

SCHOOL LEAVERS PROSPECTUS 2024-2025

CAREER AND LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS



DCG

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP



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WELCOME

**Are you ready for a brighter future?
Derby College Group (DCG) can make it happen.**

Reading this prospectus is your first step to success in work and life – whether you want to go straight into employment, gain on-the-job training as an apprentice, head to university, launch a business or just become more independent.

We promise you an exciting learning experience. Choose from a vast range of academic, vocational, technical and apprenticeship pathways; find an entry level that is just right for you; benefit from our strong employer partnerships; and enjoy excellent facilities on our campuses across the city and county.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Mandie Stravino OBE
Chief Executive
Derby College Group



WHY CHOOSE DCG?

Study with Derby College Group (DCG) and turn your career dreams into reality. There are so many reasons to make us your first choice.

Choosing the right pathway

We equip you with all the skills and knowledge you need to achieve your future goals – whether you want to secure a job or apprenticeship, to progress to further study at college or university, or even to launch your own business. From your very first contact with us, we ensure you're on the right study pathway to match your career aspirations. It could be an academic or vocational route, an apprenticeship programme or one of our new T Levels.

Employer partnerships

We work with an extensive range of national and local employers, which keeps all our study pathways up to date and relevant to the workplace. There are opportunities for work experience, industry visits, employer-led projects, guest lectures and CV workshops to give you valuable insights into where your career could take you.



Inspiring teaching and support

Our enthusiastic teaching teams are made up of industry-experienced professionals who can help you develop all the skills and qualities that employers are seeking. You'll also benefit from the support of a Student Experience and Pastoral Coach and a Work Experience and Progression Mentor to help you get where you want to be in the future. Our overall grade from Ofsted is 'good' and two important aspects of our work are rated as 'outstanding' – our flourishing partnerships with employers and the support we provide for high-needs students.



Enrichment opportunities

There's never a dull day when you're studying with DCG. We were the first college in the UK to achieve the College of Character kitemark and we encourage you to broaden your horizons through employer engagement, community projects, field trips, international visits, clubs and societies, competitions, environmental action and volunteering. Enrichment activities like these will help you become a well-rounded and work-ready citizen.

English and maths skills

If you don't already have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and Maths – or equivalent qualifications – you'll continue studying these all-important subjects which are highly valued by employers. This will help you succeed in your future learning, improve your career prospects and make your everyday life easier.

First-rate careers advice

We offer a full range of information, advice and guidance to help you decide on your next steps. The high quality of our careers education has been recognised with Career Mark Gold accreditation and the IAG matrix Standard.

An exciting place to study

Our colleges offer dynamic learning environments in vibrant campus settings. We have invested in first-class industry-standard equipment and resources to bring your learning to life. You'll discover that all our colleges are in convenient locations in Derby and Derbyshire, served by good public transport links. There's a helpful map of transport routes on our website.



Latest technology

Up-to-the-minute digital technologies complement the traditional classroom teaching we offer you at DCG. As part of the East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT) project, we will also be expanding our Stephenson Building to help train a workforce fit for the digital and low-carbon economy. Set to be completed in 2024, the new facilities will use cutting-edge technology and open the doors for you to progress to higher qualifications in construction, engineering, digital skills and leadership.

A great social life

Joining DCG is your chance to make new friends and discover fresh interests. Ours is a welcoming, close-knit student community where there's always something happening. Derby College Students' Union (DCSU) offers exciting trips and activities, provides volunteering opportunities and champions your voice as a learner. It also gives you access to thousands of discounts nationwide via the TOTUM Card: find out more at www.dcsu.co.uk



HOW TO APPLY

It couldn't be easier – follow our step-by-step guide, take our expert advice and let your DCG journey begin.

1 Research your options

Firm up your subject choices by joining one of our open days, information evenings or taster sessions: check out the full list of events on page 26 of this prospectus and register at derby-college.ac.uk/events. You can find out which course is delivered where on our website or in our A-Z guide starting on page 27.

2 Decide on your career pathway

Take a look through this prospectus for some great ideas. Check out Career Coach on our website; use Kudos, the career matching software program; visit the National Careers Service website; and talk to your teacher or careers adviser.

3 Listen to the experts

Discuss your plans with our friendly staff who will help you choose a study pathway that is just right for you. If you are unsure about anything, talk to our Student Services team on **0800 028 0289**.

4 Submit your application

There is no deadline, so you can apply right now at www.derby-college.ac.uk. You'll find an online application form on every course page. Click the Apply Now button and follow the instructions for inTouch. If you find you need some extra assistance, just give the Student Services team a call on **0800 028 0289** or book in at one of our campuses where we will help you fill in your application. Even if you have your sights set on an apprenticeship, it's important to apply for a full-time study programme at the same time – it's your back-up plan until you secure your place with an employer.

5 Gain dedicated advice

Once you've applied to Derby College Group, you'll be allocated a dedicated Student Services Adviser. They will make sure your application is processed efficiently and your interview or taster session is arranged. You'll be able to track your application via your inTouch account.

6 Come for an interview

Your interview details will be updated in your inTouch account. You'll be invited for an interview, taster session or – for some arts-based programmes – an audition. Alternatively, you may be asked to complete a personal statement to support your application. In some cases, you'll take an online screening assessment in maths and English too, just to check you're on the right pathway.





7 Accept your place

We'll let you know the outcome of your interview or the personal statement you supplied. If you've been offered a place, it could be conditional on exam results such as GCSEs. You'll need to log into your inTouch account to accept your offer.

8 Prepare for College

During August you'll receive full details about your enrolment. On GCSE results day we hold a special advice and guidance event if you need to talk to someone about your grades.

9 Complete your enrolment

Following GCSE results day we'll finalise and confirm your study plans, send you your Student Learning Agreement to sign, and provide information about your start date and induction.

10 Become part of DCG

During your induction you'll be introduced to your Student Experience and Pastoral Coach, your Work Experience and Progression Mentor and your programme team. You'll also receive your Derby College Group ID card and student email address and will be shown how to access our online learning space and the Student Handbook.

For a step-by-step application guide, please visit:
www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/how-to-apply



FIND YOUR LEVEL

DCG offers different entry points based on your qualifications and experience – so you are bound to find a course that suits you.

We deliver a wide range of study pathways – from Entry Level to Level 3 and beyond – so you can find an option that matches your abilities and career goals. We offer clear progression routes too: research shows that you can significantly boost your earning potential as you advance to higher levels of study.

Find out more in our A-Z guide starting on page 27.

YOUR NEXT STEPS





WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT STUDY OPTION AFTER COMPLETING YOUR GCSES? WELCOME TO THE EXCITING WORLD OF T LEVELS.

A T Level is a two-year vocational qualification which brings together classroom learning and an extended industry placement on a programme designed in partnership with businesses. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% with an employer to gain invaluable industry insights.

Equivalent to three A-levels, each T Level equips you with the knowledge and experience you need to get straight into an entry level skilled job, a higher apprenticeship or further study, including at university. The T stands for 'technical' and your studies will include core theory, concepts and skills for a specific industry area.

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Why choose a T Level?

- They have been developed with over 250 top-name employers to give you the skills and knowledge you need.
- They are based on the world's best technical education systems.
- You'll spend at least 45 days on a meaningful industry placement to learn what a real career is like while you are continuing your studies.
- On passing your T Level, you'll receive a nationally recognised certificate to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.
- Your qualification will also be worth UCAS points if you want to continue into higher education at university or college. A T Level Distinction* is worth the same as three A-levels at A* grade.



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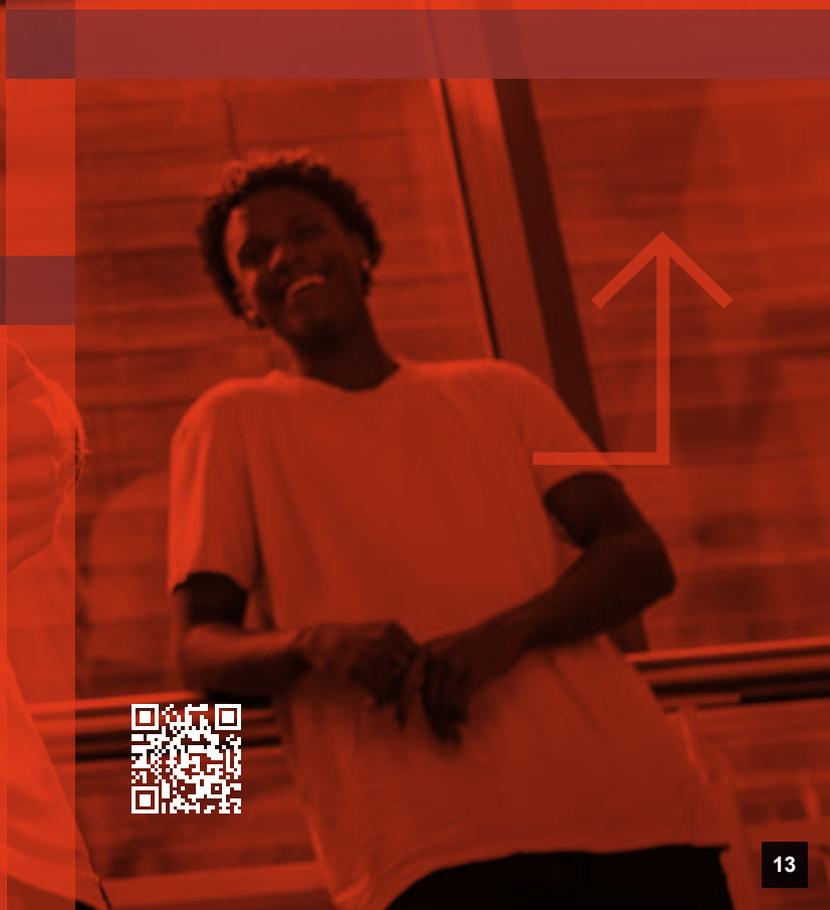


What is on offer?

From September 2024, we will be delivering T Levels in:

- Animal Management
- Beauty Therapy
- Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Digital Support Services
- Education and Childcare
- Engineering and Manufacturing: Design and Development
- Health
- Management and Administration
- Science

More T Levels will come on stream in the years to come until 24 subjects are covered.



T Levels at DCG

We were among the first colleges selected by the government to launch T Level qualifications as a high-quality technical alternative to A-levels and apprenticeships.

We were chosen because of our strong existing partnerships with employers and our track record for promoting work experience, problem-based learning and work-related projects.

Our second cohort of T Level students gained their qualifications in summer 2023 and achieved a 99% pass rate. Some 81% of these students achieved the highest grades, equivalent to three As or Bs at A-level.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

So, what can you expect from your time at DCG? A recognised qualification, insights into your chosen industry and all the advice and support you need.

A great learning experience

Whether you want to follow a technical, vocational or academic pathway, we'll help you build a tailor-made study programme to match your individual needs and long-term ambitions.

You'll benefit from:

- Nationally recognised qualifications which will help you progress to further study and skilled, sustainable employment
- High-quality work experience, industry placements and employer-led projects to offer you a taste of what it's like in the working world
- Support to achieve those all-important GCSE grades of 4 and above (A*-C) in English and Maths if you've not already gained them
- Digital know-how to assist your learning and to help you keep pace with the latest developments in business and industry
- Access to a wide range of additional support, tailored to your individual learning needs, to help you attain your goals
- The chance to develop the broader skills, attributes and qualities that employers want – from teamwork to problem-solving, communication to leadership, decision-making to time management
- All the information, advice and guidance you need to help you take the right pathway and to chart your future career direction



Technical or academic qualification

Choose from one of the broadest ranges of subjects in the East Midlands. We help you select the study pathway which is perfect for you – based on your career plans and your existing qualifications and experience.

Employability skills

Build transferable skills like IT, communication, teamworking, creativity, leadership, enterprise, problem-solving and decision-making – all the qualities employers are looking for.

Work experience

Gain hands-on experience in your chosen industry – through exciting placements, employer-led projects, guest speaker sessions and company visits.

English and maths

Continue to improve your skills in English and maths alongside your chosen subject. This includes working towards GCSE grades 4 and above if you've not already achieved them.

Mission Pathway Tutorials

Receive expert advice on making a smooth transition to the next stage of your life. Our Mission Pathway Tutorial programme helps you make the right choices, supports your personal development and equips you with the skills to succeed at College and beyond.

Support tailored to you

Benefit from a Student Experience and Pastoral Coach who will be assigned to you throughout your time at College, ensuring your learning stays on track. You can also access a wide range of additional support to attain your goals, depending on your individual learning needs.



READY FOR WORKING LIFE

Build your employability and gain the ideal introduction to the world of work. DCG's strong industry links will help you hit the ground running in your career.

Skills employers need

Studying with DCG means you'll be well placed to make a difference from day one in a new job. Our courses are developed in partnership with employers to deliver the skills, knowledge and behaviours they expect.

We offer industry-specific opportunities which are highly relevant to your future plans. Work placements, fact-finding visits, employer-led projects, guest speakers and professional mentoring – all are part of the picture. We even team up with employers to run workshops on CVs and interview techniques.

Engaging with business and industry in this way will stand you in good stead, helping you to understand what employers are looking for and to make more informed career choices.



Work experience

You cannot beat hands-on experience of what it is like to work in your chosen industry. We support you to find relevant placements so that you can get a genuine feel for working life.

You'll receive supervision, clear responsibilities and feedback about your performance. You'll also improve your time management and benefit from working with people of different ages and backgrounds.

Find out more:

www.derby-college.ac.uk/employers/employer-and-skills-academies



Need some part-time work?

Our internal job service, DCG Recruitment, can help you find paid part-time employment with external companies – a great way to gain some extra cash during your studies.

A part-time job will also build your CV and boost your employability, customer service and teamworking skills.

To register your interest:

Email: DCGRecruitment@dcg.ac.uk with your name and contact details or visit us at The Roundhouse, K101.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Need information, advice and support? There's plenty on offer to make studying at DCG as easy and enjoyable as possible.

DCG offers an inspirational, creative and supportive learning community that serves and meets the individual needs of every student. Our aim is to ensure you enjoy a positive student journey.

Student Services

The experienced and friendly staff in Student Services are dedicated to your wellbeing and success during your time at the College. Along with high-quality careers guidance, they can provide you with a range of welfare advice and support. This could include guidance on a variety of concerns that are not directly related to your studies such as health and mental health issues, problems at home, financial hardship or relationship challenges.

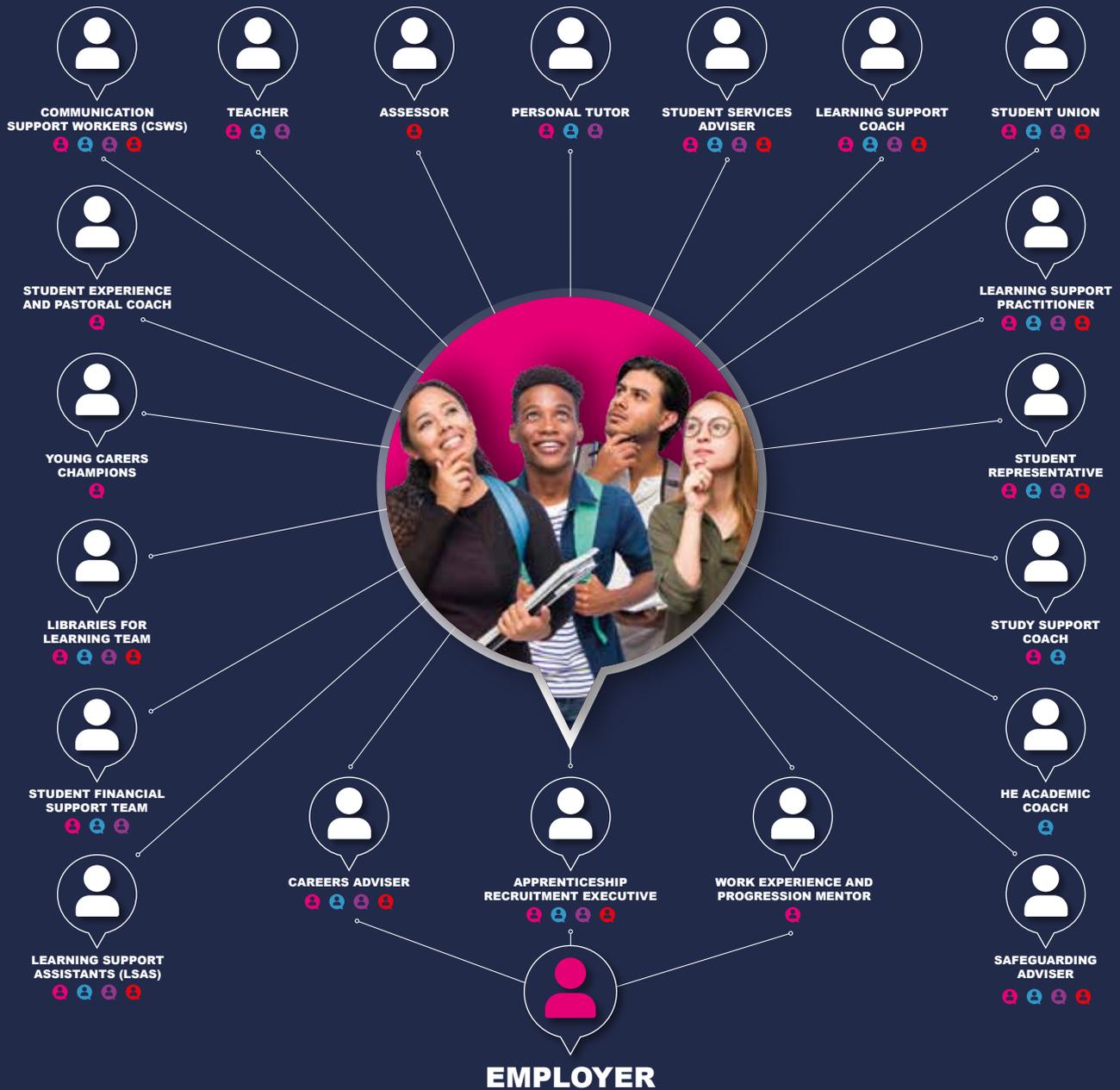


Learning Support

If you require learning support, our team can help you to maximise your potential and reach your goals. A support team is available on all College sites working both in and out of classrooms and during exams, providing equipment, modifications and much more. This range of support will enable you to access all the opportunities that College has to offer. If you have dyslexia, autism, ADHD or any other specific needs, we'll work with you to create a support plan that allows you to flourish while at DCG.

