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By choosing Furness College, you’re choosing inspirational industry connections, state-of-the-art campuses, world-class facilities and the largest range of courses in Cumbria that lead to genuine career opportunities.
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 CTECs, BTECs and apprenticeships, through to a range of more than 20 A Level subjects and higher education courses.

In addition, from September 2021, Furness College will offer four pathways for the new, prestigious T Level qualifications. T Levels are new two-year courses which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. They combine classroom theory, practical learning and a 315-hour (45-day) industry placement to give students real experience of the workplace. You can read more about T Levels on pages 6 – 7 and 36 - 43.

We were inspected by Ofsted in March 2019 and judged to be a good college. We were particularly praised for our strong outcomes for students and excellent links with employers leading to good job prospects. We have also been judged to have outstanding financial health by the Education and Skills Funding Agency which enables us to continue investing in our world-class facilities. 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 addition to curriculum developments, 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 environment 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.

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

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

I look forward to meeting you.

Andrew Wren
Principal and Chief Executive

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Whether you are looking to learn new skills, progress on to a degree or thinking of a career change, we are delighted that you are considering studying at Furness College. Here, excellent teaching and support and outstanding links with our many employer partners come as standard.
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T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.

The 2-year qualification brings classroom and work placement together, on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers.
You’ll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement to equip you with the knowledge and skills companies are looking for.

Your T Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

Wherever your future is heading, take it to the next level.

We will be offering T Levels in Digital, Health, Education & Childcare and Science from September 2021.

For more information, visit gov.uk/dfe/t-levels or furness.ac.uk/t-levels
EXCELLENT INDUSTRY LINKS THAT LEAD TO JOBS

THE WIDEST RANGE OF COURSES IN CUMBRIA

THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF SKILLS TRAINING IN CUMBRIA

HIGH-QUALITY ON AND OFF THE JOB TRAINING

APPRENTICES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE WORKPLACE

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

TO SUCCESS

yes!
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

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

A CARING CULTURE WITH A STUDENT-CENTERED ETHOS

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

RATED IN THE TOP TIER NATIONALLY FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

THE LARGEST COLLEGE IN CUMBRIA WITH A SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM

TO SUCCESS

yes!
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.
SAY **yes!** TO GREATNESS

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

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

SELECTED TO DELIVER T LEVELS, PUTTING FURNESS AT THE FOREFRONT OF HIGH-QUALITY TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING

FIND OUT WHY WE’RE THE RIGHT COLLEGE FOR YOUR FUTURE
100% BTEC LEVEL 3 PASS RATE FROM STUDENTS LIVING IN AREAS OF DISADVANTAGE

£4 MILLION ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

OFSTED RATED GOOD
INSPECTORS COMMENTED ON THE ‘CARING CULTURE’ OF THE COLLEGE.

93% OF OUR 16-18 YEAR OLDS PASS THE COURSES THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR TRAINING IN ENGINEERING

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

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.

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

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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).

Charlotte Wills, who went to St Bernard’s School and is studying A Levels in Biology, Maths, Chemistry as well as the Extended Project, said

“It’s great to be a part of the Honours programme as it allows me to access expert mentoring from staff at the college and support with my personal statement for university.”

Leanne Taher-Bates, Head of Outreach and Student Success at Lancaster University, said

“We are delighted to see the Honours programme is flourishing at Barrow Sixth Form and we know that the students who have joined us from this scheme have been well prepared for their academic studies at university. Lancaster is committed to widening participation and supporting social mobility at every stage of the student journey in order to raise attainment and empower young people to achieve their potential.

“This partnership is ensuring some of the most able students in the Barrow area have the expert guidance they need to enable them to reach their goal and continue their academic studies at the highest level, including at a top 10 university such as Lancaster.”
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.

Amongst the first colleges in the country to be inspected as a merged college, Ofsted inspectors have recently rated us as a ‘good’ college.
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 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)
Successfully completed GCSE English and Maths, Business
Owner at House Proud Domestics

To find out more about our English and Maths studies, see page 138

Progression aim:
Access to university course at Channelside campus
Learning Support

Our inclusion department provides a holistic approach to supporting our learners enabling them to fulfil their true potential. From start to finish of the student’s learning journey, they will be fully supported by a team of Specialist Mentors and Learning Support Assistants. Our staff are very experienced in working with students with Learning Difficulties, Sensory Impairments, Physical Difficulties and Mental Health needs. We are committed to removing barriers to learning and ensuring equal access to education for all.

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.

If you would like to contact the Inclusion Team, please email:
- Natasha Kenny (EHCP Lead) on Natasha.Kenny@Furness.ac.uk
- Julie Cooper (Student Support Co-ordinator) on Julie.Cooper@Furness.ac.uk
- Ruth Niven (Specialist Examination Assessor) on Ruth.Niven@Furness.ac.uk
Independent Learning is a process, a method and a philosophy of education whereby a learner acquires knowledge by his or her own efforts and develops the ability for enquiry and critical evaluation.

Employers and universities nowadays expect potential employees to have good digital skills, be socially responsible and have 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, workplace attitudes, resilience and citizenship. To help support your employability and prospects here at Furness College, we include our Essentials course in your study programme.

**These sessions give you the opportunity to further develop:**

- Vocational / Academic Skills
- Maths & English
- Employability Skills
- Study Skills
- Digital Capabilities
- Personal Development

The course is delivered in a blended model which includes online and face to face sessions and content is relevant to your chosen employment sector or subject choice.

**By working online, without a tutor, you will be able to demonstrate the skills that employers are looking for, such as:**

- Employability Skills
- Study Skills
- Digital Capabilities
- Personal Development

Essentials encourages and enables you to become self-directed in your learning experience and to have more control over your learning. For those of you continuing onto University education these are vital skills you will need.

You will be supported by our experienced Learning Resources Team who will regularly review your progress, 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 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 subjects do I enjoy?
- What are my interests?
- 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.
Money Matters

If you think you may not be able to afford to study, there are a number of ways you may be able to get help.

General advice is given here but the rules can change from year to year, so we recommend you follow the links provided to access the most up-to-date information. The Student Services team are also able to discuss your individual circumstances and provide you with an application form.

**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 2021.

You can receive a bursary if:

- You are 16 years old and have left school, but are not 19 before 1 September 2021
- 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)

**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

- 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

**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

**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

*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.

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**FURNESS COLLEGE STUDENTS’ UNION**

**The National Union of Students (NUS)** is made up of more than 600 Students’ Unions, including Furness College Students’ Union, representing the interests of more than seven million students.

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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!

Say **yes!** to great experiences

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
There have been some exciting changes to apprenticeships, with the opportunity to train across a number of sectors expanding continuously.
WHAT DOES THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME INVOLVE?

An apprenticeship is made up of:

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

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

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

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

- **Apprentice Level 2**
  A minimum of four GCSEs at Grades 9-3, Grades A-E, or an equivalent qualification.

