART&DESIGN

STATE-OF-THE-ART WORKSHOPS AT THE SIXTH FORM CAMPUS TAKING YOU UP TO FOUNDATION LEVEL ART AND DESIGN

LEARNING ZONE

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR TRAINING IN ENGINEERING

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LEARNING ZONE

OUR SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM CAMPUS HAS LEARNING ZONES TO SUIT EVERY STUDENT INCLUDING A WELL-EQUIPPED LIBRARY. RESEARCH SHOWS STUDENTS WHO GO TO A SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM ARE BETTER PREPARED FOR UNIVERSITY LIFE THAN A SCHOOL SIXTH FORM.
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, a 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.
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.

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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 4/5 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.

“You’re never too old to go back to education. If you have a goal and you are determined, anything is possible. Barrow Sixth Form has been very accommodating and I was able to arrange my timetable to fit in with my business and family needs.”

Victoria Galston (adult)
English and Maths GCSEs
Progression aim:
Access to university course at Channelside campus

To find out more about our English and Maths studies, see pages 104 and 126.
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
Independent Learning

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.
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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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.

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.
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.
Student Services

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 25.

**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.
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

Student bursary is available for those who have a low household income. To check if you are eligible for this bursary, please ask at Student Services for an application form. Decisions on who will receive this bursary will be made by the end of October 2020.

You can receive a bursary if:

- You are 16 years old and have left school, but are not 19 before 1 September 2020
- Your household income is at, or below, a set amount
- You are on a full-time further education course at Furness College

More information may be found at www.furness.ac.uk/being-a-student/financial-support/

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 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)

FEE REMISSION

If you are over 19 on 1 September 2020 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 qualification or aged 24+, you can apply for a loan to help cover tuition fees

- Your course must start on or after 1 August 2020 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 Learner Loan and you are on a low income, you can receive help from the adult bursary (see above)

More information on Advanced Learner Loans may be found at: www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

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 info@furness.ac.uk

BENEFITS

If you are receiving benefits, you may be able to continue claiming while you study but you should check, prior to starting your learning, with:

Your local Citizens Advice Centre: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

*Please note: Every care has been taken to ensure that this information was accurate at the time of printing. As much notice as possible will be given of any changes, but the College cannot accept liability in conjunction with any such alterations.
Furness College Students’ Union (FCSU) is run by students, for students, and is one of the most up-and-coming students’ unions in the country. The Students’ Union’s goal is simple: to make student life better. But how?

- **Representing** - The Students’ Union represents all Furness College students and their needs, from sitting at decision-making tables in College to standing on national stages across the country. FCSU amplifies your voice and fights for your needs.

- **Supporting** - Being a student can be tough and FCSU is always there to offer support and guidance. If you have a problem in College, FCSU will work hard to get you the support you need.

- **Liberating** - FCSU campaigns for the rights of each and every one of its members, celebrating the diversity of Furness College’s student body. Everyone is welcome at FCSU.

- **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.

- **Inspiring** - Anyone can be a leader in FCSU and we will empower and inspire all of you to lead the student body into its brightest future.
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!

**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

- **Gold 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**

- **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

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!

To anyone thinking about the DoE I would just say go for it, it’s a great opportunity!

Rachel Gleaves
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Recipient
Turn your hand to anything

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

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.

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.

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.
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**To find out how you can progress with us on our Access to University courses – see page 128**
Call our Business and Employment Support Team 01229 844836

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.

ELLIE NICHOLSON
HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP
BARROW SIXTH FORM ALUMNI

Ellie Nicholson began a Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4) in Supply Chain at BAE Systems in Barrow after completing her A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form College.

She said:

“I am loving the responsibility and am working with some really senior people. Sixth form gave me the confidence and self-motivation to go into this professional environment.

I decided to focus my efforts on a Higher Apprenticeship as they provide such a great opportunity, particularly in Cumbria.

I was doing some research online and I saw that BAE Systems is ranked second for the best Higher Apprenticeships in the UK. We’re really lucky that there are some amazing global companies in this area.

A lot of students at Sixth Form are hoping to progress on to a Higher Apprenticeship as they’re well respected and you can gain valuable experience while studying and earning a salary.

I’m confident that having a Higher Apprenticeship will help with my career progression.

In the future, I’d like to have a successful career in Supply Chain and have the opportunity to travel as part of my job. I want to be up there with the high flyers.”
We also offer ‘Real Vocations’, a course delivered in the community for adults looking to gain employment. Plus, there’s ‘Access your Ambitions’ - a course for 16, 17 and 18 year olds who want to gain the skills to be successful in Further Education - and CORE, which offers fun and practical work-ready and skills-ready programmes to help you progress in your chosen career.

A brighter, better future

Did you know that you can now join Furness College throughout the year? With our Step Up, Stand Out programme, we’ll get you on the pathway to an exciting new career.