Pastoral Support

Our dedicated team of pastoral coaches works alongside specific academies at DCG to identify and respond to students' specific pastoral support needs. The coaches can work directly with you, your families and other support networks to establish and implement a pastoral support plan, with a specific focus on attendance, behaviour and wellbeing.



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR:

- Further Education Students
- Higher Education Students
- Adult Students
- Apprentice Students

PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

Take our expert advice to make the most of the opportunities ahead. We're here to help you reach higher as you climb that career ladder.

First-rate careers guidance

Unsure about what's next? We're here to help you take the right direction. No matter what stage of your learning journey you've reached, we offer high-quality careers guidance to set you on the right path.

We've been awarded the top accreditation under the national Career Mark scheme so you can feel reassured that our impartial information, advice and guidance services will help you make better decisions about your future.

Find out more:

www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support

Call: 0800 028 0289

Considering apprenticeships?

Would you like the chance to earn while you learn? An apprenticeship could be the ideal choice. You'll receive on-the-job training in a real job with a real employer and gain a respected qualification into the bargain. See our A-Z guide – starting on page 27 – for details of all the apprenticeships available in our different subject areas, then visit our website for more information. We even offer a free service which could match you with an employer if you don't have an apprenticeship lined up.

At www.derby-college.ac.uk/course-types/apprenticeships you'll see a list of current employers looking to find an apprentice through DCG: you can click and apply straight away.

Find out more: contact our Apprenticeship Recruitment Team on 01332 387420 or email apprenticeships@derby-college.ac.uk

Higher education with DCG

We deliver an exciting range of higher education and university-level programmes which will support your progression to the next stage of your learning.

They include HNC, HTQ, Foundation Degree and full Honours Degree qualifications in a variety of subjects.

Any Level 3 student who achieves the entry criteria – and can demonstrate a good general performance in their studies – is guaranteed a place on a relevant higher education programme with DCG.

Offering small class sizes and impressive academic support, higher education at DCG is one of the most effective and flexible ways to invest in your future.



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Got a business idea?

If you're keen to nurture your entrepreneurship skills, foster your creativity and boost your business acumen, you can access enterprise support at DCG, including guidance from local successful entrepreneurs. We offer you the chance to join business start-up sessions which will help you translate your enterprising ideas into action.



WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY ABOUT DCG?

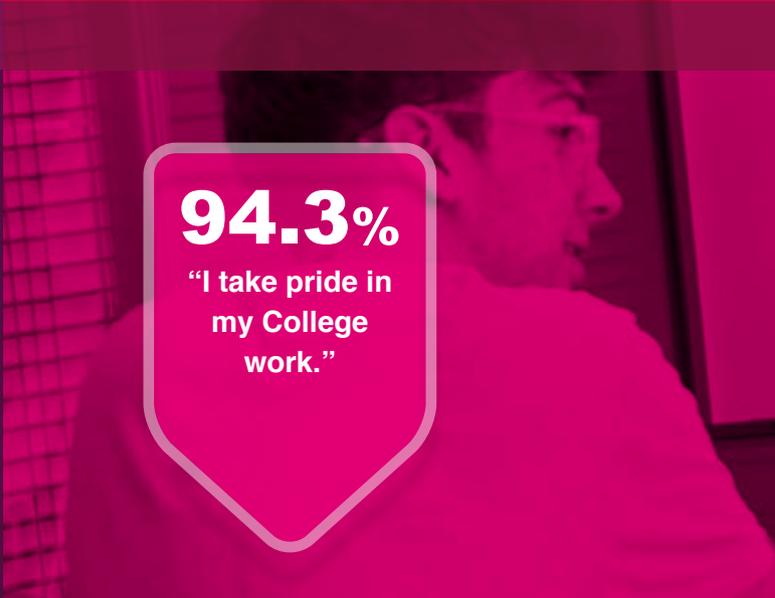
What you think about your College experience is important to us.
We value, listen to and respond to your feedback.

DCG is committed to providing an outstanding learning experience for all students. Listening to – and acting on – Student Voice is essential for us to be the best we can be.

Student Voice is at the heart of everything we do.

Raise your voice:

- Get involved by becoming a Student Representative or Student Ambassador
- Lead the College in Student Voice forums, focus groups and other activities
- Don't forget to contribute to our regular Student Voice surveys



94.3%

“I take pride in my College work.”



94.5%

“Overall, my course has helped me develop my wider skills.”



94.6%

“The teaching on my course is helping me to make good progress.”

93%

“My course has challenged me to achieve my best work.”

92.3%

“Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my course.”

**Source of statistics: Student Voice Cross-College Survey, May 2023*



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Don't forget to double-check what qualifications you need to join the DCG study pathway you've chosen.

Talk to us first

You'll find entry requirements for each course on our website. We do consider each application on a case-by-case basis to take account of individual circumstances but remember that it's always best to discuss your career plans and qualifications profile with our staff.

If you join one of our open days – see page 26 for dates and times – you will get the most up-to-date advice. Together, we can find the right study pathway to suit your individual circumstances.



GCSE grades explained

The new grading system has now been phased in for GCSE subjects in England – and you might want to bear these grades in mind when you apply.

The letters A*-G were replaced by numbers, with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The new scale is not directly equivalent to the previous one but there are some comparable points:

- The bottom of grade 7 is aligned with the bottom of grade A
- The bottom of grade 4 is aligned with the bottom of grade C
- The bottom of grade 1 is aligned with the bottom of grade G

The government recognises grade 4 and above as a 'standard pass' in all subjects, representing a similar achievement to the old grade C or above. For English and Maths GCSE, it also categorises a grade 5 or above as a 'strong pass'.

GCSE GRADING

| NEW GRADING STRUCTURE | OLD GRADING STRUCTURE |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 | |
| 8 | A* |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | |
| 5 | B |
| Standard Pass 4 | C |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E |
| 1 | F |
| | G |
| U | U |

Grades for T Levels

For T Levels (see pages 12-13) DCG normally expects strong GCSE passes in both English and Maths, together with four other standard pass GCSEs in a relevant pathway, such as Computer Science, where appropriate.

OPEN DAYS

2023-2024



THE JOSEPH WRIGHT CENTRE

OPEN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023
5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

OTHER EVENTS AT DCG CREATIVE AND DIGITAL ACADEMY SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2024 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Various events take place throughout the year that are slightly different from our regular open days.

FOR UPDATES ON JOBS FAIRS, APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS AND MORE...

...check out our social media pages      

or visit: WWW.DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS

TO GET THE FULL DETAILS OF THE EVENT, PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ONLINE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS OR CALL 0800 028 0289

BROOMFIELD HALL

OPEN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023
5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024
9.00am - 12.00pm

THE ROUNDHOUSE

OPEN DAYS

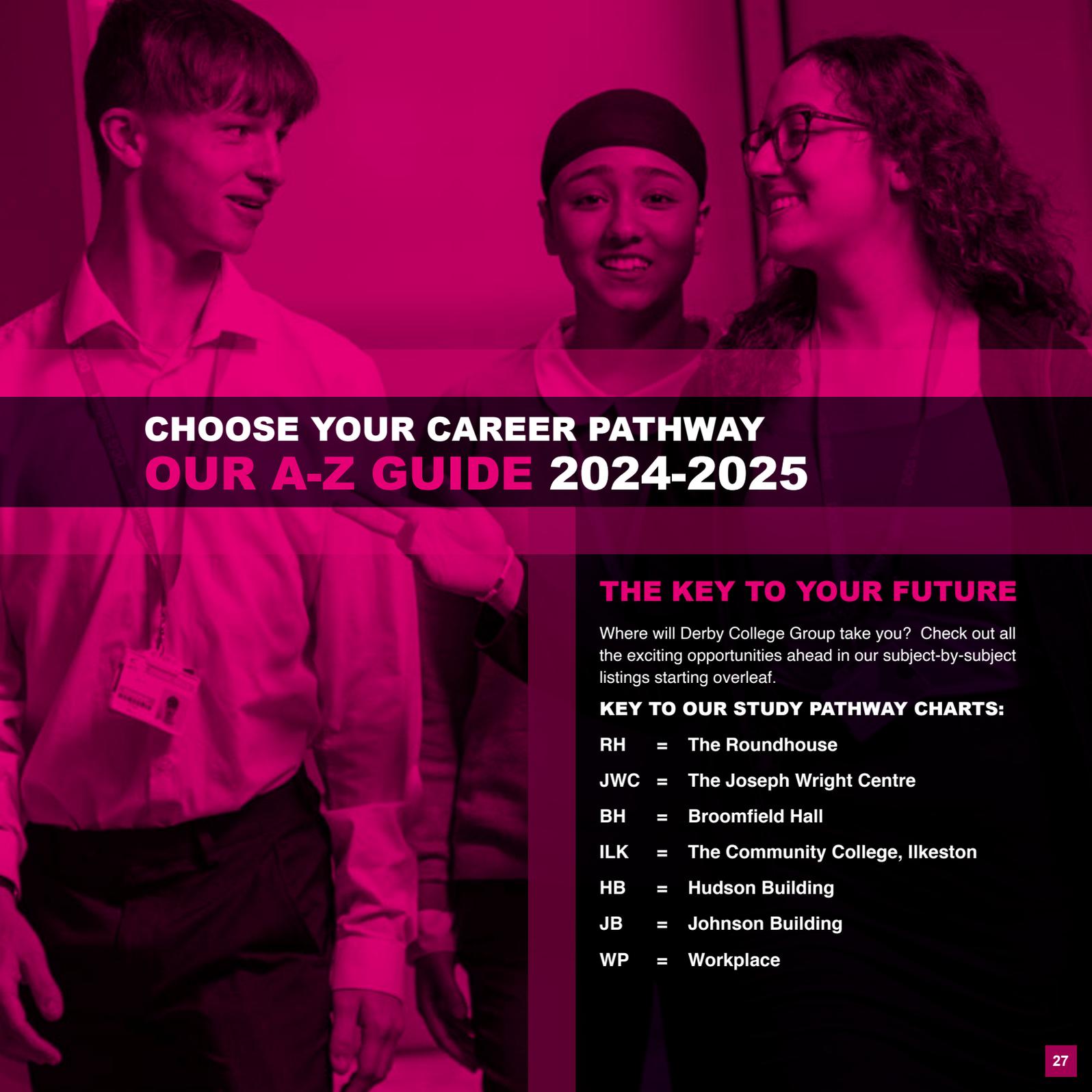
THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023
5.00pm - 7.00pm

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm
During Apprenticeship Week

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

**ADULT OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024**
5.00pm - 7.00pm

**ALL SITES OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024**
5.00pm - 7.00pm at The Roundhouse



CHOOSE YOUR CAREER PATHWAY OUR A-Z GUIDE 2024-2025

THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

Where will Derby College Group take you? Check out all the exciting opportunities ahead in our subject-by-subject listings starting overleaf.

KEY TO OUR STUDY PATHWAY CHARTS:

RH = The Roundhouse

JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre

BH = Broomfield Hall

ILK = The Community College, Ilkeston

HB = Hudson Building

JB = Johnson Building

WP = Workplace

A-LEVELS

As the gold standard academic qualifications, A-levels are your gateway to higher education and a career brimming with potential. Study A-levels with Derby College Group (DCG) and you'll not only explore the subjects you love in greater depth but also set yourself apart in the eyes of universities and employers alike.

The A-level advantage

Where will A-levels take you? The options are endless. Business high-flier, scientific researcher, journalist, lawyer, politician, economist, psychologist, computer expert – whatever your career aspirations, A-levels are the ideal starting point. Your DCG qualification will recognise not only your academic knowledge but also your dedication, application and critical thinking. We'll motivate you to turn your ambitions into reality and stay on track to achieve your goals, including seamless progression to university.

Study pathways to suit you

A-levels are the more traditional route for advancing to university. DCG students normally focus on three subjects over two years. While some may decide to take four subjects at A-level, many find it more appropriate to add a one-year option – the Certificate in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) or the Extended Project Qualification – to showcase their versatility and underpin their UCAS or job applications. See page 48 for more information.

A wide subject selection

Our course portfolio is wide-ranging and flexible: you need not be restricted to the conventional subject combinations familiar from school. Along with traditional A-levels like English, Maths and Sciences, you can select disciplines such as Film Studies, Geology, Media Studies and Textile Design. If you'd prefer a more vocational programme alongside your A-levels – or even in place of an A-level – we also offer specialist vocational certificates and diplomas covering subjects such as Applied Law, Applied Criminology, Applied Psychology, Applied Science, and Sport and Exercise Science. See pages 50-53.

Is this you?

- Self-motivated to work on your own initiative
- Have well-developed study skills
- Enjoy reading and carrying out research
- Like debating complex ideas
- Thrive on written, classroom-based tasks
- Feel that you can perform well in exams
- Well-organised when planning work and meeting deadlines
- Capable of developing extended pieces of writing



“I have loved it at DCG and have especially enjoyed the practical side of the education. It’s been such a good experience and what I have learnt has really equipped me for a great future.”

Rabina Burlakoti

Studying with DCG for four years since moving from Kathmandu in 2019, Rabina progressed from GCSEs to A-levels and was among the many students who achieved the grades they needed in summer 2023. She gained 3 B grades in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics, securing her place to study Medicine at Keele University.

Research your choices thoroughly

When selecting your A-levels, think carefully not only about the subjects for which you genuinely have enthusiasm but also about the subjects you might need to fulfil your ambitions. It’s a smart move to do some research as you may be expected to have one or more specific A-level subjects for some university degrees or career pathways. If you want to keep your future options open, however, it might be better to take one or more of the ‘facilitating subjects’ frequently sought by universities such as Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, History, Maths, Modern Languages and Physics.

Making the grade

We pride ourselves on delivering teaching which will help you shine in your studies. In 2023, we celebrated 100% pass rates in 22 A-level subjects. This was the first year that the support brought in during the pandemic was removed for students sitting their exams. When compared with our pre-Covid 2019 results, the number of A*-A grades increased by 91%, A*-B grades increased by 27% and A*-C grades increased by 14%. A good majority of students went on to university, a testament to the wide-ranging practical and emotional support DCG provides to ensure students are exam-ready.



Keeping your progress on track

A-levels are now 'linear' programmes, so you will need to study for the full two years to gain your qualification. The exams that count towards your final grade are undertaken at the end of the two years. You will still, however, complete College assessments during your course to help you understand how you're progressing in your studies, to provide you with essential exam practice and to inform your applications for university, further study or employment.

An expert teaching team

Our experienced teachers have genuine passion for their subjects to go with their in-depth knowledge. They fully understand the qualities and behaviours that universities and employers are seeking when they consider applications. They can also call on influential professional contacts to help you chart your future career path. Based on your potential career plans, you'll be assigned to a relevant tutor group where you'll benefit from targeted sessions and resources. Some of our personal tutors work as external examiners so can give you guidance on exam success too.