- **Advanced Apprentice Level 3**
  An Apprenticeship at Level 2 or other equivalent qualification.

- **Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4**
  These depend on the subject area, and prior knowledge and experience.

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.

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.

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

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

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

**Applied Science**
- Level 3 Laboratory Technician

**Barbering**
- Level 2 Hair Professional – Barber

**Beauty Therapy**
- Level 2 Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 Massage Therapy

**Business Administration**
- Level 3 Business and Professional Administration

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

**Construction**
- Level 2 Brickwork
- Level 3 Brickwork
- Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery
- Level 3 Carpentry and Joinery
- Level 2 Painting and Decorating
- Level 3 Painting and Decorating
- Level 2 Plastering
- Level 3 Plastering

**Customer Services**
- Level 2 Customer Service Practitioner
- Level 3 Customer Service

**Early Years**
- Level 2 Children and Young People’s Workforce
- Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce
- Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce – Early Years Educator
- Level 3 Children and Young People’s Workforce – Residential Childcare
- Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

**Engineering**
- Level 2 and Level 3 Engineering Maintenance and Installation
- Level 2 and Level 3 Fabrication and Welding
- Level 2 and Level 3 Mechanical
- Level 2 and Level 3 Installation and Commissioning
- Level 3 Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Level 3 Design and Draughtsperson
- Level 3 Engineering Technician
- Level 3 Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering
- Level 6 Electrical/Electronic Technical Support Engineer Degree
- Level 6 Manufacturing Engineer Degree

**Hairdressing**
- Level 2 Hair Professional – Hairdresser
- Level 3 Hairdressing

**Health and Social Care**
- Level 2 Adult Care Worker
- Level 2 Healthcare Support Worker
- Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker
- Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker
- Level 5 Healthcare Assistant Practitioner

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

**Management and Team Leading**
- Level 3 Team Leader / Supervisor
- Level 4 Associate Project Management
- Level 5 Operations / Departmental Manager
- Level 6 Project Manager Degree

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

**Retail**
- Level 2 Retailer
- Level 3 Retail Team Leader
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
HIGH 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.”
Who do you want to be?

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.
A brighter, better future

CORE is an outreach programme available to 16-18 year olds based off-campus at College House in Barrow-in-Furness. You can enrol at CORE at any time in the year on one of a range of full and part-time courses.

The courses at CORE provide a variety of subjects and experiences to develop your skills and confidence guiding you towards the next stage of your education or employment. Tutors make the learning relevant and fun, building on existing skills whilst using technology and practical tasks to cater for all learning styles.

- **Entry Requirements**
  There are no formal entry requirements for CORE, only a willingness to learn and evidence of prior achievements/assessments showing an ability to work towards an Entry Level 3 and/or Level 1 qualification(s).

- **Courses at College House**
  Time will be spent in practical and theory classes on a variety of activities that will enhance employability and personal and social development. Your studies will be a mixture of classroom and remote learning personalised to suit your needs. As a student at Furness College you will get free access to a wide range of resources including Microsoft Office 365.

You will have the opportunity to study Health and Social Care, Customer Service Skills, Employability or Projects.

In addition to this you can access work experience and improve your Maths and English. You will have an individual assessment to ensure that you are placed on to the appropriate level in Maths and English in either Functional Skills or GCSE.

- **Other available courses:**
  **CORE in the Community**
  Do you have difficulties accessing education or have you had a bad experience in education? CORE in the Community is designed to support you getting back into education, building your programme at your pace to support your progress back into education or progression into employment. We will discuss with you how, when and where you can complete your studies.

- **Progression**
  At CORE we support you to achieve your own ambitions. Your course of learning will be tailored to meet your ideal progression route. You may progress on to a full-time course, further training, an apprenticeship, a supported internship or employment. Previous CORE students are now working in the construction, catering and hospitality, health and social care and retail sectors.

“The staff are lovely, very caring and the lessons are great. I’ve enjoyed it so much there!”

Maddison Barker (2019/20)

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**How to contact CORE?**
You can call 01229 836724 or email ami.france@furness.ac.uk
Apply at www.furness.ac.uk/core

**Where is CORE located?**
First Floor College House, Howard Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria
Outreach is an off-campus arm of Furness College dedicated to career-based adult education. Whether you are an adult seeking employment, retraining for a career change or looking for support with career progression – with new courses starting all the time, Outreach has a place for you.

As Furness College’s largest provider of adult courses, we are experienced and successful in providing our students with the skills they need to thrive in a range of careers. With a 98% achievement rate in 2019 you can be confident that you will be learning with a team that has a proven track record of excellence.

Based in Trinity Enterprise (next to the Channelside campus) we offer a professional working environment that is also friendly and relaxed. We appreciate that adults are looking for a different approach to learning that reflects their ambitions whilst still maintaining the network of support available to you as part of Furness College.

We offer a variety of courses, all aimed at boosting employability or career progression. These include:

- Employability Skills from Entry Level to the full Level 2 Diploma
- Principles of Business Admin - Levels 1 and 2
- IT User Skills - Levels 1 and 2
- Level 2 Team Leading
- Warehousing and Storage
- Level 2 Retail

We also work in partnership with JCP to offer a course aimed at developing job searching, CV building and interview skills to increase your potential as a job seeker. New courses are being added regularly – please check the website for updates.

**NEW FOR 20/21 Retail Logistics**
Retail Logistics incorporates - picking and packing, customer services, logistical support and delivery driving to prepare you for working in retail in the ‘new normal’. Applicants must hold a full UK driving licence.

We also help you to develop the vital soft skills needed for excelling in your chosen career. Adding Team Leading to any of our courses will help prepare you to progress in your career.

We offer a comprehensive information, advice and guidance package including advice on other courses Furness College has available for you to enhance your CV. We will support you throughout your learning with developing your English and Maths and can offer FREE OF CHARGE* Maths and English courses up to Level 2.

**Course Entry Requirements**
There are no specific entry requirements, we have something for you wherever you are in your career journey. Our Level 1 courses are delivered to enable you to progress straight onto Level 2.

**Course length**
Courses vary in length depending on how many components you wish to study, and how much time you have for study, this could be a few weeks to a whole academic year.

*T&Cs apply but many of our courses are free if you are in receipt of benefits or live in a low-income household, please contact us for further information.

You’re never too old to learn! Adult Outreach has inspired me to continue that journey. I could dictate the pace and fit work into my own schedule - it felt like I had a private tutor at times.

Debbie Flood
Adult Outreach
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.

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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.
T-LEVEL
HEALTH

Your course starts with the essential knowledge and skills to work in health or science including how the industry works, core scientific concepts and key regulations including managing information, health and safety and good scientific/clinical practice.