Our free, rolling 10-week programme prepares young people and adults in the community for an apprenticeship, employment or further study by allowing them to experience life at Furness College, explore vocational areas of interest and gain an Employability Skills qualification in a safe, supportive environment.

The Step Up, Stand Out programme has two pathways. The first is a vocational taster pathway combining taster sessions in a wide range of curriculum areas with a Level 1 qualification.

You spend half the week learning skills which are critical to be a productive employee, and half in the College’s workshops and other practical facilities gaining up-to-date knowledge and skills. This pathway is open to any age and is structured to ensure maximum flexibility.

The second pathway is a traineeship pathway, which combines a work experience placement with a Level 1 qualification, plus Maths and English. This pathway is suitable for those who have a chosen vocational area they would like to pursue and career goals in mind.
Skills for Working Life

- Entry Requirements
  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.

- Content
  Time will be spent in practical and theory classes on a variety of activities that will enhance employability and independent living skills. Students will have the opportunity to study Catering, ICT, Retail, Painting and Decorating, Carpentry and Joinery, Brickwork, and Personal and Social Development. There may also be the opportunity to access work experience. Each student will have an individual assessment to ensure that they are placed on to the appropriate level in Maths and English.

- 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.

  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.

Furness College has a much more relaxed atmosphere than school and everyone is so friendly and accepting. It’s a great place to meet new friends and gain new skills.

Bradley Smith
Skills for Working Life

Contact
Student Services on 01229 844817 or email info@furness.ac.uk to find out more about the support we can offer.
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 AND 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 Massage 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.

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Say *yes!* to a glowing future

BEAUTY THERAPY AND NAILS
I hope to leave college with a Level 3 in Beauty Therapy and Nail Enhancements so I can work on cruise ships, travel the world, meet new people and continue doing the job I love.

Megan Athersmith
Level 3 Beauty Therapy and Nail Enhancements

BEAUTY THERAPY AND NAILS

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 Massage 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 and 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 56 for more information.

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PATHWAY OF success

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 1 in Hair or Beauty Therapy with three GCSEs at grade 4 or above

LEVEL 1
Diploma in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector

LEVEL 2
VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Beauty / Massage Therapy General

LEVEL 3
VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Massage Therapy General

NEXT STEP
Employment as a qualified Beauty Therapist in salons, spas, luxury hotels or cruise ships

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/beauty

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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 AND 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 MASSAGE 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, Indian head massage and stone massage, health and safety and 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.
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 the tutor for details on 01229 825017](#)

- **Advanced Apprentice Level 3**
  Contact the 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 at university.

**BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING PROGRAMMES**

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

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

**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.

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We also offer courses for adults accredited by the Association for Project Management and the Institute of Leadership and Management. Please call 01229 825017 for more information.
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 AND 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.
Furness College provides freedom to students and allows them to express their individuality through the variety of courses on offer. The College allows you to grow and opens your mind to new possibilities with good support from staff.

Phoenix Burton
Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration

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.**

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Four GCSEs at grades 9-3 or equivalent

**LEVEL 2**
Apprenticeship Level 2

**LEVEL 3**
Apprenticeship Level 3

**LEVEL 4**
Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4

**NEXT STEP**
Consider a career in Management and Team Leading, go onto higher education or set up a business

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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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
No entry requirements but Level 1 may be helpful

LEVEL 2
Diploma in Hospitality or Professional Cookery

LEVEL 3
Diploma in Hospitality or Professional Cookery

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED
Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

NEXT STEP
Career in catering and hospitality. Cumbria has a number of Michelin-starred restaurants

CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

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PATHWAY OF success
ENTRY LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES - CATERING AND 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 and Hospitality or employment as a supervised assistant/waiting staff.

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 and 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 hospitality sector in roles such as waiting staff or trainee chef/cook.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES - CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

- **Entry Requirements**
  Two GCSEs at grade 9-1 or Entry Level 3 Diploma in Vocational Studies - Catering and 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.

Our catering students run a real restaurant at the Channelside campus regularly serving visitors and staff freshly-prepared three-course meals as part of their qualification.
Say **yes!** to building up to the top

CONSTRUCTION

**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 and Joinery (Apprentice Level 2 or Advanced Apprentice Level 3)**
  - **Painting and 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.
Elliot Attard achieved his Level 3 bricklaying qualification at Furness College and is working as an apprentice at Leck Construction in Barrow.

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.
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 1

You choose to study this Diploma in one of the following areas: Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and 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 and Joinery, Painting and 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. Employment as a trainee bricklayer, plasterer, painter and decorator, carpenter or joiner.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 1

You choose to study this Diploma in one of the following areas: Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and 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 CRAFTS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 3

You choose to study this course in one of the following areas: Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating or Plastering.