Your study programme



Independent learning to the fore

Always remember that studying A-levels is a significant step up from GCSEs. For this reason, we expect you to complete at least five hours per week of independent learning outside the classroom. This could include reviewing notes before and after lessons; engaging with e-learning; creating mind maps or revision notes; completing exam-style questions; and collaborating with a subject buddy to enhance your understanding. Some of your study programme will be timetabled for independent learning, so you can take full advantage of our excellent facilities like the Alchemy Study Areas, the Hayes Lounge or the library.

A hub of inspiration

You'll be based at the Joseph Wright Centre, our specialist post-16 Academic and Arts College in the city's Cathedral Quarter and a vibrant learning environment for around 1,700 students. Centred on a stunning atrium, this bright, inviting and friendly setting offers superb resources for academic studies. Alongside extensive general teaching spaces and an impressive library and learning resources centre, you'll discover facilities such as IT suites, art and design studios, and modern science laboratories. Working alongside students from our Creative Industries Academy, you'll enjoy a dynamic learning experience in a stimulating atmosphere.

Enrich your understanding

We offer additional clubs, drop-in clinics and workshops to support your studies and challenge you to set your sights high. Options include dedicated English and maths workshops with one-to-one support from teaching staff; mentoring by Year 2 students who help Year 1 students with their independent study; and Study Club sessions where you can work with fellow students to deepen your understanding of what you've already learned. You'll benefit from plenty of assistance with revision and exam techniques as well.



New perspectives on the world

Exciting activities such as study trips, fieldwork, guest lectures, exhibitions, conferences, performances, film screenings, theatre and museum trips, sessions at the Willows Sports Centre and community projects will bring your learning experience to life. Our students have, for instance, broadened their worldview with international study trips to places such as Paris, Morocco, Poland, Iceland and Tenerife; shadowed professionals on a TV production set; and witnessed debates at the Houses of Parliament. Guest lectures have covered subjects ranging from forensic psychology to nuclear submarines.

Skills that set you apart

We develop your employability skills in areas like digital literacy, communication and critical thinking to aid your personal growth and increase your versatility. You'll have the chance to take part in competitions such as science and maths Olympiads, Young Enterprise and creative writing festivals. You could gain awards in British Sign Language and First Aid or – if your first language is not English – study independently for A-level subjects in additional languages. There is the opportunity to join various societies or contribute to the student newspaper, arts exhibitions, fundraising and volunteering. You could even become a peer mentor, student representative or College ambassador. Such experiences ensure your CV or UCAS application stands out from the crowd.

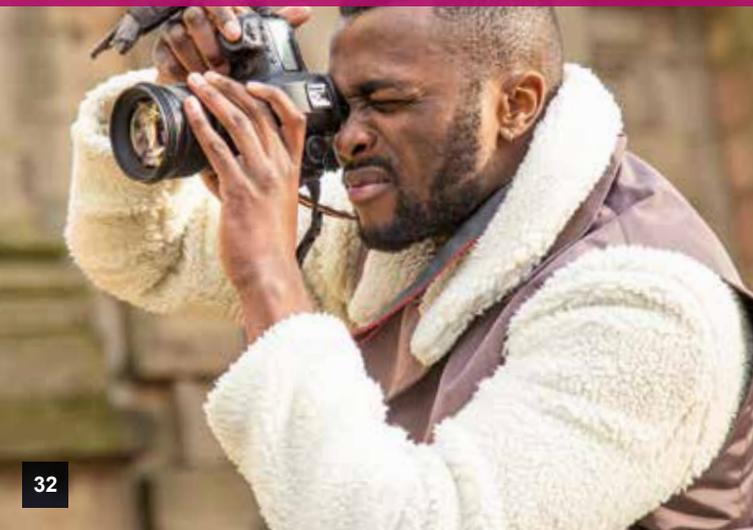


What's next? Make an informed decision

We offer up-to-date and relevant guidance on your next steps – whether you want to apply for university or head straight into the world of work, perhaps by securing a higher or degree apprenticeship with an employer. You'll also benefit from university visits, including to Oxbridge colleges, to help you gather vital information about your future choices. Our annual Progression Fair, attended by representatives from many different higher education institutions, will give you further insights into university life. If you opt for higher education, we can help you choose the right destination, mentor you through your UCAS application and advise on student finance.

Aim for the stars with Ad Astra

To help you realise your ambitions, DCG is taking part in the Ad Astra programme. Its aim is to give you access to inspirational people, organisations and opportunities; keep you informed of events that will guide your career journey; and provide additional coaching and support. Students who actively participate will receive Ad Astra badges that mark them out as aspirational, autonomous, connected and curious individuals who can inspire others.



Keep studying with DCG

You don't even need to leave DCG to take your studies to the next level. We offer HNCs, HTQs, Foundation and Honours degrees in subjects like Business, Engineering, Professional Construction, Criminal Justice and Software Development. There are many benefits to studying close to home with small group sizes and full academic support, not to mention a familiar learning environment. If you meet the entry criteria and have a good attendance and performance record, we can guarantee you a place on a DCG HE programme as long as there are sufficient student numbers.

See: www.derby-college.ac.uk/course-types/higher-education/

“DCG helped me get my apprentice placement and I'm so pleased they did. I love going into work every day and I could not be in a better school. The staff are amazing. They appreciate that I am an apprentice and are so supportive. It's good to watch the children's progress as they make their way through school.”

Lauren Chorley

Early Years apprentice Lauren always knew she wanted to work in a caring role – and she was equally certain that she didn't want to go to university. So, after completing A-levels in English Language and English Literature – as well as the Extended Certificate in Sport and Exercise Science – at the Joseph Wright Centre, she applied for a Level 3 apprenticeship via DCG.

She now works with three-to-four-year olds at Carlyle Infants and Nursery School in Littleover and studies at the Roundhouse on day release. Since she joined Carlyle as its first apprentice, the school has taken on another DCG Early Years apprentice in the reception class.



A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

If you choose A-levels, we assume you'll enrol on a two-year programme of study consisting of three or more subjects. You'll be expected to show a committed attitude to learning and to make positive progress in your first year so that you can advance to the second year.

Our standard overall entry requirements are five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including grade 5 in English Language and grade 4 in Mathematics. You should also provide a recent school report or reference demonstrating your attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning.

For specific subjects, there may be additional entry criteria above and beyond these requirements – please see each subject description for further details.

If you do not have the grades you need, check out our GCSE Plus programme. See pages 120-123.



A-level Biology

Study Biology and you could find yourself advancing scientific knowledge, pioneering new discoveries and tackling some of the challenges facing the world. You'll gain a solid grounding in the foundations of biology plus in-depth knowledge of themes such as exchange and transport; biodiversity, evolution and disease; communication, homeostasis and energy; and genetics, evolution and ecosystems. Throughout, you'll develop high-level practical skills too. Studying Biology provides excellent career prospects in professions ranging from academic research and biological technology to health education and medical product sales.

Entry requirements: You need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at 6, 6. If you have taken Triple Science, Biology must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

A-level Business Studies

This A-level enables you to appreciate how and why business decisions are made. You'll study internal business functions such as finance, marketing, production and human resources as well as external factors such as law, economics and politics. There are four main themes: marketing and people; managing business activities; business decisions and strategy; and global business. Business A-level is accepted for entry to a wide range of university degrees and the knowledge you gain will prove useful throughout your future career, as it applies to many roles in many sectors.

Entry requirements: A GCSE in Business Studies is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is recommended.



A-level Chemistry

Chemistry is an important and exciting subject widely accepted as an excellent stepping stone to university and the world of work. It complements many other subjects and is invaluable for higher level qualifications in science-related fields such as medicine and pharmacy. While developing wide-ranging practical skills and a comprehensive understanding of the foundations of chemistry, you'll also study themes such as the periodic table and energy; core organic chemistry; physical chemistry; and organic chemistry and analysis.

Entry requirements: You need Maths GCSE at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 6,6 or above. If you took Triple Science, Chemistry must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.



A-level Economics

This A-level demonstrates to universities and employers alike that you can analyse and understand economic subjects, supported by a sound financial knowledge. You'll apply latest theory to investigate current economic trends and gain a deep appreciation of the inter-relationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. Among the many themes explored are market mechanism, failures and government intervention; price determination in a competitive market; the distribution of income and wealth; individual economic decision-making; financial markets and monetary policy; and the global economy.

Entry requirements: Standard

A-level Computer Science

How are computers used to make the world work as it does: from the Internet to mobile phones, robotics to transportation? On this A-level, you'll learn how to program a computer to behave as you want it to: it could be making life-saving calculations or building your own version of Amazon. You'll also discover how computers communicate to form networks. One of the key benefits of studying this subject is that you'll gain experience in formulating and solving problems, an important life skill not only for computer scientists but also for people in a wide variety of professions.

Entry requirements: A GCSE in Computer Science is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is recommended.





A-level English Literature

This A-level gives you the opportunity to analyse, interpret, compare and understand a wide range of influential English texts from a variety of historical periods. You'll investigate both the tragic and political perspectives of drama, prose and poetry and you'll also be required to explore a Shakespeare text in depth in preparation for the examination. The skills and insights that you develop through this important qualification will stand you in good stead for careers spanning everything from teaching and the media professions to publishing and journalism, from education advice and guidance to administration.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE English Literature at grade 5 (C/B) or above. You are expected to demonstrate a keen interest in literature and wider reading.

A-level English Language

English Language A-level involves close linguistic analysis of a wide range of spoken and written texts using a large bank of new terminology; theoretical discussions of language issues such as gendered language or accentism; investigating how children acquire language; and discussion of how English has changed over time. You'll also produce original writing for a 'real-world' purpose and conduct research into a language area in which you have a particular interest. This A-level complements many other subjects and can help in a range of careers such as teaching, publishing, advertising, journalism, human resources and recruitment consultancy.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE English Language at grade 5 (C/B) or above.





A-level Fine Art

Providing a thorough and rewarding programme of study, the Fine Art A-level enables you to explore, research and acquire artistic skills harnessing both traditional methods and digital techniques. With the discipline of drawing at the core of your studies, you'll work in one or more areas of fine art such as portraiture, landscape, still life, human form, abstraction, experimental imagery, narrative and installation. You are also expected to demonstrate specialisation with materials, media and processes. The knowledge and skills you gain will aid your progression to foundation and degree-level study.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE Art and Design or a similar creative subject at grade 5 (C/B) or above. A small portfolio of your work will also be required and you're expected to demonstrate a keen interest in art and design and a good awareness of contemporary trends in the discipline.

A-level Film Studies

Would you like to develop your skills in analysing mainstream and alternative films while discovering more about all aspects of the dynamic film industry? This A-level covers the production, distribution and exhibition of films. There are opportunities for you to try your own hand at film-making and to debate different varieties of film experience. On completing your studies, you'll be well prepared for film and media-related degrees and can take your first steps towards careers in fields such as broadcasting, photography, TV production and journalism.

Entry requirements: Standard





A-level French

Improve your capacity to use French for the purpose of communication and to collect, analyse and exchange information, ideas and attitudes through the medium of the French language. This A-level enables you to analyse social issues and trends, political and artistic culture in the French-speaking world including art and literature, the experiences of teenagers, the right to vote, immigration, demonstrations and strikes, and where power lies. A foreign language will complement and enhance your other A-level subjects and will prove an asset in many career destinations from healthcare to business, politics to tourism, journalism to teaching.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE French at grade 5 (C/B) or above.



A-level Geography

You'll apply geographical knowledge, theory and skills to the world around you, developing a critical understanding of people, places and environments in the 21st century. Your studies will span themes such as de-industrialisation, the decline of the high street, segregation and inequality in cities, ecosystems, globalisation, economic migration, weather and climate, and hazard management. You'll complete an independent investigation on a theme of your choice and build vital transferable skills for progressing to higher education and careers ranging from town planning to conservation, GIS analysis to social work.

Entry requirements: A GCSE in Geography is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is recommended.



A-level Geology

You can develop your scientific understanding of the Earth on this A-level which includes exciting opportunities for fieldwork. You'll explore the fundamentals of geology such as elements, minerals and rocks; surface and internal processes; time and change; and earth structure and global tectonics. You'll also learn how to interpret the geological record to investigate issues including past life and past climates. The A-level in Geology is your first step towards degree-level study in related subjects at university and it also prepares you for careers in important fields such as geotechnics, geochemistry, engineering geology, field seismology and hydrogeology.

Entry requirements: You need GCSE Combined Science at grade 4,4 or above.



A-level History

History is a well-respected subject equipping you with a wealth of skills valued by employers and universities. You'll become adept at questioning and analysing the world around you, reaching substantiated judgments which are evidence based yet unique in their own right. This A-level features three components which run in parallel over the two years: a breadth study of the modern history of the United States; a depth study of Britain 1951-2007; and a personal study entailing an independent historical investigation. It can lead to a variety of degrees in Humanities disciplines and careers in professions such as teaching, law and surveying.

Entry requirements: A GCSE in History is not a pre-requisite. However, if you studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is recommended.

A-level Law

The impact of the law can be seen all around us in our daily lives, from headline-grabbing crimes and problem neighbours to the day-to-day issues of selling goods. A knowledge of the law is not only interesting but also delivers excellent career prospects. You'll study how the legal system works, the different types of court and the procedures for determining guilt. You'll also consider how Parliament makes laws and how they are applied by judges. In addition, we focus on evaluating controversial issues such as abortion and euthanasia from the perspective of the law. Throughout, you'll apply your learning to 'real-life' scenarios.

Entry requirements: Standard

A-level Mathematics

Maths goes well with many other subject combinations and is highly regarded across varied employment sectors and in higher education institutions. You'll study pure maths to develop skills in algebra, co-ordinate geometry, sequences and trigonometry and will be introduced to calculus, exponentials and logarithms. You'll also investigate different kinds of statistical distributions, sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability and hypothesis testing. Another key element of the programme is mechanics, with a focus on vectors, forces and motion.

Entry requirements: You need GCSE Maths at grade 7. If you have a grade 6, you'll need to pass our own assessment of your algebra skills to ensure these are well-developed enough for you to succeed. Decisions will be taken on a student-by-student basis, taking into account a range of factors.



A-level Media Studies

Very much like studying a social science, the Media Studies A-level enables you to analyse media products such as magazines, films and TV programmes. You'll also develop the creative practical skills to construct media products on your own or within a group while honing your research, debating and problem-solving abilities. By the end of your studies, you'll have a deeper appreciation of the role media plays in our day-to-day lives. With the right grades and combinations of A-levels, you can go on to study degrees covering a range of themes such as film, television and journalism or secure a media-related job role.

Entry requirements: A GCSE in Media Studies is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is recommended.



Music (Foundation Diploma – A-level pathway)

This course equips you with broad-ranging skills within music performance, the music industry and music creation. The focus is music performance, underpinned by associated theoretical and technical skills as well as professional development relating to the industry. Worth 1.5 A-levels and studied alongside two further A-level subjects, the qualification covers themes such as music performance techniques, the sound and music industry, arranging music, aural perception skills, music and society, sequencing systems and session styles. The course supports progression to higher education in music and related subjects as well as providing a platform to inspire a lifelong interest in and enjoyment of music.

Entry requirements: In addition to the standard requirements, you'll be required to play an instrument at an intermediate standard.

A-level Physics

Build on your knowledge of the laws of physics and apply your understanding to everything from sub-atomic particles to the entire universe. You'll gain the ability to think independently and creatively in a challenging scientific environment. While developing practical skills and your understanding of the foundations of physics, you'll study forces and motion; electrons, waves and photons; the Newtonian world and astrophysics; and particles and medical physics. This A-level commands universal respect, showing universities and employers that you grasp concepts quickly and are determined to seek out answers.

Entry requirements: You need Maths at grade 6 (B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 6,6 or above. If you have taken Triple Science, Physics must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

A-level Politics

Consider issues from the news headlines and relate them to ideas of democracy. Investigate the way the UK is governed and compare it with the USA. This fascinating A-level allows you to examine some of the ideologies behind our contemporary political system, while drawing upon historical events. You'll look in depth at themes such as elections, pressure groups, digital democracy, Parliament and Congress, the Constitution, the Judiciary and Europe. There are talks by prominent politicians too. The qualification can be a stepping stone to a career in party political work, lobbying, PR, the civil service and the law.