TWO-YEAR, FULL TIME COURSE

You can specialise in dental nursing or supporting healthcare. If you choose supporting healthcare, you will focus on at least one of these areas:

- Adult nursing care
- Care of children and young people
- Mental health
- Midwifery
- Theatre
- Therapy

HOW WILL I LEARN?

T Levels will combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours of industry placement with an employer to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

The Technical Qualification (TQ) is the main classroom-based element of the T Level and will see students learning from a qualification that has been shaped by industry experts. During the two-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge that underpins the health sector.

In addition, you will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to progress to higher education or enter skilled employment.

The occupational specialisms include supporting the adult nursing team and supporting the care of children and young people.
WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE?

- To work to current legislation, policy and service frameworks
- Ensure core values of care are adhered to when assisting the nursing team with clinical tasks
- Demonstrate the importance of effective communication in collaboration with members of the nursing team
- Promote patient wellbeing in all aspects of clinical care
- Understand and support risk assessments and escalate where appropriate
- Demonstrate the correct use of equipment, resources and environment used in clinical tasks

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grades 4 or above (including English and maths) plus a science grade 4 or above.

All 16-18 year olds applying for the course will be invited to attend an interview. You will meet tutors and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

PROGRESSION

This T Level will allow progression to university to study for future NHS careers including adult and children’s nursing. There are over 350 careers in the health and social care sector and you can progress to study in other areas such as occupational therapist, radiographer and physiotherapist.

FIND OUT MORE AT furness.ac.uk/t-levels
Your course starts with the essential knowledge and skills to work in science or healthcare including how the industry works, core scientific concepts and key regulations including managing information, health and safety and good scientific/clinical practice.

**TWO-YEAR, FULL TIME COURSE**

**Course Content:** The course is split into two components, core and specialism. You will learn subjects such as managing data within the science sector, safety and environmental regulations within the science sector, good scientific practice and core science concepts.

**THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIALISMS FOR SCIENCE T LEVEL:**

These will be:
- Technical: Laboratory Sciences
- Technical: Food Sciences
- Technical: Metrology Sciences
T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours or approximately 45 days of industry placement with an employer, to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

The Technical Qualification (TQ) is the main classroom-based element of the T Level and will see students learning from a qualification that has been shaped by industry experts to reflect that of an apprenticeship. During the two-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge that underpins the Science sector.

In addition, you will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to progress to Higher Education (T Levels at Level 3 carry UCAS points on the UCAS tariff), or enter skilled employment working in the science sector. The occupational specialisms will be carried out in a science environment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English, maths and science)

All 16-18 year olds applying for the course will be invited to attend an interview. You will meet tutors and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

PROGRESSION

This T Level allows progression to university to do a science-related degree and careers in science such as a laboratory technician, laboratory research or working within the scientific data analysis field.

FIND OUT MORE AT furness.ac.uk/t-levels
DIGITAL
PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Learn the essentials behind all digital roles by understanding data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning and legal issues. Then build on this by developing specialist skills in understanding user needs and designing and developing digital systems.

TWO-YEAR, FULL TIME COURSE

HOW WILL I LEARN?

T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours of industry placement with an employer to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

The Technical Qualification (TQ) is the main classroom-based element of the T Level and will see students learning from a qualification that has been shaped by industry experts. During the two-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge that underpins the industry.

In addition, you will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to enter skilled employment within a specific occupation.
WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE?

- To be able to analyse a problem to define requirements and acceptance criteria aligned to user needs
- Apply ethical principles and manage risks in line with legal and regulatory requirements when developing software
- Discover, evaluate and apply reliable sources of knowledge
- Design software
- Create solutions in a social and collaborative environment
- Implement a solution using at least two appropriate languages
- Testing a software solution
- Change, maintain and support software
- Students will also need to achieve a minimum standard of English and maths; either GCSE grade 4 or above, or Level 2 Functional Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grades 9-4 (including English and maths), Level 2 Diploma in Administration or other equivalent qualifications. You will be required to attend an interview.

PROGRESSION

This T Level allows progression to university to do a digital degree and opens doors to careers including design, development and digital production.

FIND OUT MORE AT furness.ac.uk/t-levels
T-LEVEL

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

The course is split into two components, core and specialism. You will learn subjects such as safeguarding, child development, supporting education, special educational needs and disability, plan, provide and review educational opportunities and supporting the class teacher to enhance children’s education.

TWO-YEAR, FULL TIME COURSE

T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours of industry placement with an employer to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

The Technical Qualification (TQ) is the main classroom-based element of the T Level and will see students learning from a qualification that has been shaped by industry experts to reflect that of an apprenticeship. During the two-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge that underpins the Education sector.

In addition, you will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to progress to higher education or enter skilled employment working with children and young adults in either a school or college setting. The occupational specialisms will be carried out in a school environment.
WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE?

- Knowledge and understanding of legislation relating to education and childcare
- How to work in collaboration with others e.g. parents/carers and other professionals
- The importance of observation and assessment
- Knowledge of the importance of safeguarding children and promoting emotional wellbeing
- Demonstrate how to assist the teacher in enhancing children’s learning
- Demonstrate how to adapt teaching methods

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grades 4 or above (including English and maths) science at grade 4 will be needed to progress to university but is not a college requirement.

A clear enhanced DBS check is also necessary to enable you to work with children. Without a clear DBS you would be unable to complete the industry placement in an education setting.

All 16-18 year olds applying for the course will be invited to attend an interview. You will meet tutors and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

PROGRESSION

This T Level allows progression to university to do a primary teaching degree and careers in education. Primary teaching would require you to have achieved a 4 or above in maths, English and a science-related subject at GCSE.

FIND OUT MORE AT furness.ac.uk/t-levels
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.

Say yes! to a glowing future
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
Successfully completed Level 3 Beauty Therapy and Nail Enhancements now doing Level 3 Massage Therapy and working at Macie’s Hair and Beauty in Millom

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 66 for more information.

Check our website for details
www.furness.ac.uk
LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR

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

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

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

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

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

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

- **Progression**
  This qualification will prepare learners for employment as a junior beauty therapist. Learners may choose to develop their skills further by undertaking Technical Level qualifications in Beauty Therapy at Level 3 full-time or as an apprentice.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIR 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.
Say *yes!* to making it big in business

**BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING**

**APPRENTICESHIP IN ACCOUNTING**

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

- **Entry Requirements**
  - Apprentice Level 2
    - There are no entry requirements, but a passion for the subject is essential.
    - Contact 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 Skills for Business.

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**
  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**
  Advanced Apprentice Level 3
  Units covered will include: business fundamentals, communication, stakeholders, decision making, external environment factors, relevant regulations, interpersonal skills and project management.

- **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 covered 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.

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 SKILLS FOR BUSINESS

- **Six units which are all assignment based:**
  - Business culture and responsibilities
  - Deliver customer service in a business environment
  - Produce documents in a business environment
  - Solve problems in a business environment
  - Work with others in a business environment
  - Communicate in a business environment
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
Successfully completed a Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration and secured an apprenticeship at Boss Hair Studio in Barrow.