- **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 and decorator, carpenter or joiner.
CONSTRUCTION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
No entry requirements

LEVEL 1
Level 1 Diploma, including work experience

LEVEL 2
Level 2 National Vocational / NVQ Level 2 Tech Cert

LEVEL 3
NVQ Level 3 Diploma / NVQ Level 3 Tech Cert

NEXT STEP
Become self-employed, take on an apprenticeship or go onto higher education for careers in construction management or architecture

PATHWAY OF success

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3. Follow the application process

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EDUCATION

**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 AND 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 and Their Services at Furness College.

See page 30 for the full list of apprenticeships in Early Years we offer at Furness College.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN SUPPORTING TEACHING AND 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.

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.
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 and Care or Specialist Support for Teaching and 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 3 DIPLOMA IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION AND 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/ crèche/ 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/ crèche/ playgroup leader, early years practitioner or teacher.
This course has enabled me to work with children and get hands-on experience of the workplace. After I gain my qualification, I hope to become a primary school teacher and have a positive impact on children’s lives.

Nicole Walker
Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Education)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- English or Maths at Grade 2

LEVEL 2
- Level 2 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

LEVEL 3
- Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education or Care Specialist Support

NEXT STEP
- Careers in childcare, teacher training or higher education

PROGRESS WITH US
We offer Higher Education courses in Education and Teacher Training see page 131

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PATHWAY OF success
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 and 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.

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.
ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES
- FOUNDATION TO LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 1 and 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 at 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 C&G Level 2 Diploma in Engineering.

- **Progression**
  Employment as a crafts person in industry or on an Apprenticeship. Students can be employed in careers such as CAD operators, draughting, technical authors or general technical engineering positions.

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.
I had high expectations for Furness College and it has smashed all expectations! I have a really good relationship with my tutors and they make me determined to complete my work to a high standard.

Josh Cox
Level 2 Mechanical Fitter

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
GCSEs in Maths, English and Science, Grades 9-1

LEVEL 1
Engineering Foundation Programme

LEVEL 2
Engineering Foundation Programme

LEVEL 3
Subsidiary Diploma or Extended Diploma in Engineering Technology

NEXT STEP
Varied career opportunities, Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering or higher education

PATHWAY OF success

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APPLY NOW
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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.
There is a very positive and enthusiastic environment at Furness College and my tutors are always happy to help and share their expertise.

Leah Watson
Level 3 Hairdressing Apprenticeship at Helen Gee Hairdressing in Ulverston.

HAIRDRESSING AND 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 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 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 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIR AND 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 will include some of the following: applying make-up, client consultation, 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 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 and business, beauty/complementary therapy courses or teacher training at university. Employment in salons, cruise liners, health spas.
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 BARBERING (APPRENTICESHIP)

- **Entry Requirements**
  Level 2 Diploma in Barbering, four GCSEs at grades 9-4 and relevant industry experience.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: health and safety, advising and consulting with clients, cutting and styling men’s hair.

- **Progression**
  Preparation for employment in the Barbering industry, salons, cruise liners, health spas etc. Further study may include trichology or complementary therapies.

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
- Two GCSEs at grades 3-1 or an Entry 3 qualification

**LEVEL 1**
- Diploma in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector

**LEVEL 2**
- Diploma in Hairdressing or Hair and Media Make-Up

**LEVEL 3**
- Diploma in Hairdressing or Fashion, Theatre and Media Hair and Make-up Studies

**NEXT STEP**
- Become employed, self-employed or go onto higher education to pursue a career in management

**PATHWAY OF SUCCESS**

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We have lots of conversations and debates relating to Health and Social Care to develop our knowledge. My tutors offer massive support with my academic learning so I can work towards my goal of being a social worker.

Gabrielle Cotter-Garrick
Level 3 Health and Social Care
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**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

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 AND 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.

**READY FOR WORK**

Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.
Health and Social Care Programmes
The courses are delivered full-time over the course of one or two years and are designed for those seeking a career in the health and social care sector. Each full-time course includes an element of real work experience to enhance the classroom and practical modules within the programmes.

LEVEL 2 EXT CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- **Entry Requirements**
  Four GCSEs at grades 3-1 or equivalent.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: influences on health and wellbeing, equal opportunities and human growth and development. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience.

- **Progression**
  Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care, a Diploma in Childcare and Education, equivalent Level 3 course, Apprenticeship in Care or employment.

LEVEL 3 EXT DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- **Entry Requirements**
  Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English Language).

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: communication, social and psychological aspects of care, health and safety. Maths and English will also form part of the course and it will involve some real work experience with Risedale Estates or at Furness General Hospital.

- **Progression**
  A health-related degree at Furness College or university. Employment in the field of health and social care.

STARTING 2019
we will offer 25 placements for L3 Health and Social Care students to spend a day each week in the NHS developing practical skills in a hospital environment.
My tutors have helped me with my next steps into University by preparing me for interviews and helping with my personal statement. They really take the time to get to know you, so I have always felt very safe and supported at Furness College.