Entry requirements: Standard





A-level Psychology

Intrigued by the complexities of human behaviour? Choose this A-level and you'll engage with psychology in your everyday life, adopting a scientific approach to studying human behaviour. You'll cover different approaches and key topics in psychology, including social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology. You'll explore debates relating to gender, stress and forensic psychology. Studying Psychology is an ideal platform for varied careers including social work, probation services, occupational therapy and human resources. You'll have the opportunity to access experts in areas such as clinical, forensic and criminal psychology. Our students have visited London and America and heard from leading experts including Elizabeth Loftus on her work on memory, David Canter on offender profiling and Phillip Zimbardo's groundbreaking study into the effects of conforming to social roles: the Stanford prison experiment.

Entry requirements: You need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 5,5 or above. If you have taken Triple Science, Biology must be at grade 5, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

A-level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Are you interested in the great questions of our existence? Would you like to explore the arguments surrounding whether God exists and if ethical terms such as 'good' and 'bad' have meaning? This fascinating course will develop your understanding of religion: Christianity or Islam. As an academic subject, A-level Religious Studies will develop your critical thinking, analytical and evaluative skills. Highly regarded by universities, it serves as a strong option for entry to arts, humanities and social science degrees, while the ethics units combine well with science-based A-levels. Careers where this qualification could prove useful include the law, civil service, diplomacy, healthcare, journalism, marketing, teaching and research.

| Entry requirements: Standard

A-level Sociology

If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the world, A-level Sociology is for you. It encourages you to reflect on social issues and sociological theory through studying topics such as culture, socialisation and identity, families and relationships, social inequalities, globalisation and the digital world, and crime and deviance. You'll build critical, analytical and research skills to stand you in good stead for university social science degrees and training for careers including health and social care, education, and the police and legal professions. You can take part in subject-related enrichment including university taster events, visits to court and opportunities to access industry experts in professions such as the police, the courts, social work and the probation service. You'll also be able to attend the annual Criminology conference in London to gain insights from visiting speakers on areas such as global crime, gang life and domestic abuse.

| Entry requirements: Standard. A GCSE in Sociology is not a pre-requisite.





A-level Spanish

Develop your knowledge of Spanish-speaking countries and their culture. On this A-level, you'll analyse social issues and trends, political and artistic culture in Hispanic society, including themes ranging from immigration, racism and integration to monarchies, republics and dictatorships. You'll also conduct an individual research project and analyse literary texts and films. The aim is to help you to gather, analyse and exchange information and ideas in Spanish and to use Spanish for the purpose of communication. The language skills you develop will complement your other subjects and prove important in any walk of life.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE Spanish at grade 5 (C/B) or above.

A-level Textile Design

Exploring both traditional methods and contemporary techniques, you'll develop your understanding of textiles and build your skills by working in one or more areas such as garments/fashion, accessories, soft furnishings, printed and/or dyed textiles, constructed textiles, textile installation, expressive textiles, and digital textiles. You are expected to demonstrate specialisation with materials, media or processes to allow an appropriate depth of study within set projects. This qualification will aid your progression to foundation and degree-related studies.

Entry requirements: You should have GCSE Design Technology, Art and Design or a similar creative subject at grade 5 (C/B) or above. A small portfolio of your work will be required. You will be expected to demonstrate a keen interest in textiles and a good awareness of contemporary trends in the discipline.

ADDITIONS TO A-LEVELS

You can also consider taking additional qualifications alongside your A-levels to help your CV stand out from the crowd and lend further substance to your university applications.

The Core Maths qualification will enable you to demonstrate that you have data handling and critical analysis skills and can apply maths to solve meaningful 'real-life' problems.

Meanwhile, taking the Extended Project Qualification will give you something extra to talk about in your personal statement and interview – not to mention the excitement of exploring a subject that sparks your personal interest and enthusiasm.

Certificate in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)

This exciting one-year qualification, which we recommend you take in Year 1 of your A-level study programme, helps you use maths in 'real-world' scenarios to prepare for success in your studies, future career and life. Half the size of an A-level, it enables you to become more confident and competent with maths and it complements other A-level and technical qualifications where mathematical knowledge is useful, including Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Economics, Business and the Sciences. You'll study themes such as data analysis, maths for personal finance, estimation and critical analysis.

| Entry requirements: Standard



Extended Project Qualification

This additional qualification is well regarded by leading universities because it fosters critical thinking and independent learning skills. Taken over one year, it also gives you the chance to focus on a topic which reflects your personal interests and complements your other studies. Worth half the UCAS points of an A-level, it entails a project which is largely self-directed and self-motivated. After choosing your theme, you'll draft a project title and aims, plan your research, carry out your project, provide evidence for your findings and deliver a presentation. An annual showcase event enables students to exhibit and discuss their research: 2023 topics ranged from children's football events to invasive species, public faith in the police to a sculpture of the Colosseum.

| Entry requirements: Standard



STRENGTHS

WEAKNESSES

Writing The
of a Story

INSPIRATION

ARTIFACT FEEDBACK

A-LEVEL ACCOMPANIMENTS

Are you interested in a more vocational, work-related programme to take alongside or in place of one of your A-level choices? We have options that will bring an extra dimension to your learning.

We offer a variety of specialist certificates and diplomas at Level 3 which are designed to meet the needs of employers and professional bodies as well as paving the way to higher education.

These two-year courses entail a more practical approach to learning and highlight the 'real-world' scenarios you'll encounter in today's workplace. The assessments focus on coursework and projects rather than traditional exams.



Applied Criminology (Diploma)

Interested in learning about the processes from crime scene to courtroom? Keen to explore society's changing awareness of crime and the reasons behind criminality? The Applied Diploma in Criminology introduces you to key theories of criminality, crime and punishments, forensics and the criminal courts. Linking with subjects such as Law, Psychology and Sociology, this course opens the door to higher education and a wide range of occupations in organisations like the National Probation Service, Police Service and National Offender Management Service. Enrichment activities include university taster days, visits exploring how both the Crown and Magistrates Courts operate, and access to experts in areas such as policing, probation, youth justice and forensics work. You'll also have chance to attend the annual Criminology conference in London to hear from visiting speakers on issues such as global crime, gang life and domestic abuse.

| Entry requirements: Standard

Applied Law (Extended Certificate)

Providing a broad educational basis for moving into employment within the legal and business sectors, the Applied Law qualification is designed for students who have an interest in the running of the law and how a wide range of cases are dealt with. You'll investigate aspects of criminal law and the legal system, including offences like murder, as well as dispute solving in civil law surrounding issues such as negligence and nuisance. Knowledge of the way the law is applied is invaluable in many walks of life, giving you an edge wherever your future career takes you.

| Entry requirements: Standard



Applied Psychology (Extended Certificate)

If you have an interest in science, health and people, the Applied Psychology BTEC is for you – offering an exciting chance to explore mind and behaviour. You'll develop your knowledge and understanding of key approaches and theories in psychology and apply them to issues in contemporary society, such as lifestyle choices, mental disorders and addiction. Combining exam-based study with coursework, your studies will enable you to conduct your own research project. This qualification can support you into higher education and careers in areas such as health and social care, education, the police and probation work. Our students have visited London and America and heard from experts including Elizabeth Loftus on her work on memory, David Canter on offender profiling and Phillip Zimbardo's groundbreaking study into the effects of conforming to social roles: the Stanford prison experiment.

| **Entry requirements:** Standard



Applied Science (Extended Certificate)

This vocational programme is ideal for students who may not want to complete science A-levels but still want some science in their portfolio. Equivalent to one A-level, the two-year Extended Certificate centres on hands-on laboratory sessions and fieldwork. The programme covers themes such as the principles and applications of science, practical scientific procedures and techniques, science investigation skills and the physiology of human body systems. Your studies could lead on to science-based degrees or apprenticeships in science-related fields such as quality control, biotechnology, data analysis or forensics.

Entry requirements: You need GCSE Combined Science at grade 4,4 or above.



Sport and Exercise Science (Extended Certificate)

Equivalent to one A-level, this two-year BTEC programme is ideal if you would like to progress to study Sport in higher education settings, including DCG's own Sport Coaching Foundation Degree. You'll gain practical, interpersonal and thinking skills as you explore themes such as functional anatomy, coaching for performance and fitness, applied sport and exercise psychology, and specialised fitness training. You'll develop high-level abilities in coaching, leadership, communication and organisation to complete a variety of practical assessments.

Entry requirements: In addition to the standard requirements, it is advised that you have existing links with sports teams, clubs or associations so that you can deliver and take part in practical sessions with a range of clients.



Find out more about our A-levels at
www.derby-college.ac.uk



APPRENTICESHIPS

Work for a real employer in a real job with training, a salary and paid holidays: the benefits of embarking on an apprenticeship cannot be denied. Derby College Group (DCG) supports a full range of apprenticeships covering many different sectors that will give you a strong foothold on the career ladder.

Go straight into the workforce

An apprenticeship is the gold standard for work-based learning. You'll 'learn by doing', gain industry-specific skills and achieve nationally recognised qualifications. Most of your week will entail training on the job with your employer in the workplace but you'll also study for a relevant qualification, usually for one day a week, on a DCG campus.

A boost to your wallet

Becoming an apprentice means instant rewards in your pocket because you'll be able to earn as you learn. You'll receive both a salary and holiday pay while working towards your industry qualification – avoiding some of the debt concerns that face many university graduates today. Your earning potential could receive an impressive boost too: statistics from the Sutton Trust suggest that those individuals who decide to study for a Level 5 higher apprenticeship will earn an estimated £1.5 million during their career – which is more than graduates from non-elite universities.

Learn from the professionals

Apprentices learn about a business from the bottom up. You'll work alongside experienced staff, including a mentor to support your on-the-job progress and give you the guidance you need to succeed. Throughout your time at College, you'll also be assessed, inspired and motivated by tutors who themselves have industry backgrounds to match their academic knowledge. They can help you develop the study skills you require to achieve your qualifications.

Industry sectors

DCG partners with employers to support apprenticeships in sectors such as:

- Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care
- Automotive, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
- Business, Leadership and Management
- Catering, Hospitality and Bakery
- Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
- Education and Childcare
- Hair
- Health and Care
- Customer Service





Secure your place first

You can't apply for an apprenticeship on its own: you need to have a place with an employer before starting. If you're waiting to secure that place, it makes sense to apply to DCG for a full-time course in your subject as a back-up. We can also help you with the search for an employer. Thanks to our employer partnerships, we have a strong track record in finding opportunities for apprentices.

Find your level

In consultation with your employer, we'll plan a pathway at the right level which offers clear progression routes. Intermediate Apprenticeships are equivalent to five GCSEs at grades 9-4 and Advanced Apprenticeships equate to two A-levels. Higher and Degree Apprenticeships are available as well.

Essential maths and English

Maths and English help you get on in life and, as an apprentice, you'll continue to study these vital subjects – including working towards GCSE grades 9-4 if you've not already achieved them. This will support your main programme of training and help your future progression.

“College was good. I got on well with my lecturers. One of the best parts was ticking off everything I'd mastered as I progressed. My apprenticeship at Sam's has got me where I wanted to be.”

Joe Pegg

Joe is in the job he always wanted after completing a Level 2 Barbering apprenticeship via DCG. Having achieved a Distinction in his End Point Assessment, he is now on the staff at Sam's Barbers in Derby. Joe, who has aspired to go into barbering since school, was assessed at work by DCG and attended the Roundhouse on Mondays to complement his workplace learning.

Experiences to add to your CV

DCG will ensure your studies are vibrant and inspiring. While studying at the College, you can get to grips with latest technology in our industry-standard facilities. You could also take part in national competitions, community projects, industry visits, overseas field trips and guest lectures.

An edge in your career

Feedback from employers shows that they appreciate the chance to nurture 'home-grown' talent – and they believe that apprentices are 15% more employable than individuals with other qualifications. It means you'll have a distinct advantage when it comes to securing a full-time position, making rapid career progression and seizing promotion opportunities.

A platform for higher education

Your apprenticeship could also pave the way to even higher academic qualifications, providing you with valuable UCAS points if you decide to advance to higher education – either at DCG or at a university – in future years.

Support all the way

Once you have decided that an apprenticeship is the right choice to match your interests and ambitions, you'll be assigned to a DCG sector specialist for your chosen industry. They can give you support while you are looking for an apprenticeship, throughout your time as an apprentice and even after you have completed your apprenticeship.

Is this you?

- Looking for an alternative to university
- Ready to kickstart your career right now
- Keen to earn and learn at the same time
- Prefer a hands-on approach to learning
- Want to gain an industry-recognised qualification

Your Apprenticeship Programme

Industry
relevant
qualification

On-the-job
training

English and
maths skills

Work
mentoring

Great
progression
opportunities

Earn a wage



Where to start

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 and living in England but your first step is to find an employer. Want to find out more?

- Visit www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to search for an apprenticeship. You'll need to create an account to apply for vacancies and track your applications. You can also follow the apprenticeships vacancy feed on X (formerly Twitter): **@AppVacancies**
- Talk to Derby College Group and join our talent pool. We have got great employer contacts and offer our own apprenticeship matching service as well as 'apprenticeship-ready' sessions to ensure you're well prepared for the opportunity. Visit: www.derby-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships-earn-learn or follow us on X (formerly Twitter): **@DCG_Apprentice**
- Find an apprenticeship independently. Many employers, from small local businesses to international organisations, advertise their vacancies on job sites. You could also approach employers directly. Once you've reached an agreement with an employer, contact us.

There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and the job.

Find out more at:

www.derby-college.ac.uk

or visit www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



AGRICULTURE

Start growing the career you want with an Agriculture course at DCG. You'll find yourself at the heart of the local farming community, learning about a pioneering industry which never stands still. The world depends on farming so you'll gain skills that will always be in demand.

Learn on a working farm

Where better to study Agriculture than on a 210-acre working estate? Our rural campus at Broomfield Hall is the ideal environment to try your hand at everything from tractor operation and estate maintenance to crop production and animal husbandry. Every day brings a new challenge as you gain all the practical abilities and knowledge you need to work safely, effectively and professionally on a modern farm.

Career options

- Farm Manager
- Farm Worker
- Tractor Driver
- Agricultural Inspector
- Agronomist
- Crop Quality Technologist
- Feed Nutritionist
- Herdsperson
- Agricultural Salesperson
- Agricultural Engineer
- Food Scientist
- Animal Geneticist

Strong industry links

We have wide-ranging partnerships with land-based businesses locally, nationally and even internationally which will help give you authentic insights into the world of farming. It means you'll discover exciting opportunities to go on work placements, visit farms and agricultural shows, and hear from inspiring guest speakers. You'll be introduced to the latest precision farming technologies and scientific advances which are transforming the agriculture sector today – ensuring you are fully equipped to hit the ground running in your agricultural career.

Practical skills to take you far

Your studies will entail helping out on the Broomfield Hall farm most days, so hands-on experience will be an essential part of your learning. You'll develop your understanding of how to work with high-tech agricultural machinery and a wide range of farm livestock, including rare breeds. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you'll learn mainly in your own place of work – enjoying on-the-job training from your employer that will complement what you learn at College.





Expert lecturers to enthuse you

Our teaching team boasts strong industry experience and will ensure you meet the highest professional standards. Themes such as animal and soil science, habitat management, livestock breeding, business strategy, sustainability and risk analysis will all feature in your learning. We also give you a solid grounding in enterprise skills if you want to go self-employed or launch your own farming business venture.

Get yourself noticed

There are plenty of opportunities to set yourself apart in the eyes of potential employers, including the chance to gain extra qualifications in subjects like tractor driving. DCG students have also excelled in a variety of national contests, including the Great Farm Challenge, the Next Generation Shepherds Competition and the Institute of Agricultural Management's Farm Planner Competition.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Helping out at Lambing Sunday

One of the many exciting projects facing our Agriculture students every spring involves looking after new-born lambs – and introducing them to the visitors who attend the annual Broomfield Lambing Sunday. In 2023 around 1,000 visitors turned out to greet almost 100 lambs, including many children keen to pet the new arrivals. Our students showed them around the Broomfield Hall farm and animal care unit, showcasing their knowledge about the best way to care for farm livestock.



Choose the right pathway

DCG offers academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in agriculture, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Heading for higher education?

If you would like to study different aspects of farming at a higher level, we can smooth your transition to university where you will discover a growing choice of degrees not only in Agriculture but also in subjects such as Livestock Science, Rural Land Management, Crop Technology, Agricultural Business Management and Environmental Science and Sustainability.



Is this you?