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.

APPLICATION TIME
Furness.ac.uk/business

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

PATHWAY OF success
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.

Our catering students run a working restaurant at the Channelside campus, serving three meals a day as part of the course.

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

**CATERING AND HOSPITALITY**

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 1**
Diploma in Vocational Studies - Catering and Hospitality

**LEVEL 2**
Diploma in Food and Beverage Service

**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED**
Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

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

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/catering
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 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.

There are kitchen and restaurant uniforms and a book that you are required to purchase, costing around £120.

LEVEL 2 NVQ DIPLOMA IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

- **Entry Requirements**
  Completion of Level 1 NVQ Diploma or previous experience in industry.

- **Content**
  This is a largely practical, one year qualification assessed whilst working in the busy College training restaurant. Units will include: Maintenance of a safe, hygienic and secure working environment, working effectively as part of a hospitality team, food safety, serving food for buffet, carvery, and preparing drinks. Employment rights & responsibilities in the hospitality leisure travel & tourism sector.
  Knowledge is assessed by questioning and unit end tests.

LEVEL 2 NVQ DIPLOMA IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND COOKING

- **Entry Requirements**
  Completion of Level 1 NVQ Diploma or previous experience in industry.

- **Content**
  This is a largely practical, one year qualification assessed whilst working in the busy College training restaurant. Units studies will include: Maintenance of a safe, hygienic and secure working environment, food safety, working effectively as part of a hospitality team, producing basic hot sauces, pasta dishes, dough products, hot and cold desserts, cold starters, egg dishes and completing kitchen documentation.
  Knowledge is assessed by questioning and unit end tests.

- **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.
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 after successfully completing an apprenticeship at Leck Construction in Barrow, he has now secured employment with them.

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.

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS DIPLOMA PROGRAMME LEVEL 3

- Entry Requirements
  Level 2 Diploma with an interest in the construction industry.

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

- Progression
  Employment as a bricklayer, plasterer, painter and decorator, carpenter or joiner.
### 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

**CONSTRUCTION**

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**PATHWAY OF SUCCESS**

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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.
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/créche/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/créche/playgroup leader, early years practitioner or teacher.

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.
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
Successfully completed a Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Education) and is now at Manchester University studying a teaching degree.
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.
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
Successfully completed Level 2 Mechanical Fitter course.

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

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Say yes! to making the cut

HAIRDRESSING AND BARBERING

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

APPRENTICESHIP IN BARBERING

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

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

APPRENTICESHIP IN HAIRDRESSING

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

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

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

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

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN 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.
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.

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
Successfully completed Level 3 Hairdressing Apprenticeship and secured a full-time role as a hairdresser at Salon SA on Wainey
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 hair cutting. 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.
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
Successfully completed Level 3 Health and Social Care and is now at Lancaster University studying a degree in social work.
Say **yes!** to courses for every ‘body’

**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.
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.

LEVEL 2 EXT CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

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

Content - You will study six modules:
- Unit 1 - Communication in health and social care
- Unit 2 - Individual rights in health and social care
- Unit 3 - Individual needs in health and social care
- Unit 4 - Ensuring safe environments in health and social care
- Unit 5 - Vocational experience in a health and social care setting
- Unit 7 - Anatomy and physiology for health and social care

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.
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
Successfully completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care and is now at Leeds Beckett University studying a degree in mental health nursing.
Say **yes!** to developing your skills

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Digital has taken 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
  - **Higher Level Apprenticeship Level 4**
    - 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4
    - A Levels
  - An apprenticeship at Level 2.

- **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 in IT User Skills and build up to the Level 3 Information Technology. 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 IN IT USER SKILLS

- **Entry Requirements**
  There are no entry requirements for the Level 1 Diploma in IT User Skills.

- **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.

IT LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

- **Entry Requirements**
  A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 4 or less (including English and Maths) or other equivalent qualifications. You will be required to attend an interview.

- **Content**
  Units studied will include: computer graphics, web development, database systems, animation techniques and working in the IT industry.

- **Progression**
  Level 3 Information Technology, Level 3 IT Apprenticeship, IT/Creative Media Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification. Employment within the IT industry.

LEVEL 3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- **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:
  **Year 1**
  Fundamentals of IT, global information, project management, application design, mobile technology, social media and digital marketing, games design and prototyping, and web design and prototyping.
  **Year 2**
  Cyber security, CC+ cloud technology, data analysis and design, product development, business computing, systems analysis and design, software engineering for business, cognitive computing and enterprise computing.

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

LEVEL 1
Diploma in IT User Skills

LEVEL 2
Diploma in IT

LEVEL 3
Information Technology

NEXT STEP
Careers in the IT industry, a higher apprenticeship or higher education at Furness College
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 DIPLOMA AND EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

Entry Requirements
Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above (including English and Maths) or equivalent qualifications.

Content
Year 1: Eight units which are all assignment-based and internally assessed:
- Introduction to media processes and technical skills
- Introduction to design and research skills in creative media production
- Introduction to professional practice in creative media production
- Critical and contextual awareness
- Investigating audio production and technology
- Investigating visual production and technology
- Investigating interactive production and technology
- Developing a creative media production project

Year 2: Five units which are all assignment-based and internally assessed:
- Characteristics and contexts in creative media production.
- Engaging with an audience in creative media production.
- Preparing for progression in creative media production.
- Specialist study in creative media production.
- Extended project in creative media production.

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
Successfully completed Level 3 Media and is now working overseas.
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 FITTING

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

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

- Progression
  An apprenticeship or employment in a garage.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 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.

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 - Successfully completed Level 1 Motor Vehicle and progressed to Level 2 alongside working at Guy Perry Peugeot.
Say yes! to taking the lead

UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

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
Successfully completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services and is applying for a role in the Ministry of Defence.

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 SERVICES

- Entry Requirements
  Learners require at least four GCSEs at grades 2-3 or equivalent e.g. a Level 1 qualification.

- Content
  Units studied will include: investigating employment in the uniformed services, physical fitness for the uniformed services, team working and problem solving skills, health and safety, participating in competitive sports, exploring equality and diversity for the uniformed services and exploring 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 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 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.
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.
SPORT PROGRAMMES
These multidisciplinary courses start with the Level 2 Diploma in Sport (Sport, Exercise and Fitness) and build up to the Level 3 National 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 DIPLOMA IN SPORT (Sport, Exercise and Fitness)

- **Entry Requirements**
  Learners require at least four GCSEs at grades 2-3 or equivalent e.g. a Level 1 qualification.

- **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**
  BTEC (Level 3) National Diploma in Sport  
  NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing  
  Intermediate Apprenticeship in Exercise and Fitness

LEVEL 3 90-CREDIT NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN SPORT

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

- **Content**
  Units include: anatomy and physiology in sport, sports coaching, fitness training and programming, fitness testing for sport and exercise, practical team sports, psychology for sports performance and exercise, health and lifestyle.