Angel Kirk-Henry
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Four GCSEs at grades 4 – 1

LEVEL 2
Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

LEVEL 3
90 Credit Diploma in Health and Social Care

NEXT STEP
A range of careers, Level 5 Healthcare Assistant Practitioner or higher education at Furness College or other universities

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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.

APPRENTICESHIP IN DIGITAL LEARNING DESIGN

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

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

APPRENTICESHIPS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Choose from either:

- Data Analyst (Level 4)
- Digital Marketer (Level 3)
- Infrastructure Technician (Level 3)
- IS Business Analyst (Level 4)
- Network Engineer (Level 4)
- Unified Communications Technician (Level 3)

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprenticeship Level 3
    - 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4
    - A Levels
    - An apprenticeship at Level 2.
  - **Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4**
    - 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4
    - A Levels
    - An apprenticeship at Level 3 (only available in some subject areas).

- **Progression**
  - Depending on the apprenticeship standard selected, you can expect to be qualified within one to three years. Your progression could include a higher level qualification, a promotion at work or higher education in college and university. These apprenticeships are also available to current workforce employees should an employer want to upskill their current workforce.
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.

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**PATHWAY OF success**

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A minimum of two GCSEs at grades 9 – 1

**LEVEL 1**
Diploma for IT Users

**LEVEL 2**
Diploma in IT

**LEVEL 3**
Subsidiary/Extended Diploma in IT

**NEXT STEP**
Careers in the IT industry, a higher apprenticeship or higher education at Furness College
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 4-1 (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications.

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

**MEDIA 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 4-1 (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 SUBSIDIARY/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MEDIA**

- **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.
I like film-making, so I enjoy my time spent in the Green Room. Studying this course has taught me what to expect from a career in the entertainment industry in the future.

Jeremy Hollstein
Level 3 Media

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 4 or less (including English and Maths)

LEVEL 2
Four GCSEs at grades 4 – 1 (including English and Maths)

LEVEL 3
Subsidiary/ Extended Diploma in Media

NEXT STEP
An exciting career in print, broadcast or digital media or higher education
Say **yes!** to skills that lead to jobs

**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 and 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.

At the end of December 2018, Great Britain had **38.2 MILLION** vehicles licensed for use on the roads.

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 MAINTENANCE AND 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.

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.

My course has helped me to get closer to my goal of being a car mechanic by teaching me industry techniques. The staff are extremely friendly and I learn something new every day.

Harry Hird
Level 1 Motor Vehicle

PATHWAY OF success

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Two GCSEs at grades 9 – 1 (including Maths and a Science subject)

LEVEL 1
Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance

LEVEL 2
Diploma in Vehicle Fitting

LEVEL 3
Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

NEXT STEP
A career as a motor vehicle technician, a higher apprenticeship or further training to qualify as an MOT Tester

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MOTOR VEHICLE
During the course, I have built upon my existing knowledge of the Uniformed Public Services and developed my leadership and confidence skills through working with the Cumbria Army Cadet Force.

Bradlee Smillie
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

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 Uniformed Public Services programmes will put you on course for a position in a number of public service organisations.

UNIFORMED 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 PUBLIC 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 Public Services, physical fitness for the uniformed services, team working and problem solving skills, health and safety, exploring equality and diversity for the Uniformed Public Services, competitive sports and volunteering opportunities.

• Progression
  Progression on to a Level 3 90 Credit Diploma in Uniformed 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 Public Services including the Police, Fire Service, Army, Navy and Air Force or further studies at university.

PATHWAY OF SUCCESS

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Say yes! to getting fit for work

SPORT

Keep your eye on the ball when learning the concepts of sports science, training, leadership and management communicated in our diploma programmes and you will be on the right track for a meaningful career in fitness training, sports coaching or management.

Our Fit4Work project has engaged 766 students in physical activity, of which 246 (nearly a third) were previously inactive.

FIT 4 WORK
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.

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.
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.

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.
I set my mind on Furness College after attending an Open Day. I’m able to play sports with people who have the same interests as me, which helps me to enjoy my time at college.

Nicky Taylor
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport

Entry Requirements
Four GCSEs at grades 4 – 1

Level 2
First Diploma in Sport

Level 3
National Extended Diploma in Sport

Next Step
Careers in the sports industry or higher education to pursue sport management or teaching
Success doesn't always mean achieving the highest results - at Furness College your own yes! moments are what really matters.

Whether it’s gaining the confidence to perform on stage, becoming a part of the Students’ Union or simply getting a better result than you did last time - we see success as doing your best. We help you define what success is for yourself, and have everything in place to achieve it.

**yes! to independence**

“Being at Furness College has given me routine, stability and focus. I prefer to be in a place that isn’t too much like school. Having more assignments than exams helps me learn. The best thing is the open conversations we have about different topics related to the lessons. I enjoy the one-to-one support from the teachers with both college work and the other life problems we all face.”