- Enjoy practical work
- Interested in the environment, science and technology
- Reliable and responsible
- Willing to work outdoors in all weathers
- Can cope with anti-social hours
- Undeterred by dirty or unpleasant duties

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Land-based Diploma in Agriculture and Horticulture | BH | 1 |
| Land-based Diploma in Agriculture and Horticulture - Sept start | BH | 1 |
| Certificate in Land-based Studies in Agriculture and Horticulture - Jan start | BH | 1 |
| Land-based Studies in Agriculture and Horticulture Award - April start | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Diploma in Practical Agricultural Skills | BH | 2 |
| Technical Diploma in Agriculture | BH | 2 |
| General Farm Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 15 months |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture Management | BH | 3 |
| Livestock Unit Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herdsperson • Pig Stocksperson • Farm Worker/Tractor Driver • Farm Secretary |
| Salary range £16k - £20k |

| Level 3 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Farm Manager • Junior Agricultural Inspector • Crop Quality Controller/Technologist • Technical Field Trials Assistant |
| Salary range £23k - £36k |

ANIMAL CARE

What could be more rewarding than making the world a better place for animals? Whether you're interested in caring for domestic pets or more exotic creatures, Derby College Group (DCG) will equip you with the technical skills and in-depth knowledge you need for a truly fulfilling career.

Work with animals every day

You'll study in our superb animal unit within the extensive working estate of Broomfield Hall. There you'll work with a vast array of farm animals, exotic species, rare breeds and wildlife – from donkeys, pigs, alpacas, meerkats and wallabies to snakes, spiders, lizards and porcupines. We even have a commercial dog grooming salon on site. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly with your employer in your own workplace.

Hands-on experience

We equip you with strong practical abilities. You'll develop your skills in caring for, rehabilitating, handling, feeding, housing and training different species, always supported by the latest thinking on animal science and behaviour. It means you'll gain the versatility, confidence and know-how to turn your hand to a wide range of animal-related careers in the future.



Career options

- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Welfare Adviser
- Animal Behaviourist
- Rescue Centre Manager
- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Husbandry Technician
- Animal Physiotherapist
- Dog Trainer
- Kennel/Cattery Worker
- RSPCA Inspector



“Practical work is so important and I’ve found that doing a BTEC has given me an advantage at university as I’ve already had so much hands-on experience through College.”

Kate Howell

Kate Howell says the practical experience she gained at DCG has proved invaluable as she progresses on the Gateway to Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Nottingham.

She appreciated the chance to work directly with animals on her Extended Diploma at College. She explains: “There were Animal Sciences courses nearer to where I lived but I preferred the sound of DCG. Unlike at other colleges, there are animals on site – and such a wide range of them too!”

On qualifying, Kate hopes to work in a mixed veterinary practice with small and large animals.

Industry partnerships

What’s the animal care industry really like? Thanks to our strong employer links, you’ll have a great idea of where your career could take you. Our students enjoy work placements, fact-finding visits and employer-led projects with zoos, kennels and wildlife centres. We work closely with the likes of the RSPCA, Cats Protection, Castlefield Kennels, Chester Zoo and Drayton Manor Zoo and we welcome regular guest speakers from animal care professions. If you choose our new T Level, you’ll undertake an industry placement of at least 45 days.

Inspiring projects

Every day is different when you’re studying Animal Care. You could find yourself helping Broomfield Hall work towards Hedgehog Friendly Campus status, collecting donations for wildlife rescues, discovering how discarded plastics affect our oceans, learning about badger vaccination programmes, enjoying insights into falconry, assisting with events like Lambing Sunday, or taking part in workshops on puppy development.

Going further afield

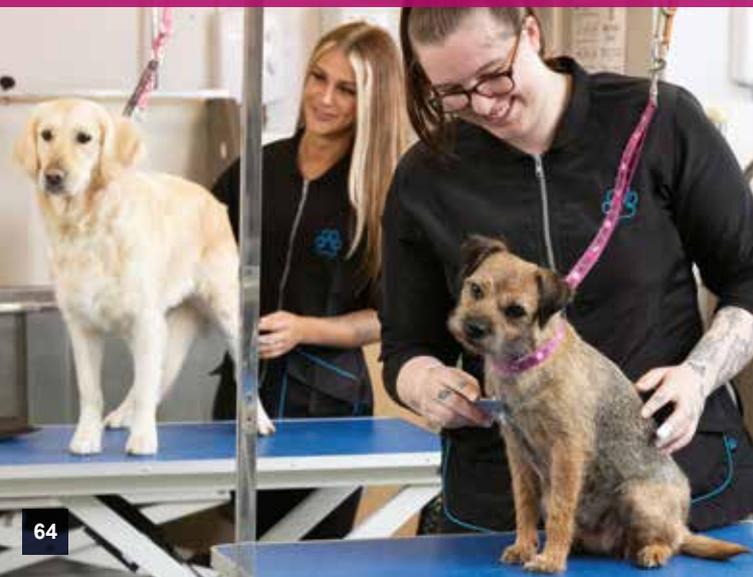
There are opportunities for field trips to fascinating locations which will broaden your horizons. Our students have, for example, gone behind-the-scenes to see how the animals are looked after at Twycross Zoo and Yorkshire Wildlife Park as well as how the world-famous Crufts dog show is run. Some students have even headed further afield to South Africa, conducting wildlife surveys and assisting on a working game reserve.

Learn from the experts

Our dedicated teaching team can draw on experience from across the animal management industries, including zoo keeping, veterinary nursing, animal psychology and farming. Your tutors will help you learn about all aspects of animal biology, habitats, welfare, disease, nutrition, behaviour, breeding and training. Their expertise is highly regarded: they have even helped train Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service to deal with distressed animals in the wild.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.



Is this you?

- Passionate about caring for animals
- A patient and calm attitude
- A strong sense of responsibility
- Willing to get your hands dirty
- Happy to work anti-social hours
- Confident when dealing with injured or mistreated animals

Choose the right pathway

We offer an exciting range of academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways in Animal Care, with different entry points depending on your qualifications and experience. You can find out about what each study programme entails on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further information. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need to ensure you make the right choices.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Introductory Certificate in Animal Care | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Award - Land-based Studies in Animal Care | BH | 1 |
| Certificate - Land-based Studies in Animal Care | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Animal Care | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Practical Animal Care Skills | BH | 1 |
| Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |
| Dog Groomer Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management | BH | 2 |
| T Level in Animal Care and Management | BH | 2 |
| Animal Care Manager Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Keeper and Aquarist Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 4/5) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you can take a Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Animal Management or Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) with us – on either a part-time or full-time basis. |

| Entry Point (Level 6) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you can 'top up' an appropriate Foundation Degree to a full BSc (Hons) Animal Management or Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) with us. |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Stay on for higher education

Some students go to university but you needn't leave DCG to take your ambitions to the next level. You can progress to one of our Foundation Degrees – in Animal Management or Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) – and then 'top up' your qualification to a relevant BSc (Hons) degree. Some students continue part-time study while setting up their own business like dog grooming or animal training.

Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterinary Care Assistant• Animal Husbandry Technician |
| Salary range £16k - £20k |

| Level 3 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterinary Nurse• Animal Welfare Officer |
| Salary range £18k - £26k |

| Level 4/5 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Behaviourist• Rescue Centre Manager |
| Salary range £18k - £30k |

| Level 6 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoo Keeper• Welfare Adviser• Inspector |
| Salary range £19k - £35k |



Locations:
BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace

ART AND DESIGN

It's time to unlock your artistic potential and carve your own path in a creative career. With Derby College Group (DCG), you're encouraged to experiment, explore and express yourself on creative and commercial projects of every kind. If there's no limit to your imagination, there's no limit to your opportunities.

Design your bright future

Worth over £100 billion and famed worldwide, the UK's creative economy offers endless options for aspiring artists and designers who have talent, drive and originality. DCG gives you the ideal head start: with high-level practical skills and an in-depth understanding of latest techniques, materials and technologies. By the end of your studies, you'll have an impressive portfolio to present to potential employers, universities or clients – whether you want to join the creative industries or pursue design-related careers in sectors like construction or automotives.

Our artistic networks

You'll become part of a dynamic creative community reaching well beyond your College campus. Our partnerships with local arts organisations and businesses will give you valuable insights into how the creative economy operates. Work experience, employer-led challenges, guest lectures and workshops – all are part of the picture. Our annual Industry Week also enables you to work alongside leading practitioners from varied disciplines to gain a fresh perspective on potential career directions.



Career options

- Fine/Commercial Artist
- Graphic/Web/Digital Designer
- Illustrator
- Photographer
- Fashion or Textile Designer
- Product Designer
- Set Designer
- Museum Assistant
- Arts Administrator
- Art Conservationist



A campus of creativity

Broaden your artistic outlook at our Joseph Wright Centre in Derby's Cathedral Quarter. It's a hub of activity where you'll learn how all the different strands of the creative industries interact and overlap. Our specialist art studios are an inspiring place to develop your skills, using industry-standard resources for photography, print-making, ceramics, 3D design, textile design and more. You'll be surrounded by like-minded creative students and taught by enthusiastic lecturers who encourage you to think differently.

Showcase your talent

Live projects with employers give you vital experience of working to a brief, liaising with clients and meeting strict deadlines. Our students have completed commissions for a broad spectrum of community and social care organisations as well as major businesses. One example saw our Art and Design students join forces with Engineering students to create a stunning trophy for the Derbyshire Brain Game challenge. Competitions are another way to get yourself noticed: our students have won commendations at Melbourne Arts Festival for the last eight years.

Bursary helps Amy press on

Art Foundation Diploma student Amy Higginbottom Cooper scooped a special bursary after completing her final project on the theme of 'Sonder' – the realisation that each stranger is living a life as vivid and complex as our own.

Amy impressed judges from Arts Society Derby with her imaginative multidisciplinary and interactive work, featuring QR codes for viewers to access people's real-life stories. They recognised her efforts with a £400 award which will help her purchase an etching press for printmaking to support her Fine Art degree studies at Falmouth University.

Inspiration for your career

Our annual Summer Exhibition is a chance for you to prepare for a future as an art and design practitioner. It also broadens your knowledge about the business and management aspects of the industry, important if you are to thrive in a competitive job market. In addition, you'll enjoy visits to university degree shows and leading galleries for a glimpse of where your talent could take you. In the past, our students have visited venues like the V&A, Saatchi Gallery and the Barbican.

Maths and English

Maths and English help you get on in life, so – whatever your level of study – they will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.



University in mind?

Many of our students take their creative ambitions to degree level so our Higher Foundation Studies programme is a wise choice if you're keen to explore all your options before moving on. Universities today offer exciting degrees: you could study to become a designer of fashion, jewellery, TV and film sets, home interiors, furniture, cars and buildings, or you could focus on subjects like animation, illustration, printmaking, ceramics, photography, fine art, graphic design and arts administration.

Choose the right pathway

We offer various pathways in Art and Design, plus different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need.

Is this you?

- Enjoy being creative
- Good communicator
- Keen to explore new ideas
- Work well under pressure
- Can think on your feet
- Versatile and enterprising



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| UAL Award in Art, Design and Media | JWC | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
| Intermediate Award in Art and Design | JWC | 1 |
| Intermediate Diploma in Art and Design | JWC | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
| Diploma in Art and Design: Creative | JWC | 2 |
| Higher Foundation Studies in Art and Design | JWC | 1 |

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Junior Illustrator
- Junior Photographer
- Junior Artworker
- Museum Assistant

Salary range £15k - £25k

Level 3

- Animator
- Ceramics Designer
- Commercial Artist
- Designer/Craftsperson

Salary range £15k - £30k

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES (MOTOR VEHICLE)

Let Derby College Group (DCG) steer you to an exciting career destination in the automotive industry. We'll equip you with the up-to-date industry knowledge, top-notch technical skills and problem-solving abilities you need to go further, faster in a profession that keeps our world moving.

Gear up for the future

Love cars and motorbikes? Enjoy fixing things? Want to learn about the latest in electric vehicle technology? If you're keen on a career in the automotive aftersales industry, our dynamic courses will prepare you for the challenge. Our industry-experienced staff will help you develop the skills, precision and eye for detail involved in keeping vehicles of all shapes and sizes roadworthy.

Invaluable work experience

All our full-time students benefit from a well-structured work experience programme run in collaboration with both independent and main dealer garages. You could find yourself preparing used cars for sale, completing final checks on new cars or working on general vehicle maintenance and repairs. Through an exciting venture with Autotech Academy, our newly qualified students have the chance to secure paid internships of up to a year to give them a foothold in the industry.



Career options

- Vehicle Technician
- Motorsport Technician
- Roadside Assistance Technician
- Workshop Controller
- MOT Tester
- Car Sales Executive
- Light Vehicle Service Technician
- Vehicle Parts Adviser
- Customer Service Adviser
- Warranty Administrator



A purpose-built training centre

Students joining in 2024 will benefit from new state-of-the-art learning facilities after DCG was awarded £3.5 million capital funding from the government. It enables us to create extra capacity for Automotive Technologies students at the Roundhouse. With features such as high-level lifts and a double workshop, the new training centre will give you a head start in handling the evolving requirements for electric vehicles.

Professional recognition

We have a longstanding partnership with the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), the professional body for those working in the automotive industry. It means our courses provide you with relevant, up-to-date skills and help you meet the highest professional standards at a time of rapid change. Over the years, our work has been recognised with several IMI awards for excellence.



Latest technology

You'll put theory into practice and get to grips with diagnostic, testing, repair and maintenance projects in well-equipped, high-specification workshops. You'll learn all about the diverse technologies which are transforming the automotive sector today while improving your knowledge of maths and electrical principles to give you a career advantage. Of course, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you'll learn mainly in your own workplace.





Enriching your learning

There's plenty of opportunity to broaden your horizons while studying at DCG. Guest lectures, technical demonstrations and challenging project briefs set by our partner employers – all will give you fresh perspectives on the industry. Our collaborations include major names such as Halfords, Vauxhall Repair Centres and Britannia Tyres as well as many local garages. In one unusual project, our Automotive Technologies students even lent their skills to an innovative cycle repair and maintenance project managed by Cycle Derby.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the motor vehicle industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

Is this you?

- Good at fault-finding and problem-solving
- Close attention to detail
- Enjoy practical tasks
- Able to follow written and spoken instructions
- Strong communication and customer care skills
- Work well in a team

Taking your studies further?

As you progress your career, there are opportunities for you to add to your CV with higher level and specialist qualifications. If you decide to apply for a place at university, you will also discover a growing choice of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in subjects such as Motorsport Technology and Automotive Engineering with Electric Vehicles.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate for the Introduction to Vehicle Technology | JB | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
| Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance | JB | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
| Certificate in Vehicle Component Fitting | JB | 1 |
| Auto-care Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
| IMI Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair | JB | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: JB = Johnson Building WP = Workplace

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Light Vehicle Service Technician
- Vehicle Parts Adviser
- Customer Service Assistant
- Warranty Administrator
- Sales Executive
- Motor Mechanic

Salary range £12.5k - £35k

Level 3

- Garage Manager
- Vehicle Technician
- Motorsport Engineer
- Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer
- Workshop Controller
- MOT Tester

Salary range £18k - £60k



BRIDGING PROGRAMMES

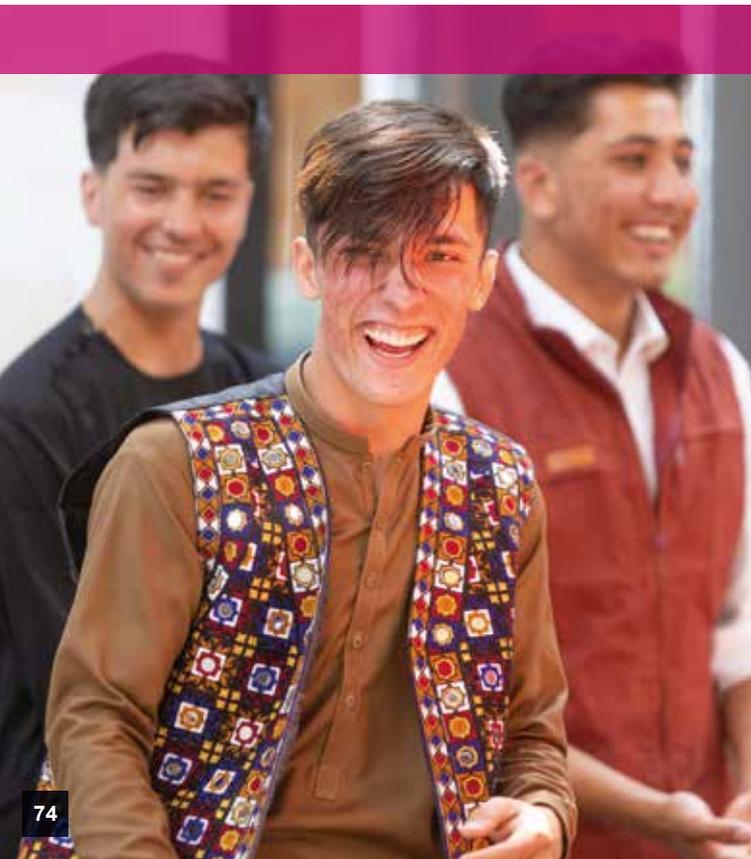
Transform your life chances, realise your full potential and take the right direction for the future. Flexible and rewarding, the bridging programmes on offer from Derby College Group (DCG) give you the ideal platform to achieve and succeed.