- **Progression**
  Successful completion of the Level 3 90-Credit National Diploma in Sport allows progression onto Year 2, the Level 3 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.

FOOTBALL ACADEMY PROGRAMME

This course gives students the opportunity to study sport through joint delivery between Furness College and newly promoted National Football League team Barrow AFC.

It aims to develop player’s technical ability alongside academic skills/knowledge, preparing learners for a job in the current sports market. This programme will ready learners for successful progression to careers in the football, sport and fitness industry or progression to further study at University level.

You will be placed on one of the following programmes of study:

Level 2 Diploma in Sport
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

furness.ac.uk/courses/course-detail/course/sport-academy-barrow-afc
Four GCSEs at grades 4 – 1

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Diploma in Sport

LEVEL 2

National Diploma in Sport

LEVEL 3

Careers in the sports industry or higher education to pursue sport management or teaching

NEXT STEP

PATHWAY OF success

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
Successfully completed a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and is now studying a degree in sports rehabilitation at UCLan.

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/sport
“Barrow Sixth Form College offers a lot of opportunities. There’s a friendly atmosphere with tutors who I can go to for support and I learn new skills each day. I really enjoy my performing arts course where I can explore the different stages of performing in a group and as an individual. Studying here has given me more motivation, confidence and helped me to believe in myself. It has pushed me forward to achieve my future goals and attend university.”

ANNABELLE COTTON-HILL
Travel and Tourism, English for Advanced Studies and Performing Arts

“The best part about studying A Levels is the depth and detail that I get to explore in each of my subjects. It takes everything I have learnt at GCSE level and has expanded on it in new and interesting ways. I was able to choose to do the 4 A Levels that I wanted to do that would give me the best chance in my future. My next step in life is to hopefully study medicine at university. This in turn, would lead to my career goal of becoming a doctor.”

KRISTIAN MCSWEENEY
A Level Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths

“I strongly believe that students shouldn’t stress about choosing the right subjects. When I started college, I originally chose law but realised it wasn’t right for me. This led to me switching to the psychology course, and I received great help through independent sessions from my teacher and caught up in a few weeks’ time. The best things about studying here are meeting new people, learning new things, taking on new challenges and finding out what you’re passionate about. My next step is to strengthen my CV; ultimately to enter university to study business and management.”

QI LIN
A Levels - Business, Media and Psychology

“I chose Barrow Sixth Form because it’s the most flexible option for me to study alongside my rugby career. I still believe studying and getting a wide range of qualifications is important, so I continue to work hard in college to gain my qualifications. I enjoy the independence at Sixth Form, and having to motivate myself to meet my deadlines and complete my work has really matured me as a person.”

RIO-OASYOMWANBO CORKILL
CTEC Business, St Helens RFC
Media student Jack Griffiths was recognised by his tutors for overcoming the challenges of learning in lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic and making impressive progress. Jack said he had developed his study skills and improved his own time-management. He is full of praise for his tutors saying: “The tutors were very helpful and showed me many examples to ensure my work met the criteria. Working from home has taught me to be more independent and has enabled me to use my own resources in order to get the work completed. My ambition is to work in the media industry designing media graphics and creating large presentations.”

JACK GRIFFITHS
Level 2 Media Diploma

“I chose Furness College as it had a variety of different courses to choose from. The college has helped me to get closer to my goal as gaining my Level 2 means that I am qualified enough to go on to do other courses. Achieving my Level 3 will help me to progress my beauty career as I will continue to offer a variety of different treatments to my clients and apply for courses which will help me to offer more complex treatments. Having a salon at the College gives you a real taster of what the job is going to be like in the working world of beauty. The days fly by!”

ELLIE LOUISE BAXENDALE
Level 3 Beauty Therapy

“Before starting this course, I didn’t know which service to join – the Army, Police, Fire or Paramedic. Studying Public Services has helped me to choose and my career goal is now to be in the Army as a dog handler. Studying this course has given me more information on what my chosen career involves and how to keep my eyes on that job role. The course is really interesting with lots of different activities and talks from people in the Army and Marines who come into college to tell us more about what they do. I’ve really enjoyed my time at Furness College.”

ELLIOT VICEROY
NCFE Level 2 Diploma Public Services
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 126

Find a course by subject area

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

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Say **yes!** to figuring out your future

**A LEVEL ACCOUNTING**

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

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

- **Course Content**

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

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

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

- **Progression**

  Many accounting students go on to study numerate or business-related degrees, or finance and business-related apprenticeships, 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.

**A LEVEL ACCOUNTING**

[Apply now](furness.ac.uk/accounting)
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.
Say yes! to creative careers

BTEC FOUNDATION ART AND DESIGN

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

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

ART AND DESIGN LEVEL 3/4
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 is project-based and allows learners to develop their portfolios to give them the best possible chance of getting a place at art school or another HE Institution to study at degree level. It is divided into two main stages - the exploratory stage and confirmatory stage. It is designed to build on learners' existing skills as well as introducing them to new ideas, media and ways of learning. They'll explore a broad range of disciplines in art and design - including fine art, drawing and painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, fashion and textiles, 3D product design, graphic design, illustration and alternative or interactive media - with increasing independence and refinement towards a specialist focus within which they may complete their final project.
  The course has both a practical and a critical emphasis. Students will respond to briefs and work to deadlines, preparing them for the realities of working in the creative sector.
  The Final Major Project is a personal project at Level 4 into an area of specialist study, where students develop an in depth body of work to be put on display in a public exhibition within their chosen pathway.

- 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

This is a one year course, split in to 3-4 units over the year. An interest in Art and Design is preferred for this course and a passion to learn new skills

- Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- Content
  The Level 2 CTEC engages students in creative and imaginative units, as they develop their own ideas alongside artist study. Students work in a variety of media and specialisms to build their portfolio from two dimensional drawing, painting, photography to three dimensional sculpture.

  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. Assessment is all coursework based, with Pass, Merit or Distinction grading.

- Progression
  Level 3 in Creative Media Production, Art and Design or A Level. Students could gain 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.

This is a 2 year course. Each year is broken down into 3 units spanning roughly 1 a term.

- Entry Requirements
  Check the website for entry requirements.

- Course Content
  Students will study a variety of art and design specialisms 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 workshop-style lessons, demonstrations, lectures, seminars, project work, visits and exhibitions. You will also need to work independently outside the class. The skills learnt in these sessions will be developed into appropriate ideas and outcomes that show your understanding and creativity.

  Assessment will be through portfolio and project assessment within College - assessed by your tutor and the external moderation of a sample of work. Assessment for each unit is based on unit specific criteria and broken up into bite size sections to allow the students to fully understand how to achieve the Pass, Merit or Distinction grade.