**Gabrielle Cotter-Garrick, Health and Social Care**

**yes! to industry**

“I just knew this was the right pathway for me. I decided on the course as I had done work experience at a local garage and really enjoyed it. As I have experience of working with cars, my career goal is to become a car mechanic. My course has taught me different ways of working and techniques used in the industry. The staff are extremely friendly and I learn something new and interesting every day.”

**Harry Hird, Motor Vehicle**

**yes! to inspiration**

“Success to me is getting an idea and making it happen. I enjoy being creative. On the 10-week Step Up Stand Out course I enjoyed media the most. I feel at home in my classes. The course is filled with new information and presented to me in ways I understand well. I have a lot of independence, but also access to a lot of support. I feel like my life is on track again.”

**Ellie Schofield, Creative Media**

**yes! to identity**

“Success has come in the form of an identity – with this course, my career has already started! I’ve always been interested in a career in the police and am in the police cadets. Prior to this, I was very shy, had low confidence, and didn’t have many skills. With the help from the amazing tutors, students that I have met and teaching assistants, I have improved my confidence and skills by a mile.”

**Jake Cooke, Public Service**

See page 32 for our SUSO programmes
“We create opportunities to succeed in any course or field you choose, with the best setup and support possible.

Take our state-of-the-art campuses, world class facilities, excellent experienced teachers and mentors, and industry connections that lead to genuine careers – success is our attitude.

Get used to hearing yes! more often

"Not many places have the connections to industry that Furness College offers; it has helped to bring out the best in me. The sixth form has fantastic connections with local media organisations, who provide great work experience opportunities. There are lots of fantastic opportunities at sixth form for whatever you would like to do and the tutors are all lovely and helpful. There’s a really good atmosphere here."

ELLA WHEATCROFT, A LEVEL POLITICS/MEDIA

"The amazing teaching and support here has given me the confidence to know I can filter my energy into subjects I’m passionate about as a career. I had never had the opportunity to study Politics before coming to college, so to study it along with other people just as passionate about it is amazing. In the future, I’d like to work in a role to do with History or even become an MP."

AARON DUNN, A LEVEL HISTORY/POLITICS

"I fitted right in from day one. I love it here, especially the freedom and choices it gives you. My favourite aspect is the independence it offers. I don’t mind waking up in the morning to come in because I’m interested in the work. Coming from a smaller school, I didn’t know many people, but very quickly I met people who I couldn’t imagine college without. From the first day, it just felt right."

AMY SPRY, A LEVELS IN CHEMISTRY/HISTORY/LAW AND MATHS WITH HONOURS

“I want to be a nuclear higher apprentice and college is helping me get there. I want to get my A levels and go into a higher apprenticeship in nuclear at BAE Systems. That is my plan and college supports that. I was used to seeing the same people at school every day for five years, here there are different people from different schools. I like the fact there is more freedom.”

BRANDON YUNG, A LEVELS IN MATHS, FURTHER MATHS, PHYSICS AND D&T

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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...

**ARTS AND MEDIA**
- A LEVEL ART AND DESIGN 80
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- A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY 112
- A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY 113

We also offer BTEC and CTEC (Cambridge Technical) Qualifications, for students who want to study a more vocational programme or combine with A Levels. See page 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 toanalyse finances and makemodern accounting 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 modern accounting and bookkeeping and goes on to develop some of the ways in which modern 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.

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

**DURATION**

2 years Full time

**HOURS**

4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**

Level 4 Professional Accounting Taxation Technician higher apprenticeship or higher education

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**PATHWAY OF success**

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**A LEVEL ACCOUNTING**

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Our Centre of Excellence for Art and Design launched in September 2017. This means students now benefit from redesigned, flexible workspaces and increased specialist teaching as part of our fantastic facility.

Courses from both campuses have united on the Rating Lane site, with students able to choose from Cambridge Technicals and A Levels in Art and Photography right through to BTEC Art Foundation.

Tutors have combined their expertise in Fine Art, Design and Animation, Photography, Graphics, Ceramics and Textiles to ensure the highest quality teaching. A new iMAC computer suite is now open, in addition to a photographic studio, a dedicated room for printing and a creative textiles room.
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 and 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 and 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.
Emma Whalley completed A Level Art and Design and aims to progress onto the foundation art course.

Emma Whalley
A Level Art and Design
ART AND DESIGN LEVEL 3
BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

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 and 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 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.

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.
CTEC ART AND DESIGN

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.

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

Art and Design Programmes

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

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN ART AND DESIGN AND 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 and 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 AND 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.

PATHWAY OF success

- **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
  - Grade 4 in GCSE Art / Design and Technology / Textiles (or possibly Media, depending on skills base and portfolio)

- **DURATION**
  - 2 years
  - Full time

- **HOURS**
  - 4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

- **NEXT STEP**
  - Pursuing a creative career, further training or higher education
Say **yes!** to the study of life

### A LEVEL BIOLOGY

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 A Level Chemistry on page 88

### PATHWAY OF success

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
- Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or GCSE Additional Science

**DURATION**
- 2 years
- Full time

**HOURS**
- 4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
- Higher education, particularly in Medicine, or a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

**APPLY NOW**
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Say **yes!** to the business world

**A LEVEL BUSINESS**

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.