Get on the right track

Choose our Lexis or STEPS programmes if you want to boost your confidence, improve your English language skills and make informed decisions about your future. Whether you're just setting out on a new stage of your educational journey – or whether you're looking to start afresh – these programmes will provide you with an excellent bridge to further study or the world of work.

Lexis for English skills

Lexis is a full-time programme for 16 to 18-year-old students whose first language is not English. You'll improve your abilities in the English language while also studying maths and digital skills, equipping you for further study or employment. To ensure you have a smooth transition into your studies with DCG, we also offer Introduction to Lexis classes, with multiple start dates throughout the year.



STEPS towards a brighter future

Our one-year STEPS programme is a smart choice if you're unsure about your next move. Featuring maths and English qualifications, it builds your confidence and resilience as well as your communication, teamworking and time management skills. With the support of a personal tutor, mentor and youth worker, you'll set and achieve targets through individual studies, group work, trips and visits, work experience and vocational tasters.

Support and inspiration

We promise you a great learning experience in a friendly environment. Our teaching staff are approachable and enthusiastic, offering a wealth of support to meet your needs. We also enrich your studies in many ways. You could get involved in community projects and fundraising activities. One recent event gave 90 Lexis students – all recent arrivals in the UK – access to new sporting experiences, enabling them to try pursuits like swimming and cricket for the very first time. Another saw students being invited to Quad for a special première screening of the award-winning film *Name Me Lawand* which charts the story of a deaf boy and his family making a perilous trek from Iraq to Derby.

“Since arriving here, I have been supported by the College every step of the way. Much kindness has been shown to me. Now I would like to also help people, potentially enrolling on a Health and Social Care course and then working in a caring industry.”

Tibian Mahmoud

Lexis student Tibian is a refugee originally from Eritrea.





“College has welcomed me and helped me improve my English. I am very grateful. I really feel part of the College. Eventually I would love to work in cyber security.”

Osman Elamain

Lexis student Osman is a refugee who fled the war in Sudan.

A College of Sanctuary

DCG has been awarded College of Sanctuary status because of the outstanding support it provides to the asylum and refugee community. The recognition came from Derby City of Sanctuary, an umbrella group of organisations working to create a climate of welcome and safety. It reflects DCG’s status as an inclusive college which champions social mobility and ensures – through specific programmes like Lexis – that young people and adults from these communities have the same excellent opportunities to progress as all the other students it serves.

Where next?

On completing your bridging programme, you could continue to further studies with DCG: there is a vast choice of academic, technical and vocational courses available. Alternatively, you could use your new skills, qualifications and confidence to secure employment and launch your career. Our staff are always happy to give you advice and guidance. You can learn more about the exciting range of courses we offer at:

www.derby-college.ac.uk

Refugee Week celebrated

Despite the adversity they have faced, students from refugee communities make a key contribution to College life through their creativity, resilience and determination to succeed. Nowhere was this better displayed than at our 2023 Refugee Week celebrations where over 1,000 participants learned about other cultures. Activities included bhangra dancing, traditional drumming, mehndi painting, art exhibitions and the chance to try delicious food from across the globe.

Is this you?

- Aged 16 to 18
- Undecided about your future career direction
- Need support to improve your employability and enter the world of work
- Want to develop your communication skills if your first language is not English
- Looking for a friendly learning environment where teaching staff are dedicated to your success



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Level | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Introduction to Lexis - Sept, Jan and April | RH | 1 |
| Lexis | RH | 1 |
| STEPS - Sept and Nov | RH | 1 |

Location: RH = The Roundhouse



BUSINESS, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Study Business with Derby College Group (DCG) and your future career options will be as broad as they are exciting. You'll be equipped with the skills, knowledge, confidence and versatility to hit the ground running in any sector – and to make rapid progress to that senior role you've always dreamed about.

Courses that get down to business

Business, leadership and management skills are needed in every sector: they are just as important to charities, councils and hospitals as they are to global companies, banks and law firms. Studying Business with DCG opens up a whole world of career opportunities – from administration, customer service and accountancy to business analysis, marketing or even launching your own commercial venture. You'll gain all the broader abilities required of a confident business professional, such as communication, decision-making and presentation skills.

Strong employer networks

Our partnerships span a vast range of firms to give you fresh perspectives on how the business world really operates. Our students benefit from our longstanding collaborations with the likes of Bowmer + Kirkland, GXO Logistics, HUUB, the Smith Partnership and Derby Homes, to name but a few. Employer engagement will be an essential element of your course so you'll benefit from placements, work-related projects, industry visits and assistance with your CV and interview techniques. If you're pursuing an apprenticeship, however, you'll complete on-the-job training mainly in your own workplace.

Career options

- Business Manager
- Business Analyst
- Marketing Manager
- Bank/Post Office Clerk
- Administrator
- Human Resource Manager
- Customer Service Manager
- Finance Officer
- Lawyer
- Entrepreneur





“We covered a lot on the course and I found that everything I learned was relevant to my day-to-day role. I didn’t know what I wanted to do until halfway through school but studying Business was a good idea as there are so many jobs it qualifies you for.”

Adam Dunn

Former DCG apprentice Adam Dunn is enjoying his new role as a business administrator with Emerald Home Improvements in Derby. After his A-levels, Adam joined the firm as a Level 3 Business Administrator Apprentice, with training and assessments delivered in the workplace by DCG.

Adam now has a full-time job at Emerald, where he is responsible for handling customer inquiries, ordering parts, sending off orders and taking payments. He hasn’t ruled out further study in future and adds: “I enjoy the job and I work with a nice team.”

Check out our T Level

If you’re looking for a dynamic mix of classroom-based learning and workplace experience, look no further than our T Level in Management and Administration. Equivalent to three A-levels, it covers areas such as business and commercial awareness, project management, communication and problem-solving. The T Level includes significant input from University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust as part of its administration and clerical workforce development plans. All our T Level students will have the chance to complete work placements there.

Stretch yourself

Studying Business with DCG is both rewarding and challenging. You could find yourself taking part in competitions, pitching at Dragons' Den style events and contributing to community projects. Our employer-led Industry Day highlights what is expected of you in the workplace and mock job interviews ensure you're well prepared. Students are put through their interview paces by representatives from companies such as Alstom, First Response Finance, Syntax and LTF Recruitment.

An expert teaching team

You'll learn from industry-experienced tutors with specialist knowledge in areas like accounting, customer service, sales, team leading and management. They can call on contacts from their extensive business networks to design and deliver learning experiences which will enthuse and motivate you. They will also foster your enterprise skills to give you a strong platform for launching your own business one day.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.



Is this you?

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Good organisational and multi-tasking abilities
- Clear and logical thinking
- Attention to detail
- Strong IT and digital know-how
- An interest in business and enterprise

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| Business | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| AAT Certificate in Accounting | RH | 1 |
| BTEC First Award in Business | RH | 1 |
| BTEC First Certificate in Business | RH | 1 |
| Business in Action | RH | 1 |
| Foundation in Business, Management and Administration | RH | 1 |
| Customer Service Practitioner Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| AAT Diploma in Accounting | RH | 1 |
| National Foundation Diploma in Business | RH | 2 |
| T Level in Management and Administration | RH | 2 |
| Business Administration Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Customer Service Specialist Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 4) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you can take your professional qualifications to the next stage and achieve high performance by taking our part-time HNC in Business. |

| Entry Point (Level 5) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you could consider the Higher Apprenticeship for Operations or Departmental Managers. |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: RH = The Roundhouse WP = Workplace

Want a higher qualification?

The knowledge and skills you gain from your course can pave the way to university degrees and higher level apprenticeships – but you do not even have to leave DCG to add impressive qualifications to your CV. Our portfolio now includes a new HNC in Business. You can also choose from a range of part-time Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and AAT Accounting qualifications.

Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts Administrator • Accounts Officer • Junior School Secretary • Administrator • Stock Control Clerk |
| Salary range £14k - £25k |

| Level 3 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Accountant • Accounts Payable Clerk • Audit Trainee Bookkeeper • Credit Controller • Assistant Financial Accountant • Commercial Analyst • Pensions or Insurance Clerk Assistant • Market Research Interviewer • Bank or Post Office Clerk |
| Salary range £18k - £37.5k |

| Level 4 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Team Leader |
| Salary range £21k - £30k |

| Level 5 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Manager |
| Salary range £21k - £40k |



CHILDCARE

Early Years professionals have the privilege of making a positive difference to children's lives at a critical time in their development. With Derby College Group (DCG), you'll gain the skills and knowledge to become a capable, responsible and caring professional, ready for a career full of real job satisfaction.

Nurture the next generation

Every child has a unique personality. In the same way, no two days are ever the same when you're studying Childcare. Whether you want to work with babies, toddlers or primary school children, your DCG studies will help you understand their learning, social and emotional needs as they reach the different milestones in their lives. Being part of their journey is one of the most rewarding careers of all.

Hands-on skills, solid theory

We'll build your practical abilities, underpinned by in-depth knowledge of areas like children's health and wellbeing, behaviour, safeguarding, education and development, plus the latest legislation. You'll become skilled at undertaking child observations, planning play and educational activities, and preparing younger children for their transition to school. To help you improve your skills in a safe environment, our facilities include a state-of-the-art virtual laboratory at Broomfield Hall that replicates workplace settings such as pre-school nurseries.

Thriving employer links

There are plenty of opportunities for you to gain hands-on experience and insights as an Early Years Educator. You'll benefit from our longstanding partnerships with play groups, nurseries, children's centres and primary schools, including organisations such as Busy Bees, Tiny Tots, Sunny Days and Bizzy Kidz. These open the doors to meaningful work placements, inspiring guest lectures and fascinating visits to a wide range of childcare and educational settings. If, however, you secure an apprenticeship, you'll learn mainly in your own workplace.



Career options

- Nursery Nurse/Assistant
- Playworker
- Nanny/Childminder
- Early Years/Foundation Stage Practitioner
- Youth Worker
- Children's Centre Practitioner
- Teaching Assistant
- SEN Support Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Residential Manager



“DCG has set me up with the knowledge and confidence to help me succeed in my career. I absolutely love working with the children and am so pleased that I am now established at Alvaston Infants School and have already been able to have a positive impact on the children.”

Roman Morley

Among the T Level students celebrating success this summer was the only male on the programme, Roman Morley. When he collected his results, he had already secured a role at Alvaston Infants School and he said his Merit grade was ‘the icing on the cake’.

Get ahead with a T Level

Employers have a major input into our T Level in Education and Childcare which features technical knowledge, a substantial industrial placement, and maths, English and digital skills. Equivalent to three A-levels, the qualification you receive will meet the criteria for you to become an Early Years Educator. Our latest cohort of T Level students celebrated an outstanding 100% pass rate in summer 2023, with all achieving Distinction or Merit grades. They have either progressed into jobs in local nurseries and schools or advanced to university.

Learn from the professionals

Friendly, approachable and enthusiastic – our Early Years teaching team will give you every encouragement and support to help you achieve your career goals. They have a wide range of experience and contacts in the sector, so can keep you up to date with the latest industry developments and professional standards.



Community volunteering

Our Early Years students regularly contribute to local good causes and raise important funds for charities. Such activities build communication and teamworking skills – and look great on a CV! Among recent examples, students sprang into action to organise an event which raised £760 for the earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria. Another social action project saw them creating gift boxes, with age-specific presents in upcycled and decorated shoe boxes, to donate to children under Derby Social Care.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. Early Years employers require you to have qualifications in these subjects at Level 2 or above. We therefore support you to achieve GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already achieved them.

Our own 'outstanding' nursery

Little Explorers, the Forest School nursery at Broomfield Hall, has just been rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted. Our students – some of whom go on to secure jobs there – can get involved in the many fun outdoor adventures which develop the children's natural curiosity about the environment.

Is this you?

- An interest in child development and education
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Enthusiasm, energy and a sense of humour
- Creative and imaginative
- Reliable and responsible
- Able to stay calm under pressure

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in childcare, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need.

Heading for university?

Higher level qualifications are invaluable if you want to secure more senior roles in the Early Years sector. If you're considering university study, you can potentially use your DCG qualification as a platform for teacher training or for a specialist degree. New degree courses are constantly coming on stream in subjects like Early Childhood; Early Years Care and Education; Psychology and Child Development; and Working with Children, Young People and Families.



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| DCG Certificate in Caring for Children | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| NCFE CACHE Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings | RH | 1 |
| Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| T Level in Education and Childcare | BH/RH | 2 |
| Early Years Educator Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: RH = The Roundhouse BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Nursery Assistant
- Playworker

Salary range £14.5k - £21k

Level 3

- Teaching Assistant
- Educational Support Assistant
- Youth Worker

Salary range £18.5k - £24k

CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND ARBORICULTURE

Fancy becoming a countryside ranger, estates manager or tree surgeon? Love the idea of a career looking after the natural environment? Let Derby College Group (DCG) put you on the path to a fulfilling career where you're working for a more sustainable tomorrow.

Looking forward to a greener future

Protecting landscapes, habitats and wildlife; monitoring biodiversity; maintaining forests and waterways; helping people enjoy and understand the environment ... a whole world of career opportunities awaits once you gain Conservation, Countryside and Arboriculture qualifications. With its ancient woodlands, extensive farmland and ornamental gardens, Broomfield Hall's working estate is the perfect outdoor classroom where you can take your first steps towards that dream job.

Gain experience with our partner employers

We encourage you to make the most of work experience in the land-based sector, the ideal way to enrich your learning and see where your career could take you. Our students have gained work and voluntary placements with organisations ranging from the Heights of Abraham to the Butterfly Conservation Trust and the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust. Field trips, investigative projects and guest lectures by the likes of the Woodland Trust will form part of your studies too.



Career options

- Countryside Manager
- Countryside Ranger
- Forestry Manager
- Tree Management Officer
- Tree Surgeon
- Estate Worker
- Nature Conservation Officer
- Senior Ecologist
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Education Officer

Hands-on in the great outdoors

Helping manage the Broomfield Hall estate, operating land-based machinery, creating new woodlands, monitoring pollution, identifying plants and trees, conducting wildlife surveys, coppicing and tree felling – there will be plenty of variety in your DCG studies. There's also the chance to try your hand at countryside crafts like dry stone walling, hedge laying, creating barn owl boxes and bat roosts, and building bespoke bird tables. If, however, you're pursuing an apprenticeship, you'll complete on-the-job training mainly in your own workplace.

Teaching that inspires

You'll learn from highly experienced tutors – all from diverse backgrounds in the land-based industries – who can give you full guidance on the skills, knowledge and safe working practices essential for the conservation and arboriculture professional of today. They can also connect you with leading employers such as local authorities, national parks and environmental organisations like Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Thanks to their vast network of contacts, you could also take part in projects that benefit the community in locations such as Shipley Country Park.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning and essential for your future career progress. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer a variety of pathways and entry points for your journey to success in a conservation, countryside or arboriculture career. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further information. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.



Is this you?

- Enthusiasm for the countryside and conservation
- Practical and mechanical skills
- Strong communication and teamworking abilities
- For arboriculture – a head for heights and physical fitness
- For conservation – the ability to explain technical and scientific issues

Interested in higher education?

If you're considering applying for a university degree, your DCG qualification could be the ideal platform for progression. For some of the more senior, specialist and management roles in what is a highly competitive sector, it really pays to take your qualifications to the next academic level. The range of degrees available is constantly expanding and you could choose to specialise by studying themes such as countryside management, woodland ecology, wildlife conservation, environmental science, forest management, urban forestry and sustainability.

New woodland takes root

Countryside Management and Arboriculture students are digging in for a project to create a new woodland at Broomfield Hall. Some 1,000 trees will be planted at Little Park Wood as part of the Queen's Green Canopy – a lasting tribute to the late monarch. DCG's contribution to the project was marked in an official ceremony attended by the Lord Lieutenant.

Student India Day said: "I have really enjoyed being part of this project. I chose my course because I love to be outdoors and the work we are doing will be good for my CV in the future."