- Progression
  Following the completion of this course, students can progress into further studies in the art and design field at Furness College, or could enter the industry workplace.

  Students from the CTEC Level 3 can progress to the one-year BTEC Foundation Art and Design before going to university.
Say **yes!** to the study of life

**A LEVEL BIOLOGY**

You will be excited about gaining an understanding of biological molecules such as DNA, proteins and lipids from organisms. You will want to gain an insight into how life on earth is evolving and how organisms in ecosystems recycle resources and depend on each other.

To achieve your best in Biology you will need to be committed to persevering with this often complex subject. Mathematical and literacy skills are needed and will be developed throughout this course. The collection and analysis of data is fundamental to how biologists work. The course starts with understanding biological molecules and then uses this knowledge to develop an understanding of cells and then 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. Genetics is studied and then an understanding of biotechnologies such as genetic modification and DNA fingerprinting can be achieved.

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 98

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or GCSE Additional Science

**DURATION**

2 years

**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**

furness.ac.uk/biology

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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

PROGRESS WITH US

We offer Higher Education in Business and Project Management see page 142 - 143
Say **yes!** to that eureka moment!

**A LEVEL CHEMISTRY**

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

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

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

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

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/chemistry
Computational Thinking
It is the thought processes involved in problem solving. Core concepts involved in computational thinking include: algorithmic thinking, evaluation, decomposition, abstraction. Computational thinking is not to be confused with coding or programming and is also beneficial for those who are not using a computer. Creativity is important when applying computational thinking principles to a problem. Programming is a fundamentally creative skill.

Who make the best Computer Scientists?
You may have heard of Alan Turing who invented Computer Science and AI in 1936 who famously went on to build the world's first programmable computer to defeat the Nazi Germany Enigma code, shortening the Second World War by two years, saving 14 million lives.

You may not be aware that it is a generally accepted fact that women make the best computer scientists and programmers.

Here is a short list of the main influencers in Computer Science: Dame Stephanie "Steve" Shirley, Dame Professor Sue Black, Joan Clarke, Margaret Hamilton, Admiral Grace Hopper, The ENIAC Women, Ada Lovelace and Jessica McKellar.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
You will study a wide range of subjects, including:
- Characteristics of contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices
- Types of software and software development
- Exchanging Data
- Data Types, Data Structure and Algorithms
- Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues
- Elements of computational thinking
- Problem solving and programming
- Algorithms
- Programming Project

Progression
Students often progress to a computing or technical-related degree and follow a technical career in the computing industry, business or engineering.

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

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

We offer Higher Education in Computing
see pages 142 - 143

Higher education with a degree in Computing at Furness College or another university

furness.ac.uk/computerscience
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.

Entry Requirements
Check the website for entry requirements.

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

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

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

PATHWAY OF success

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Grade 5 in GCSE Design and Technology, Mathematics and Science

DURATION
2 years Full time

HOURS
4.5 hours per week, plus independent study time

NEXT STEP
Higher education leading to a wide range of careers in design and technology

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/design-technology

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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.

- **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 perform both a solo and within a quartet and choreograph a group dance and will be encouraged to take every opportunity to see live professional dance.

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

- **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.

Talented dancer Alice Worrall went on to study at a prestigious dance school 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

**PATHWAY OF success**

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/dance
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
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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 Language
A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

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

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

- **Course Content**
  You will be reading and comparing, as supernatural works, a novel by the renowned author Oscar Wilde and a novel by modern author Toni Morrison and exploring how poetic devices are used to convey themes in a range of Romantic and modern poetry. The Drama element of the course involves studying themes and ideas in a play by Shakespeare and a play by Tennessee Williams. The coursework will give you the opportunity to compare the treatment of a specific theme in a 20th century play and novel. 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.

- **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.

**PATHWAY OF success**

- **Minimum Requirements**
  Grade 5 in GCSE English Language/Literature or GCSE English

- **Duration**
  2 years

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

- **Next Step**
  A higher apprenticeship or higher education to provide a basis for a wide range of careers, including journalism and public relations
Say **yes!** to the starring role

**A LEVEL FILM STUDIES**

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

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

- **Course Content**

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

  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.

**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**

- Higher education in an arts or humanities subject, which could lead to a career in the media or entertainment industry

**APPLY NOW**

furness.ac.uk/film-studies

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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.

**PATHWAY OF success**

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

- **DURATION**  
  2 years  
  Full time

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

- **NEXT STEP**  
  Higher education with the opportunity to live and study abroad and experience new countries and cultures

**APPLY NOW**

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Say **yes!** to mapping out your future

**A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY**

Human activity is having an impact on the Earth and Geography students study Earth life support systems such as the carbon and water cycles and how to manage these sustainably. Climate change is the most important issue of our time and students study this in detail as well as oceans and cold environments which are both crucial to the health of the biosphere. Human Geography addresses issues to do with globalisation, migration and social inequality.

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

- **Course Content**
  Development of practical fieldwork skills is essential to the study of Geography and you will undertake an extended fieldwork project on a subject area of your choice giving you an opportunity to get to grips with a topic that really interests you. You are required to experience a minimum of 4 days supervised fieldwork and you will have numerous opportunities to visit locations within Cumbria.

  Residential field trips are an important element of the course and Geography students currently spend 3 days away in the Yorkshire Dales and may have the option to visit an internationally-renowned geological location such as Iceland.

- **Progression**
  Geography is one of the best subjects for learning skills which are transferable to a broad range of studies and students go on to take a broad range of degrees. Geographical skills are relevant in many careers which require spatial data analysis and many professions routinely use Geographical Information Systems.

  Careers requiring a geographical background include planning, conservation and tourism. In particular the environmental sector is a major growth area in employment opportunities in climate change adaptation and renewable energy.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 5 or better in GCSE Geography

**DURATION**
2 years Full time

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

**NEXT STEP**
Further study or higher education, with the potential to travel to exciting locations around the world

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/geography
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.
Say **yes!** to making your mark

**A LEVEL HISTORY**

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

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

- **Course Content**
  You will follow the AQA specification and will sit two exams and one piece of NEA (Non Examined Assessment/coursework). You will study 'The Tudors: England, 1485-1603', beginning with the first Tudor, Henry VII and ending with the last, Elizabeth I. In contrast, you will study 'The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945-1980', which will begin with the decision to drop the atomic bomb, moving on to the the Cold War (including Vietnam). Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement will also be a central part of your study. The NEA/coursework element will based on a range of questions based on Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855 – 1964. History is an ideal subject to study alongside Politics and Law.

- **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.

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
Grade 5 or better in GCSE History

**DURATION**
2 years
Full time

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

**NEXT STEP**
Careers in banking, advertising, law, communications and teaching. Many go on to higher apprenticeships or careers managing large data assets.

**APPLY NOW**
furness.ac.uk/history

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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.

- **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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**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

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**Say yes! to defending the rights**

**A LEVEL LAW**

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.