**PATHWAY OF SUCCESS**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 5 or better at GCSE Mathematics

**DURATION**
2 years Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Consider a career in Management and Team Leading or go onto higher education

**APPLY NOW**
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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 door to many careers.

I didn’t know many people but very quickly I met people who I couldn’t imagine college without. From the first day I was here, it just felt right.

Amy Spry
(Chetwynde School),
A Levels in Chemistry, History, Law and Maths with honours
A LEVEL CHEMISTRY
PATHWAY OF success

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or GCSE Additional Science

DURATION
2 years Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
A scientific degree, followed by a variety of career options including pharmacy and chemical engineering

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**Say yes! to world wide impact**

**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 provide 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.

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**I chose to study Physics, Maths and Computer Science as they all have transferrable skills and are subjects that employers or universities value.**

Joseph Lomas  
(Millom School), A Level Physics, Maths, Computer Science

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**PATHWAY OF success**

- **Minimum Requirements**
  
  Grade 5 or better in GCSE Mathematics

- **Duration**
  
  2 years

- **Hours**
  
  4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

- **Next Step**
  
  Higher education with a degree in Computing at Furness College or another university

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**APPLY NOW**

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**PROGRESS WITH US**

We offer Higher Education in Computing see page 131
Envisage a career in manufacturing or design? By studying A Level Design and 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.

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 and Design and History.

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.

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.
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**
  Students progress to a wide range of degrees in creative and performing arts both at university and in performing arts colleges such as LIPA and Italia Conti.

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**Talented dancer**

Alice Worrall now studies and trains at the prestigious dance school Ballet West in Argyll after gaining her A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form College.
You must meet the general entry requirements however some formal experience in dance is required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

DURATION
2 years
Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Pursue a passion for dance at a prestigious performing arts college

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A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 group 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.

- **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.

"I've always been passionate about English Literature and I chose Barrow Sixth Form College as they will provide me with the tools I need to progress on to university."

Eleanor Lowther
A Level English Literature
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 studying the renowned author Oscar Wilde and comparing his supernatural novel with a novel in the same genre from the American writer 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. You will study a play by Shakespeare and two 20th century plays and the coursework element will give you the opportunity to compare the treatment of a specific theme in one of these plays and a 20th century novel. The poetry element of the course will comprise of 21st century poetry and poems from the Romantic period.

- **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.

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<td>2 years Full time</td>
<td>4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time</td>
<td>A higher apprenticeship or higher education to provide a basis for a wide range of careers, including journalism and public relations</td>
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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.

  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.

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

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<td>2 years Full time</td>
<td>4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time</td>
<td>Higher education in an arts or humanities subject, which could lead to a career in the media or entertainment industry</td>
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APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/film-studies
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.

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<td>Grade 5 or better in GCSE French</td>
<td>2 years Full time</td>
<td>4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time</td>
<td>Higher education with the opportunity to live and study abroad and experience new countries and cultures</td>
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Say **yes!** to mapping out the future

**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 glaciation.

  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.

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**STEVE KEITH**
A LEVELS ALUMNI

What did you study at Barrow Sixth Form?
Chemistry, Geography, Maths and General Studies.

What year did you graduate?

What was your next step after the course?
University of Durham to study a BSC in Geography followed by a Masters in Business Management.

What is your current job role and what does it entail?
In 2018 I founded my own business, The Branding Man – a communications agency which supports employers in building brand awareness campaigns for their apprentice and graduate opportunities.

What are your career ambitions?
Starting my own business was a big one! I would love for The Branding Man to grow into a larger agency where I can hire my own staff including apprentices.

How did studying at Barrow Sixth Form help you towards your ambitions?
I enjoyed studying all of my subjects, however, Geography was my favourite. It led to my degree at university and two years of teaching it at secondary level in London which is where I discovered my passion for working with and supporting young people.

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[www.furness.ac.uk/geography](http://www.furness.ac.uk/geography)

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<td>Grade 5 or better in GCSE Geography</td>
<td>2 years Full time</td>
<td>4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time</td>
<td>Further study or higher education, with the potential to travel to exciting locations around the world</td>
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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 studying 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.
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 a piece of individual research coursework.

Studying A Level History will give students an expansive perspective of British, American 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.
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.

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**A LEVEL LAW**

Say **yes!** to defending the rights

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**PATHWAY OF success**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 5 or better in GCSE English Language

**DURATION**
2 years Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Higher apprenticeships in supply chain, procurement and business or higher education for careers in the legal profession
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.

- **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.
I like the fact there is more freedom here. Some days I finish my lessons at 12pm and a lot of my studying is done in the Learning Hub at college.