Potential Entry Points

Conservation and Countryside

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills | BH | 1 |
| Countryside Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management | BH | 1 |

Arboriculture

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Practical Arboriculture Skills | BH | 1 |
| Arboriculture Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements:
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Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Conservation and Countryside

Level 2

- Conservation Worker
- Assistant Ranger

Salary range £17k - £24k

Level 3

- Manager in Forestry

Salary circa £26k

Arboriculture

Level 2

- Forestry Worker
- Tree Climber
- Tree Surgeon

Salary range £15k - £30k

CONSTRUCTION

Derby College Group (DCG) will give you a firm foundation for success in trades where skilled workers are always in high demand. You'll get to grips with real-world hands-on projects as you prepare for a career where you can work your way up or even become your own boss.

Building a better future

Have you set your sights on a career in brickwork, site carpentry, architectural joinery, painting and decorating, plastering, plumbing or electrical installation? Wherever your interests might lie, a DCG course will equip you for jobs where you'll have the satisfaction of working on projects that make an important and lasting contribution to the world around us. We'll help you gain the practical know-how to deliver high-quality work that meets rigorous professional standards. In our high-specification facilities, you'll also get to grips with the very latest techniques, technologies and materials.

Constructive employer links

We've teamed up with construction firms large and small to bring you even closer to your chosen industry. Alongside work placements that give you a genuine insight into the way the sector works, you could try your hand at practical challenges set by our employer partners or hear about career options during guest lectures by top professionals. Our collaborations span many diverse names including Derby Homes, Futures Housing Group, Howarth Timber, Harlow Bros, British Gypsum, Bell Group, Weber, Ideal Heating, Rothenberger, Wilo and Megger Group Ltd, to mention but a few.



Career options

- Bricklayer
- Site Carpenter
- Architectural Joiner
- Kitchen Fitter
- Painter and Decorator
- Plasterer
- Electrician
- Plumbing/Heating Engineer



“I’ve really enjoyed the practical side of my Electrical courses. I like being in the workshop, learning how to use the various tools and seeing how everything works electrically. I’d like to go to university and then get into designing electrical systems for buildings.”

Adam Lockett

Adam had no idea what he wanted to do on leaving school so initially completed the STEPS course at DCG to improve his Maths and English grades. He then went on to take Level 1 Plumbing and Levels 1, 2 and 3 in Electrical Installation at the Roundhouse – and is now considering an Electrical Engineering degree at university.

The ideal learning space

We offer you generous space for practical work, including industry-standard resources so you can gain all the tricks of your trade. There are first-rate learning facilities in our £3.5m construction skills centre at the Roundhouse Hudson Building and the dedicated construction technology centre at Ilkeston College. Organisers of prestigious industry events often use our facilities because they are of such a high standard. However, if you secure an apprenticeship, you’ll learn mainly in your own workplace.

Variety and inspiration

There’s nothing run-of-the-mill about studying Construction with DCG. Visits to building sites, trade demonstrations and projects in the community will enrich your learning: in one example, our Construction and Horticulture students joined forces to create a memorial garden at Heanor Miners’ Welfare. You could get involved in competitions run by organisations like the Guild of Bricklayers or even secure an industry bursary to advance your career.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways towards careers in construction, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join one of our open days for further details. Our friendly staff can advise you on the best way to achieve your ambitions.

Next-level skills

If you want to gain higher qualifications, develop more specialist skills or take on a promotion and greater responsibility at work, DCG can smooth the way ahead – including routes into careers like surveying, site management or civil engineering. You could even progress to a Professional Construction HNC by continuing your studies with DCG. As part of the new East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT) project, we will soon be offering an even broader range of Construction courses at Levels 4, 5 and 6, centred on a new high-tech extension to our Stephenson Building at the Roundhouse campus.



Is this you?

- Interested in design and technology
- Good at paying attention to detail
- Enjoy working outdoors
- Operate well in a team
- Strong practical skills
- Keen to work in a fast-paced industry

Potential Entry Points

Construction - Brickwork

| Entry Level | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Introduction to Construction Skills (Multi-Trade) | HB | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
| Foundation in Bricklaying | HB | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
| Technical Certificate in Bricklaying | HB | 1 |
| Bricklayer Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Property Maintenance Operative Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
| Advanced Bricklayer Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

Potential Entry Points

Construction - Carpentry and Joinery

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Foundation in Carpentry and Joinery | HB | 1 |
| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
| Technical Certificate in Architectural Joinery | HB | 1 |
| Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry | HB | 1 |
| Site Carpentry or Architectural Joinery Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
| Advanced Carpentry and Joinery Apprenticeship* | WP | 18 months |

Locations: HB = Hudson Building WP = Workplace

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Bricklayer

Salary range £14k - £27k

Level 3

- Bricklayer

Salary range £16k - £30k



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Site Carpenter or Architectural Joiner
- Kitchen Fitter

Salary range £15k - £31k

Level 3

- Site Carpenter or Architectural Joiner
- Kitchen Fitter
- Window/Door Fitting Specialist

Salary range £23k - £37.5k



Potential Entry Points

Construction - Electrical Installation

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Electrical Installation | RH | 1 |
| Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation | RH | 1 |
| Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician Apprenticeship* | WP | 4 |

Potential Entry Points

Construction - Painting and Decorating

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Foundation in Painting and Decorating | HB | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Technical Certificate in Painting and Decorating | HB | 1 |
| Painter and Decorator Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Painter and Decorator Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

Potential Entry Points

Construction - Plastering

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| Foundation in Plastering | HB | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Technical Certificate in Plastering | HB | 1 |
| Plasterer Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Plasterer Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Trainee Electrician

Salary range £15k - £18k

Level 3

- Electrical Maintenance Technician

Salary range £22k - £39k



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Junior Painter/Decorator

Salary range £12k - £15k

Level 3

- Painter or Decorator

Salary range £15k - £30k



Careers and Salaries

Level 1/2

- Plasterer

Salary circa £28k



Locations:
HB = Hudson Building
RH = The Roundhouse
WP = Workplace

PLEASE NOTE

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For full entry requirements:
www.derby-college.ac.uk

Potential Entry Points

Construction - Plumbing and Gas Training

Entry Point (Level 2)

| | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Technical Certificate in Plumbing and Heating | RH | 1 |

Entry Point (Level 3)

| | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Technical Certificate in Plumbing and Heating | RH | 1 |
| Gas Engineering Operative Apprenticeship* | WP | 3 |
| Low Carbon Heating Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 3 |
| Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 4 |

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Service Installer
- Bathroom Fitter

Salary range £13.5k - £35k

Level 3

- Plumbing/Heating Engineer

Salary circa £37.5k



CREATIVE MEDIA (MOVING IMAGE AND AUDIO) AND DIGITAL MULTI-MEDIA

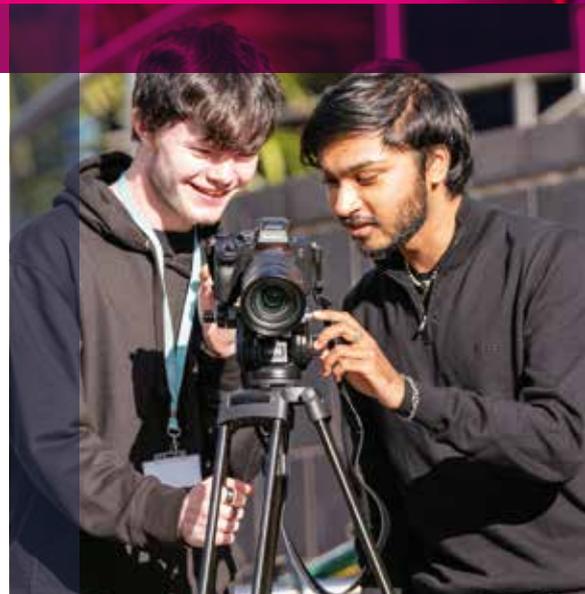
Short films and music videos, special effects, viral marketing campaigns, engaging apps and websites, multi-genre photography, podcasting, content creation ... take your place at the forefront of digital innovation with the help of Derby College Group (DCG).

A versatile toolkit of skills

Unleash your creativity and deliver compelling media products that people can access, use and enjoy. Our stimulating courses equip you with skills in everything from animation to sound, from photography to video editing, from ui/ux design to content creation so you are primed to enter the creative industry of your choice. Your learning will be underpinned by a solid understanding of how the media industries operate and the attributes employers expect to see in new recruits.

Explore and experiment

Harnessing up-to-the-minute technology, you'll work across diverse media platforms and gain hands-on skills in designing and completing innovative creative projects that appeal to a wide range of target audiences. We give you the freedom to explore imaginative concepts and express yourself using software such as Adobe Creative Suite: Premiere Pro, XD, Illustrator, After Effects, InDesign and Photoshop.



Career options

- TV/Film Production Manager
- Production Assistant
- Digital Artist/Animator
- Graphic Designer
- Video Editor
- Sound Editor
- Video/Audio Engineer
- Social Media Manager
- Digital Photographer
- Web/App Designer
- Art Director

Well prepared for the workplace

You could find yourself undertaking industry visits, work placements and employer-led projects or joining masterclasses, demonstrations and talks by prominent media professionals. All will help you hit the ground running in the workplace. At a time when 40% of the creative workforce is self-employed, you'll gain vital skills in delivering winning pitches, researching and planning media projects, communicating concepts, solving complex problems, working to a client brief and meeting strict deadlines. You'll also develop attributes such as teamworking, adaptability, communication, leadership and analysis to boost your future prospects.



Exciting real-world projects

Thanks to our flourishing creative partnerships, there are endless opportunities for you to undertake real-world projects and showcase your talent to leading practitioners. Recent examples have seen our students designing and marketing a mental health first aid kit and enjoying film-making masterclasses at QUAD as part of the BFI Film Academy programme. Our annual Futures Week brings together industry figures – including film-makers, directors, content creators and graphic designers – who will challenge you with live project briefs and give you new perspectives on media careers.

A creative hub to inspire you

Collaboration is key in the creative media industries. In the high-specification studios at our Joseph Wright Centre, you will work with and alongside students from a wide range of creative disciplines – engaging in team projects of the kind you will discover in the workplace. Our vibrant campus is in the heart of Derby's cultural quarter and you'll be guided on your creative journey by a teaching team made up of experienced media professionals. Our annual Digital Academy Showcase is a chance to raise your profile: in 2023 our Digital Multimedia students unveiled a range of projects which fused technology and artistry, while our Creative Media students premièred short films from a range of genres.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can advise you on the options which will suit you.



Is this you?

- Enjoy being creative and experimenting
- A good communicator
- Adept with digital technology
- Versatile and able to handle pressure
- Committed to teamwork and collaboration
- Confident in 'selling' your ideas



Build an impressive CV

Media professionals tend to be well qualified – 60% have a degree – and your DCG course will act as the ideal springboard if you want to advance to university-level studies. You can look forward to an extensive choice of degrees enabling you to specialise in areas such as film, TV and digital media production, visual effects, web and app development, advertising and animation. Whatever your destination, you'll leave DCG with a nationally recognised qualification plus a substantial portfolio of work to catch the eye of universities, employers and clients.

Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 2)

| | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Creative Media Skills | JWC | 1 |
| Extended Certificate in Creative Media Skills | JWC | 1 |
| Extended Certificate in Digital Multimedia Skills | JWC | 1 |

Entry Point (Level 3)

| | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| UAL Creative Digital Multi Media | JWC | 2 |
| UAL Creative Media: Moving Image and Audio Production | JWC | 2 |

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Production Runner
- Social Media Assistant

Salary range £19k - £22k

Level 3

- Video/Audio Engineer
- Video Editor
- Digital Marketer
- Graphic Designer
- Photographer

Salary range £14k - £40k+

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



ENGINEERING

If you're looking for a challenging profession where technical know-how and problem-solving skills are richly rewarded, look no further than engineering. A course at Derby College Group (DCG) will put real power behind your career plans.

Connected to industry

Take full advantage of studying in Derby, named the country's leading high-tech city and a place where new products, materials and technologies are pioneered daily. To support your learning, we've forged strong partnerships with the likes of Rolls-Royce plc, Dedienne Aerospace, Pentaxia, Collis Engineering and Atkins. Your studies will be enriched by these wide-ranging industry contacts: our students make the most of opportunities such as work experience, company visits, trips to engineering landmarks, guest lectures, employer-led projects and professional mentoring.

Hands-on practical skills

Working with up-to-date technology, you'll get to grips with everything from computer aided design and 3D printing to pneumatic, hydraulic and robotic manufacturing control systems. Advances in fields like robotics are transforming industry at a rapid pace and blurring the boundaries between traditional engineering disciplines. Your learning at DCG – guided and inspired by our industry-experienced teaching team – will put you at the forefront of latest engineering developments so that you can make an impact from day one in a job.

Career options

- Graduate Engineer
- Mechanical Design Engineer
- Process Engineer
- Service Engineer
- Production Engineer
- Maintenance Engineer
- Design and Development Engineer
- Tool Maker
- Rail Engineering Technician
- Welder



First-rate learning facilities

Our Engineering courses are delivered at the Roundhouse, the setting for a £1.75m state-of-the-art mechatronics laboratory featuring the type of artificial intelligence manufacturing equipment found on the production lines of today. If you have secured an apprenticeship, the combination of on-the-job workplace learning and supported studies at the Roundhouse will provide you with a practical and comprehensive approach to developing the engineering skills you need.

On track for rail careers

We're proud to be part of Derby's past and future as a rail industry powerhouse. Our Roundhouse is the world's oldest building of its kind – an iconic campus for the study of Engineering. With Derby named the home of the Great British Railways HQ, the city's profile as the hub for Europe's largest and most diverse rail cluster can only grow – bringing exciting career options. We have links with many rail-related firms including EMR, Loram, Porterbrook and Alstom while events like our Insight into Rail day will keep you informed about job opportunities.

“University wasn't for me as I wouldn't want to be in education full time. This way I'm learning on the job and gaining practical experience as well as studying for a degree – and I'm getting paid.”

Luke Payne

Luke is forging a new career as the first-ever manufacturing engineering degree apprentice to be recruited by Collis Engineering Ltd – an opportunity he secured after attending DCG's Diversityin2Engineering apprenticeships and jobs fair. He had previously completed a Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering qualification at the College.



Join the T Level revolution

Our new T Level is the ideal preparation for careers in engineering design, engineering manufacture and maintenance, or automation and control engineering. Equivalent to three A-levels and designed with the input of major employers, the Engineering and Manufacturing: Design and Development T Level combines classroom learning with on-the-job experience via an industrial placement of at least 45 days.

Tackling tomorrow's engineering challenges

As part of the new East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT), we're fostering the advanced skills needed to spearhead the UK's green and digital revolution. The IoT represents a partnership between high-profile businesses, further and higher education to address the engineering challenges of clean growth. The project will bring a major investment in cutting-edge facilities for our Engineering students, due to open at the Roundhouse campus in 2024. It will also pave the way to a broader choice of higher qualifications.

Is this you?

- Good at maths and science
- Like knowing how things work
- Enjoy practical tasks and problem solving
- Skilled with IT
- Organised and willing to use your initiative
- Work well in a team

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you've joined a full-time College course or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in engineering, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Step up to higher education

By adding further qualifications to your CV, you can look forward to better career prospects and well-paid senior roles – and you don't even have to leave DCG to benefit from higher education. We deliver a Foundation Degree in Integrated Engineering and a BEng (Hons) top-up degree in collaboration with Sheffield Hallam University, plus a full range of HNC programmes. We support a variety of specialist Degree Apprenticeships too.



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Engineering and Manufacturing Technology | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| EAL Certificate in Engineering Operations | RH | 1 |
| Engineering Operative Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |
| General Welding Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Lean Manufacturing Operative Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| BTEC Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering | RH | 2 |
| T Level in Engineering and Manufacturing: Design and Development | RH | 2 |
| Engineering Fitter Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |
| Gas Network Craftsperson Apprenticeship* | WP | 3 |
| Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 4 |
| Plate Welder Apprenticeship* | WP | 3 |

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: you can take HNC qualifications in General, Electrical and Electronic or Mechanical Engineering with us.

Entry Point (Level 5)

Keep studying with DCG: choose our Foundation Degree in Integrated Engineering run in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University.

Entry Point (Level 6)

Keep studying with DCG: if you have an appropriate Foundation Degree, you can 'top up' your qualification to a full BEng (Hons) degree. We support various Degree Apprenticeships too.

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: RH = The Roundhouse WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Stores/Warehouse Assistant
- Junior Welder
- Engineering Operative

Salary range £14k - £25k

Level 3

- Junior Tool Maker
- Maintenance Engineer
- Rail Engineering Technician

Salary range £18k - £34k

Level 4

- Production Engineer

Salary circa £30k

Level 5

- Process Engineer
- Service Engineer
- Engineering Technician
- Maintenance Engineer

Salary range £24k - £37k

Level 6

- Graduate Engineer
- Mechanical Design Engineer
- Simulation Engineer

Salary range £24k - £45k

EQUINE

Transform your interest in horses into a fascinating and fulfilling career. At Derby College Group (DCG) you'll be equipped for a wide range of jobs in a sector which demands dedication, skill and motivation but delivers huge rewards every day.