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**APPLY NOW**

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

**A LEVEL MATHEMATICS AND FURTHER MATHEMATICS**

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

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

- **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)
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)
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.

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.

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**PATHWAY OF success**

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

- **DURATION**  
  2 years Full time

- **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

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**APPLY NOW**

furness.ac.uk/maths
A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

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

Entry Requirements
- Check the website for entry requirements.

Course Content
- You will be introduced to the fundamentals of media texts. What are the skills required to make video and audio; to build a website; to write a journalistic piece; to animate? We will seek to understand the appeals of media to different target audiences and think about how we can 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
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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**Say yes! to an energetic education**

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**PATHWAY OF success**

**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**

furness.ac.uk/physics

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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.

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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 include investigating different areas of photography, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, fashion, experimental, multimedia, installation or moving image, working independently on chosen themes. We also have a new darkroom for traditional developing of prints and film.

**Progression**
Many students go on to study a degree in Photography at university or join our Art Foundation course (see page 93) to further their portfolios, leading to successful careers in the creative industries.

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**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**
Art Foundation course at Barrow Sixth Form College or onto higher education to develop a professional photography portfolio
Say yes! to making your voice heard

A LEVEL POLITICS

In your study of Politics you will learn a great deal about the history of the United Kingdom and the workings of its political system. This will include the history of parliament and the origins of the major political parties that gather there. Why is the Queen not allowed to enter the House of Commons? Why is the Conservative party referred to as ‘The Tories’? Not only does Politics link to History it also links to Law, including how laws are made and then applied in the highest court in England, the Supreme Court.

Key cases are discussed that have shaped the lives of the people of the UK. The second year of the course looks at comparisons with the UK and the US systems and involves a historical study of UK Prime Ministers and Presidents. Who was the last UK Prime Minister and US President to declare war? Politics is an ideal subject to study alongside History and Law. It is also available as an AS to study as a fourth subject.

- 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 110
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

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
  Full time

- **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](furness.ac.uk/psychology)
Say **yes!** to discovering life’s pattern

**A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY**

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.

**PATHWAY OF success**

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APPLY NOW
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Animal Care and Animal Management

We have teamed up with Myerscough College in an innovative new project that will support future careers in veterinary nursing and animal care. Students will be able to learn the theory of animal care and animal management with practical experience at the state-of-the-art facilities at Myerscough. They will travel to the specialist land-based education provider, just outside Preston, one day a week on a bus with travel paid for by college.

ANIMAL CARE CITY & GUILDS LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Course Content
The City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate study programme provides a detailed introduction to animal care and husbandry combining practical based training with sound theoretical knowledge. The modules, which are listed below, will be delivered using a wide variety of methods including lectures, practical work, demonstrations and self-study. The course provides the flexibility, knowledge, skills and motivation as a basis for future studies and career development within the animal care industry. The course is extremely popular with school leavers who wish to combine a practical based training programme with sound theoretical knowledge.

Course modules may include:
- Maintain animal health and welfare
- Introduction to the principles and practices of animal behaviour and handling
- Working in the Animal Care Industry
- Animal Feeding and Accommodation
- Animal Breeds and Grooming
- The Principles of Animal Biology
- British Wildlife Species, Habitats and Rehabilitation
- Health and Safety in the Land-based Industry

Work placement
Students must attend a relevant placement in the animal industry, for example, veterinary practice, boarding kennel, pet retail organisation or canine grooming parlour.

Progression
These courses can lead into careers including veterinary nursing, animal behaviour expert, animal nutritionist, zoo-based careers, pet grooming, animal trainer, animal charities sector worker and business owner for kennels/cattery.
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CITY & GUILDS LEVEL 3 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

- **Course Content**

  There is an opportunity to study at Level 3 (A Level equivalent) for students who wish to develop a comprehensive understanding of animal management and biology - encompassing practical techniques, academic knowledge and technical skills. It is a popular option for both school leavers and successful Level 2 Technical Certificate students. The course incorporates a mix of practicals, classroom lectures, industry visits and case study exercises. Students enjoy the wide variety of theory and practical subjects combined with a range of projects and assessments.

  **Course modules may include:**
  - Undertake and Review Work Related Experience in the Land-based Industries
  - Principles of Health and Safety
  - Animal Feeding and Nutrition
  - Animal Behaviour and Communication
  - Biological Systems of Animals
  - Animal Welfare and Breeding
  - Exotic Animal Health and Husbandry
  - Animal Training
  - Small Animal Rehabilitation

- **Work placement**

  Students must attend a relevant placement in the animal industry, for example, veterinary practice, boarding kennel, pet retail organisation or canine grooming parlour.

- **Progression**

  These courses can lead into careers including veterinary nursing, animal behaviour expert, animal nutritionist, zoo-based careers, pet grooming, animal trainer, animal charities sector worker and business owner for kennels/cattery.

**APPLY NOW**

furness.ac.uk/land-based-courses
BTECs and 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. Visit 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 science theory in biology, chemistry, and physics and develop practical skills needed for progression in higher education or industry. 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, industrial chemistry, and science investigation skills. The course is assessed 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.

  At the end of the first year students complete the L3 Certificate in Applied Science, which is the UCAS equivalent of an AS level or 0.5 A Levels. In the second year the units are taught to complete the L3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science, which is the UCAS equivalent of one full A Level.

- **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.

  The skills gained on this course have also led to students successfully progressing into project management higher apprenticeships and a wide range of non-science related degrees since this is seen as an "enabling subject."
• Entry Requirements
   Check the website for entry requirements.

• Course Content
   The L3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science is a comprehensive education in the sciences focusing mainly on biology and chemistry. The course will explore science theory in biology, chemistry and physics and develop practical skills needed for progression in higher education or industry. Students undertake an extended Science Investigation in their second year which develops planning, scientific design, research, practical, analytical, statistical and evaluation skills: this is valuable experience for future study and work in the sector and students can focus their project on their own area of interest.

   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, industrial chemistry, ecology, and microbiology.

   The course is assessed 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. We focus on producing competent budding scientists who have sound and relevant skills to take with them to their next stage in the world of science.

   At the end of the first year students complete the L3 Foundation Diploma in Applied Science, which is the UCAS equivalent of 1.5 A Levels. In the second year the units are taught to complete the L3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science, which is the UCAS equivalent of three full A Levels.

• Progression
   On completion of this course you will achieve a qualification which is equivalent to 1.5 A Levels on the Foundation Diploma 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. Previous students have gone directly into Higher Level apprenticeships at Glaxo, BAE, Sellafield, NHS and onto courses including Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Animal Behaviour. Ecology and Conservation, Forestry, Forensic Science, Nursing, Radiography, Biology, Paramedic... Students have been readily accepted to many universities including York, Lancaster, University of Central Lancs, Manchester and University of Cumbria.