Brandon Yung
Mathematics (St Bernard’s)

**PATHWAY OF success**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 6 or better in GCSE Mathematics

**DURATION**
2 years Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Higher apprenticeships in finance or higher education, with the potential to pursue careers in economics, engineering and finance

**APPLY NOW**
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I chose Barrow Sixth Form because I wanted to get my A Levels and go into a higher apprenticeship in nuclear at BAE Systems.

Eboney Etchells
(Ulverston Victoria High School)
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 1 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.

**PATHWAY OF success**

- **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
  Grade 5 or better in GCSE mathematics

- **DURATION**
  2 years

- **HOURS**
  4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

- **NEXT STEP**
  Further study in mathematics or a solid base for careers in STEM, management and business

**APPLY NOW**

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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 tailor our pieces to meet the changing demands of the modern audience.

  We also go in depth, probing the deeper meanings that lay beneath a piece of media, and seek to understand the profound impact the media has on our society. We look at how the media makes use of stereotypes to shape our behaviours 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.

Barrow Sixth Form has a fantastic network with local media companies, such as Signal Films, who provide great work experience opportunities.

Ella Wheatcroft
(Cartmel Priory), A Level Media, English Language and Politics

**PATHWAY OF success**

- **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** You must meet the general entry requirements
- **DURATION** 2 years
- **HOURS** Full time 4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time
- **NEXT STEP** An exciting career in print, broadcast or digital media or higher education

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/media-studies
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.

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**A LEVEL PHYSICS**

Say **yes!** to an energetic education

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 6 or better in GCSE mathematics, GCSE physics or GCSE additional science

**DURATION**
2 years
Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Higher education and future employment in a STEM-related career such as engineering

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**APPLY NOW**
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Say **yes!** to capturing your destiny

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Students go on to join our Art Foundation course to open the gateway to a creative career. See page 83.
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 83) to further their portfolios, leading to successful careers in the creative industries.

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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 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 Minister, Cat Smith and the Brexit expert Adam Payne, journalist for Business Insider magazine.

Politics is an excellent subject to combine with History. See page 100
I had never had the opportunity to study Politics before coming to Barrow Sixth Form, so to finally be able to study it along with other people who are just as passionate about it is amazing.

Aaron Dunn
(Furness Academy), A Level History, A Level Politics and CTEC Business

PATHWAY OF success

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
You must meet the general entry requirements

DURATION
2 years
Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Pursue a career in politics or a career that relies on problem-solving skills. Many students also go on to higher apprenticeships or higher education.

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/politics
Say **yes!** to opening your mind

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

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.

**PATHWAY OF success**

- **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**  
  Grade 4 or better in GCSE Maths, grade 6 GCSE Biology, or additional science

- **DURATION**  
  2 years

- **HOURS**  
  4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

- **NEXT STEP**  
  A degree in a similar subject, which could lead to careers in Psychology, Teaching or Healthcare

**APPLY NOW**

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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. Students will explore different family types and make observations on the extent to which social policy impacts on the way families function in modern Britain.

You can expect to be challenged and motivated towards developing independent views on what it means to live in a modern society. You’ll never look at your family and school in quite the same way after studying this course.

**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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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.

Level 2 CTEC IT and Art and Design also available, check the website www.furness.ac.uk for details.
Applied Science

APPLIED SCIENCE LEVEL 3 BTEC
EXTENDED CERTIFICATE AND
EXTENDED DIPLOMA

- 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, 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.

Minimum Requirements
Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

Duration
1 year Full time

Hours
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

Next Step
Higher apprenticeship in a science-related subject or higher education

Pathway of Success

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BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE 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?

I chose Barrow Sixth Form because I wanted the freedom to study outside a school environment. It is up to you to put in the effort and the work to get good grades. I think studying at Barrow Sixth Form broadens my options for the future.

Isobel Wilson
(Ulverston Victoria High School/home schooled)
Level 3 CTEC Business
You must meet the general entry requirements

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
You must meet the general entry requirements

DURATION
1 year
Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Higher education with a Foundation Degree in Project Management at Furness College or another university

BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

- **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 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

- **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.

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/business
Health and Social Care CTEC

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL

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 AND 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.
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 AND SOCIAL CARE CAMBRIDGE DOUBLE COURSE OPTION (INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA/DIPLOMA)

- 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.

PATHWAY OF SUCCESS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

DURATION
1 year Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
A range of careers, Level 5 Healthcare Assistant Practitioner or higher education at Furness College or other universities

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/handscare-ctec
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.

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**IT CTEC**

**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.

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

**DURATION**
1 year Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Careers in the IT industry, a higher apprenticeship or the potential to study higher education at Furness College

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**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/it-ctec
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 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 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 communication skills.
Performing Arts CTEC

PERFORMING ARTS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL
LEVEL 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

You have a desire to be creative either as a performer or a designer within a practical theatrical context. You enjoy working with others in developing projects that will impact on members of your community.