   The skills gained on this course have also led to students successfully progressing into project management higher apprenticeships and a wide range of non-science related degrees such as Politics and International Relations at York, since this is seen as an "enabling subject".
Business CTEC

BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE AND LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

If you are looking at a career in the business world, why not get hands on experience whilst gaining a business qualification?

BUSINESS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 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.
I chose Barrow Sixth Form because I wanted the freedom to study outside a school environment. It’s up to you to put in the effort and the work to get good grades. Studying at Barrow Sixth Form broadens my options for the future.

Isobel Wilson
(Ulverston Victoria High School/home schooled)
Level 3 CTEC Business
Health and Social Care CTEC

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL

In today’s society many people are in need of care and support, and there are a number of different career opportunities at all levels and in a variety of fields including Residential Care, Nursing, Emergency Services, Social Work, Professions Allied to Medicine and Community Care.

Health and Social Care is one of the largest employment sectors in the UK and opportunities are buoyant. You should choose the course if you are interested in exploring these areas as potential career options or you just have an interest in health and social care and want to combine it with other subjects for a broad and balanced curriculum in the sixth form.

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).

PROGRESS WITH US

We offer Higher Education in Health and Social Care see page 142 - 143
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SINGLE COURSE OPTION (CERTIFICATE/EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)

The single course option is equivalent to 1 A-Level after 2 years of study. You will study and gain the Certificate in year 1 and progress onto the Extended Certificate in year 2. This course will count as one of your subject choice options.

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

- **Course Content**
  The course is made up of a variety of examined units and coursework units. At the end of the two years, depending on your commitment, you could walk away with Distinction* which is equivalent in UCAS points to A* at A Level.

  **Units you will study:**
  - Building Positive Relationships in Health and Social Care
  - Equality, diversity and rights in Health and Social Care
  - Health, Safety and Security in Health and Social Care
  - Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
  - Infection control
  - Safeguarding

- **Work Placement**
  You will have the opportunity to complete a work placement in year 1 and year 2. You can use your experience to fulfil some of the learning criteria on your coursework.

- **Progression**
  This qualification can lead to further study or employment within the health and social care sector. Some examples of careers this course can lead to include: Social worker, Paramedical science, Nursing and Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Play Therapist, Residential Care Worker, Youth, care or support work, Art Therapist, Teaching, SEN Teaching and Mental Health Nursing.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DOUBLE COURSE OPTION (EXTENDED CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA)

The double course option is equivalent to 2 A-Levels at the end of 2 years of study. You will gain the Extended Certificate in year one and progress onto the diploma in year 2. This course will count as two of your subject choice options.

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

- **Course Content**
  The course is made up of a variety of examined units and coursework units. At the end of the two years, depending on your commitment, you could walk away with Distinction*/Distinction* which is equivalent in UCAS points to 2x A* at A Level.

  **Units you will study:**
  - This includes all units listed in Health and Social Care single course option, plus:
    - Person centred care
    - Sexual health
    - Promoting positive behaviour
    - Mental Health
    - Health Promotion
    - Psychology of ill health

- **Progression**
  This qualification can lead to further study or employment within the health and social care sector. Some examples of careers this course can lead to include those listed in the Health and Social Care single course option.
It's at the heart of everyday life, at home, work and in our leisure time from computer graphics and control systems to communications and problem-solving. IT skills make the modern world go round.

**IT CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3**

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

- **Course Content**
  There are three mandatory units that are externally assessed. These are the Fundamentals of IT, Global information (completed in year 1) and Cyber security. The first two mandatory units provide learners with an insight into the IT sector as you investigate the pace of technological change, IT infrastructure, the flow of information on a global scale and important legal and security considerations.

  The third mandatory unit reflects an important development in the sector around information security and requires learners to consider how data should be protected and the response of the IT sector to emerging threats such as cyber terrorism. Learners must then take two units that are centre-assessed and moderated by OCR. The optional units are Project management and the Internet of Everything. (Year 2)

  All units assist in the development of transferrable skills such as communication and problem solving. The optional units encourage the development of time management, research and analytical skills as well as emphasising the need for good written and verbal communication skills.

  The Certificate is studied in Year 1 and the Extended Certificate in Year 2.

- **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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**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
Media CTEC

MEDIA CTEC LEVEL 2 AND 3 INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA

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

MEDIA CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2

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

- **Course Content**
  You have already had a lifelong interest in the media, whether it is 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.

**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 study or training with the potential for a career in a fast-paced creative industry

**APPLY NOW**

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Performing Arts CTEC

PERFORMING ARTS CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Performing Arts allows students with a wide variety of disciplinary interests to work collaboratively in developing and presenting a range of performances. Whether as an actor, dancer, musician, a director or a technician, the CTEC in Performing Arts has something to offer you.

- Entry Requirements
  Please check the website for entry requirements.

- Course Content
  Students will develop technical and/or performance skills, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin these skills. They will practically apply their skills and knowledge in development of various projects which will prepare them for further study or the workplace. Students will be equipped with the skills to be able to research and apply elements to their own projects as actors, dancers, musicians, directors or technicians. Students will also gain a range of transferable skills that will underpin freelance work in their chosen field. The Certificate is studied in Year 1 and the Extended Certificate in Year 2.

- 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

APPLY NOW
furness.ac.uk/science
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.

  The Certificate is studied in Year 1 and the Extended Certificate in Year 2.

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

**SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/EXTENDED CERTIFICATE**

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

**PATHWAY OF success**

- **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

**APPLY NOW**

furness.ac.uk/ctec-sport
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. Students will also be given the chance to gain an insight into marketing and branding tourism organisations and destinations globally. Analysing the importance of a strong marketing mix and good customer relationships. 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

furness.ac.uk/travel

APPLY NOW
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.
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

Find out more about our Honours Programme on page 14
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.
yes! to success

Hannah Johnson
Access to University, HE Course Alumni

What did you study at Furness College?
I studied the Access to HE course at Channelside.

What year did you graduate?
I graduated in 2016.

What was your next step after the course?
I went on to study BSc Learning Disability Nursing at the University of Cumbria.

What is your current job role and what does it entail?
I currently work as a Strengthening Families Practitioner in a safeguarding children’s team. A key aspect of my role is to work with a youth offending team which offers health input and assessment for the young people who come into contact with the service.

What are your career ambitions?
Having a degree in Learning Disability Nursing has facilitated my career path and has enabled me to work within the NHS in a number of roles, all of which have allowed me to build up a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience and very shortly I will be taking up my dream role as a Clinical Lead within the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Team in a prison.

How did studying at Furness College help you towards your ambitions?
I love working with people and enjoy making a positive difference to people’s lives. The Access to HE course allowed me to study as an adult to gain the appropriate qualifications to progress onto a degree course at university. Without this qualification I would not have had the entry requirements for University and therefore I would not have been able to progress onto my chosen career.

CHLOE SEARLE
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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.

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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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