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

- **Course Content**
  Students on this course focus on developing their skills throughout the course, whilst showing how their knowledge of the performing arts industry works. There will be opportunities to see a range of live performances and engage in workshops led by theatre professionals.

  The course is run from our fully equipped theatrical workspace, complete with computerised lighting and powerful sound system. The majority of the learning process is through practical experiences, with some formal teaching of some concepts.

- **Progression**
  Students often go on to build a career within the performing arts. For others, the course serves as an exciting way to build confidence and develop their ability to work with other people in a creative context.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

**DURATION**
1 year
Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Further training with the opportunity to study at some of the UK’s well-known performing arts colleges

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/performing-arts

PATHWAY OF success
Science CTEC

SCIENCE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

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.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Three GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

**DURATION**
1 year Full time

**HOURS**
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

**NEXT STEP**
Further study in science-related subjects at Level 3
Sport CTEC

SPORT CTEC LEVEL 3
INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

Are you interested in sport and physical activity across a wide range of areas? CTEC 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.

Sport is my favourite subject, with lots of theory you find out so much more beyond playing sport. You look at biology, physiology, injury management, coaching and leadership.

Joshua Blackburn (Walney School)
Sport CTEC

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Five GCSEs at grade C or above or Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Sport

DURATION
1 year
Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Careers in the sports industry or higher education to pursue sport management or teaching
Travel and Tourism BTEC

TRAVEL AND TOURISM LEVEL 3
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

● 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.

I chose Barrow Sixth Form after attending a Taster Day. The college felt familiar to me, which helped me to settle in much quicker.

Megan Garside
(Dowdales), CTEC Business, BTEC Travel and Tourism, CTEC Health and Social Care

PATHWAY OF success

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Four GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent qualification

DURATION
2 years Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Higher education or an apprenticeship with reputable tourism companies to gain valuable skills and experience

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/travel

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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.

● Entry Requirements

Grade 3 or higher in GCSE Science or Biology.

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.
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. It is graded A* to E.

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.”

Marcus Salisbury
(St Bernard’s Catholic High School),
A Level Maths,
Further Maths,
Physics, and EPQ
Access to University courses

Furness College has transformed the way it is helping students back into learning by adding new subjects to its popular access course.

The college offers an access course to help students return to education in a supportive environment at the Channelside campus with the aim of moving on to university study or a better career.

It has now added the option of a social sciences pathway, which means students can do a combination of law and sociology, alongside its allied health professions course.

Head of Area Keith Wardle, who oversees the access course, said:

“Our access course is very popular with a variety of students who want a cost-effective way to get into higher education or return to learning to help them get ahead in their careers. It’s affordable to study with an advanced learner loan and we have support and help available from our student services team.

“The new subjects ensure this is genuine access because sociology and law are subjects that students do not have to have studied previously. This is an excellent way to progress to careers in social work, local government, criminology and the civil service as well as humanities subjects at university.

“Access is also a good course if you want to change career, for example to start a role in supply chain, where key contract concepts are covered in law.”

The Access course now has two key pathways:

Allied Health Professions: This is designed to provide a pathway into higher education and future careers including nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, paramedic and other healthcare-related professions.

Social Sciences: Students have the opportunity to study a combination of Law and Sociology. Popular progression routes include study and/or careers in law, humanities subjects, social work, local government, criminology and civil service.

“...I was a hair stylist however I knew my true calling lay in another area, hence why I decided to make the change and head back to education.

Allister Neighbour is now studying a degree in Podiatry at university in Scotland.

ALL OUR COURSES ARE APPROVED BY:

University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), University of Cumbria and Lancaster University. Detailed course information for all our courses listed above is found on the University section of our website.

Entrance to the Access course is based on a satisfactory interview and achieving at least level one literacy in the diagnostic assessment. Applicants should also, preferably, have some evidence of recent study, i.e. within the last five years.
I chose to do the Access course because it is a great gateway to get into university. Before this course, I went to Barrow Sixth Form and completed my AS-Levels, then moved to Furness College and completed a Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration.

Following that, I worked at a Volkswagen dealership as an administration co-ordinator, then as a sales co-ordinator, but I realised that I was in the wrong field; I didn’t enjoy working in offices and the showroom, but wanted to work with people and improve people’s lives. This is when I contacted Furness College in the hope that they had a course to suit me and match my ambition to go to university and become a midwife.

Furness College has a great support network from both tutors and peers. There are great facilities, including the library, gym, and canteen. I have enjoyed making new friends, and friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. I feel the course, tutors and my peers have allowed me to build my character ready for university and training to become a midwife.

If anyone has any dreams about going to university and feel like there are any barriers, I recommend the Access course. I have been offered university interviews and two university places.

Studying the Access to HE course has helped me get closer to becoming a midwife and kick-started my learning, allowing me to adapt and remember how to do essay writing, university interviews, referencing and so much more.
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.

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