All the skills you need

Our courses feature an exciting variety of theory, practical tasks, yard duties, shows and competitions so you'll learn about all aspects of riding, exercising, working with and caring for horses. Our tutors have extensive experience and a high profile in the equine world. They will inspire you with the latest thinking in horse behaviour, rehabilitation and therapy, competition grooming and stable management. There is even the chance to gain additional British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications during your studies with us.

Career options

- Equine Groom
- Equine Yard Technician
- Equine Welfare Officer
- Yard Manager
- Riding Instructor
- Veterinary Technician
- Equine Behaviourist
- Equine Researcher/Consultant



Excellent facilities

Our Equestrian Centre is the perfect environment to give full rein to your enthusiasm for horses. The impressive facilities at Broomfield Hall include an indoor school with a full set of jumps to British Showjumping standard, 40 stables, an outdoor school, a horsewalker and a cross country schooling field. It provides a superb setting for your journey towards becoming an accomplished equine professional.

Practical duties on the yard

You'll learn how to take responsibility for our yard and horses, working on daily and weekend rotas to ensure you're familiar with what it takes to succeed in the industry. We expect you to be accountable for your own time-keeping and productivity so that you are well prepared for the workplace. We also offer a variety of work experience opportunities in the wider equine community. However, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you'll learn mainly in your own workplace and build on your DCG studies with on-the-job training.



Enriching your learning

There are countless opportunities for you to challenge your knowledge and broaden your career horizons. You could find yourself competing in dressage and showjumping events, volunteering at Chatsworth Horse Trials, or organising fundraising activities for equestrian charities. To highlight the many different aspects of equine careers, we run workshops featuring the likes of professional riders, vets, nutritionists, physiotherapists and saddlers which will help you decide on your future direction.

A vibrant community

Broomfield Hall is a popular hub for the equine community. There is always something happening at our Equestrian Centre, which offers elite training, BHS exams, short courses, competitions and facilities hire. It means you'll have the chance to make even more industry contacts to help you progress your career.

Is this you?

- Keen to develop your knowledge of horse management
- Enthusiasm, motivation and commitment
- Fitness and stamina
- An ability to use your own initiative
- A willingness to contribute to the running of our Equestrian Centre in addition to your timetabled hours (including some weekends)

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.



Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the equine industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or the Derby College Equestrian Centre Facebook page. You could also join an open day where our friendly staff will provide all the advice you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Considering higher education?

By progressing to higher level qualifications, you can go further, faster in your career – and you can even advance to degree studies here at DCG. You could choose our highly regarded Foundation Degree Equine Science, Management and Training (FdSc) which is available on both a full-time and part-time basis for maximum flexibility. The qualification can also be ‘topped up’ to a full BSc (Hons) degree with just one more year of full-time study or two more years of part-time study.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | | |
|-------------------------------------------|----|---|
| Award - Land-based Studies in Equine Care | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Diploma in Horse Care | BH | 1 |
| Equine Groom Apprenticeship* | WP | 15 months |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Practical Horse Care Skills | BH | 1 |
| Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management | BH | 1 |
| Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 4/5) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you can take the Foundation Degree Equine Science, Management and Training (FdSc) with us on a full-time or part-time basis. |

| Entry Point (Level 6) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: you can ‘top up’ an appropriate Foundation Degree to a full BSc (Hons) Equine Science, Management and Training with us. |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equine Groom• Equine Relationship Manager• Equine Yard Technician• Equine Administrator |
| Salary range £10k - £16k |

| Level 3 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Care Technician• Yard Manager• Equine Welfare Officer• Animal Handler• Insurance Technician |
| Salary range £17k - £24k |

| Level 4/5 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equine Manager and Supervisor• Riding Instructor• Veterinary Technician |
| Salary range £25k - £30k |

| Level 6 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equine Technical Advisor• Equine Researcher• Equine Consultant• Equine Behaviourist |
| Salary range £27k - £35k |

FASHION BUSINESS / RETAIL

In a fast-paced industry which never stops changing shape, a versatile and flexible skillset will take you a long way. Derby College Group (DCG) will foster your creative vision and develop your business acumen – a powerful combination to help you make your mark in the dynamic worlds of fashion and retail.

Set for a trendsetting career

We specialise in creative retail, so you'll learn all about marketing, buying, fashion forecasting, brand identity and styling. You'll also gain insights into broader business functions such as marketing, planning and the latest developments in e-commerce. At the same time, we'll enhance your skills in enterprise, communication, customer service, teamwork, research and analysis – all the contemporary and transferable skills that are greatly valued by employers and universities alike.

Strong industry connections

You'll benefit from our extensive links within the sector – from high street stores to supermarket chains, independent fashion retailers to online traders, charity stores to warehousing operations. It means you'll have the chance to network with industry experts and make the most of work experience opportunities. You could also visit major retail organisations and attend high-profile events like London Fashion Week and Graduate Fashion Week.



Career options

- Retail Manager
- Visual Merchandiser
- Fashion Buyer
- Fashion Forecaster
- Fashion Marketer
- Digital and Social Media Marketer
- Store Designer
- Personal Shopper
- Sales Assistant
- Stock Control Assistant
- E-commerce Manager



Is this you?

- Well organised
- Good communicator
- Friendly, helpful and confident
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- An interest in fashion and the latest trends
- Focused on customer service

London showcase for Mia's fashion

Impressive work by Fashion student Mia Grace Seaman was selected for the prestigious Origins Creatives show at the Truman Brewery in London.

Her leisure wear collection caught the eye of curators from The University of the Arts London (UAL) Awarding Body who selected work from 400 submissions for the exhibition.

Entitled 'New Balance X Dr. Martens', Mia's submission (pictured left) aimed to bring lounge and active wear together.

Stand out from the crowd

Special projects will enable you to test your skills, stretch yourself and build a CV with real impact. Our students have worked on live briefs set by our industry partners, staged fashion roadshows, entered design competitions, provided style advice to shoppers and raised money for charity through imaginative retail initiatives.

Trusted expertise

Our teaching team has vast experience in the retail sector covering all aspects of the fashion business. They can keep you up to date with the influences transforming fashion today as well as the knowledge, skills and standards expected by retail employers. As customers demand ever more engaging shopping experiences, you'll be well equipped to meet the challenge.

A vibrant learning environment

You'll develop your skills in dedicated studios at the Joseph Wright Centre, where there is plenty of potential for collaborative projects with students from other creative courses. You could find yourself designing fashion retail websites using latest digital media, developing brand identities, creating clothing ranges, devising promotional activities and arranging College fashion shows. If you have secured an apprenticeship, however, you will learn mainly in your own workplace.

Maths and English

Whether you're a full-time student or an apprentice, you'll continue to study maths and English as part of your programme. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer both vocational and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.



Sold on higher education?

There is limitless potential if you want to progress to a university degree. Your DCG qualification could be the ideal stepping stone to specialist courses in subjects like Creative Direction and Curation for Fashion, Fashion Marketing and Branding, Fashion Communication and Promotion, Fashion Styling and Art Direction, Fashion Buying and Merchandising, and International Fashion Business.





Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Fashion Business | JWC | 1 |
| Retailer Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Extended Diploma in Fashion Business | JWC | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop Assistant • Personal Shopper • Customer Adviser |

Salary range £12.5k - £25k

| Level 3 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store Manager • Deputy Branch Manager • Team Leader • Buyer/Merchandiser • Social Media Content Creator |

Salary range £17k - £27k

FLORISTRY

Florists add their creative flair to special occasions of every kind. If you want to learn how to produce breathtaking floral designs – while building the business skills you need to excel in the industry – Derby College Group (DCG) is the place to let your talent blossom.

Showcase your originality

From eye-catching bouquets to Insta-worthy party decorations, from stunning centrepieces to impressive door wreaths, we'll engage you in a vast range of practical projects to help unlock your artistry and design abilities. Covering both traditional and contemporary aspects of floristry, you'll get to grips with intricate techniques and learn about the latest fashions in shape and colour. Just as importantly, you'll build an understanding of what makes a successful floristry business by exploring issues like wholesale buying, marketing, stock management, logistics and customer care.

A perfect setting for your studies

As a budding florist, you could not wish for a better environment to gain inspiration and ideas. You'll make the most of the beautiful surroundings of Broomfield Hall with its extensive greenhouses, ornamental gardens, rolling landscapes and fascinating plant collections. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will hone your skills mainly in your own workplace.

Valuable industry experience

Thanks to our longstanding links with floristry businesses, you'll have opportunities to gain exciting insights into the industry. Some students have undertaken work placements in locations as far afield as Estonia while our annual trip to Holland enables you to meet commercial growers and buyers. You could also take part in prestigious competitions or produce special arrangements for College, community and charity events. Our students exhibit regularly at the Derbyshire County Show.

Career options

- Junior Florist
- Senior Florist
- Experienced Floral Designer
- Floristry Shop Manager
- Wedding Flower Arranger
- Flower Wholesaler
- Entrepreneur combining floristry with other skills such as interior design, photography, catering, and hair and beauty



A blossoming partnership

We have joined forces with national flower business Flowerworld to offer our students an exciting array of training and employment opportunities. The Flowerworld Employability Academy opens doors for you to undertake paid work experience, with the prospect of progressing to a full-time role in future. It also delivers modules on themes such as job applications, interviews and employer expectations to help you prepare for the world of work.

Inspiring and motivating

Our enthusiastic lecturers pride themselves on being welcoming, supportive and encouraging. They will bring a wealth of industry know-how to enrich your studies. At the same time, our study pathways attract a diverse mix of people – including mature students planning a career change – which creates a vibrant atmosphere on campus. We even run our own successful business, The Florist, where you'll discover all about providing outstanding customer care alongside bespoke floristry designs.



Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you've joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in floristry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Design your future

If you want to add to your CV, you could consider completing Level 4 and 5 Floristry qualifications part time while you're working in the industry. Qualifications in other subjects such as Horticulture, Business and Marketing may also give you an extra string to your bow if you want to promote your versatility. There are even degrees in Professional Floristry and Floral Design if you imagine yourself at university one day.



Is this you?

- Creative, with artistic flair
- Knowledge of plants and flowers
- Strong practical skills
- An ability to explain your ideas
- A helpful and pleasant manner with customers
- Confident dealing with money



Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 2)

| | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Floral Practical Skills | BH | 1 |
| Floristry Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

Entry Point (Level 3)

| | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Floral Practical Skills | BH | 1 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Levels 1, 2 and 3

- Florist

Salary range £12.5k - £20k

GAMES DEVELOPMENT AND ESPORTS

Press start on a career in the dynamic world of video games and esports – and prepare for a future at the cutting edge of technology. The action-packed study pathways at Derby College Group (DCG) will keep you on top of your game.

Play a part in the future of gaming

Employers are looking for up-and-coming talent to deliver powerful games products and play a leading role in the burgeoning esports industry. As gaming is the UK's most lucrative entertainment sector, driven by new technologies and digital innovation, there is every opportunity to make your name. Our study pathways ensure you're well prepared to take the industry in your stride.

A first for esports

DCG is one of the first colleges to introduce courses in esports. Backed by the British Esports Association, the Level 2 and 3 qualifications open doors to further study and sustainable careers in this fast-growing multi-billion pound industry. Roles span everything from professional player, player manager, coach and shoutcaster to analyst, social media manager and broadcast/production specialist but the scope is broadening further still. Esports is a credible activity in its own right: the Commonwealth Esports Championships were held alongside the 2022 Commonwealth Games and several games are confirmed for the next Olympics.

Career options

- Games Developer
- Gameplay Designer
- Gameplay Programmer
- Pro Gamer
- Esports Caster
- Esports Coach/Analyst
- 3D Digital Artist/Animator
- Video Editor
- Audio Engineer
- Software Developer





Is this you?

- Good communication skills
- Enthused by games and esports
- Enjoy being creative and exploring new ideas
- Interested in latest digital technology and trends
- Versatile and can cope under pressure
- Work well in a team and listen to others
- Able to express yourself through written work and practical tasks



Latest tech at your fingertips

If you choose to study Games Development, you'll work across diverse media platforms and use interactive technologies to create games content with impact. In our dedicated studio facilities you can experiment and explore using industry-standard software such as 3DCoat, Autodesk Maya, Unreal Engine and the Adobe Creative Cloud. Our teaching team is made up of skilled media professionals and you'll be surrounded by students on other creative study pathways, paving the way for imaginative collaborations.

Well equipped for the workplace

Whether working towards a Games Development or Esports qualification, you'll gain transferable employability skills. We cover issues which are important within the gaming industry – from entrepreneurship to events management, live-streamed broadcasting to legislation – which will stand you in good stead to deal with the rapidly emerging developments sweeping the wider digital and tech arena. You'll also build your written, presentation, communication and teamwork skills, plus broader knowledge of business, research, marketing and IT.

Get yourself noticed

We are networked into the creative community so you could go on industry visits, enjoy work placements and undertake employer-led projects. Our Creative Industry Week enables you to complete live briefs while hearing from leading professionals about their own career experiences. Our Digital Academy Showcase is another opportunity for you to highlight your talent: in 2023 our Esports students presented their creative responses in areas such as team branding, content creation, live streamed broadcasts and gameplay strategies. Meanwhile our Games Development students unveiled a captivating collection of playable 3D Escape Rooms.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.



Ready for the next level?

When you complete your studies, you'll have an eye-catching portfolio to showcase your talent to potential employers in the gaming and esports industries. Your qualification could also provide a platform for university study. There is a fascinating variety of honours degrees in subjects such as Games Art and Games Technology while new options are now coming on stream in areas like Esports Production and Esports Management.



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Creative Digital Games Production | JWC | 1 |
| Diploma in Esports | JWC | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Computer Games Development: Design | JWC | 2 |
| National Extended Diploma in Esports | JWC | 2 |

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esports Apprentice |

| Level 3 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D Artist Gameplay Programmer Event Manager Esports Shoutcaster/Host Shoutcaster |

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|--------------------------|
| Salary range £14k - £60k |
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GCSE PLUS

If you'd like to improve your GCSE grades before moving on to the next chapter in your life, the GCSE Plus programme at Derby College Group (DCG) is a smart choice. Tailored to your transition needs, GCSE Plus will help you enhance your academic profile and prepare for the future with greater positivity.

Achieve your target grades

Whatever your reason for choosing GCSE Plus, you can look forward to a study experience that boosts your confidence and sets you on the right track as you work towards those all-important target grades. Our GCSE Plus team has devised this stepping-stone programme to cultivate your enthusiasm for learning, helping you to crystallise your ambitions and realise your full potential. It's your gateway to the future study opportunities to which you've always aspired.

Your route to Level 3 study

A flexible programme attracting students from diverse backgrounds, GCSE Plus is invaluable if you want to optimise your grades to meet entry requirements for A-levels, T Levels and other Level 3 courses. It also offers an excellent pathway to apprenticeships and employment. The programme is equally suitable for students who have been educated overseas, who have been home schooled or who have missed school or exams for legitimate reasons. If you join us without prior qualifications, you'll need to complete an interview and screening assessment in mathematics and English.

A programme tailored to you

Depending upon your existing qualifications, you can 'pick and mix' the GCSE package you study to match your ambitions. Mathematics and English are compulsory unless you've already achieved a grade 4. Other subjects to choose from are English Literature, History, Combined Science, Business Studies and Media Studies. The GCSE Plus team will tailor the programme to suit your prior qualifications and your transition needs.

Interested in distance learning?

Our unique remote programme will enable you to study English Language, English Literature and Mathematics through online lessons using Microsoft Teams and online tutorial sessions. You need digital access at home to enrol. However, all assessments take place on site to prepare you for the actual examinations. If you're interested in the remote-only option or you'd like a blended combination with other subjects – with some remote and some face-to-face teaching – please let us know at interview stage.





Higher Maths and Science

Our Higher Maths and Science programme is designed for students who wish to boost their academic grades to meet subject-specific requirements for their desired Level 3 pathway. It is particularly valuable for those students with high aspirations who may have already achieved grades 4 or 5 at GCSE but who are seeking to improve on those grades further still. It is also suitable for academically minded students who do not currently have GCSEs or equivalent qualifications. Please note that entry for higher tier requires an attendance rate of 90% or above.

A dynamic learning experience

Based in the vibrant setting of the Joseph Wright Centre, you'll be inspired by teaching staff who are knowledgeable, approachable and enthusiastic. Your studies will include regular tutorials and work experience activities. In addition, the GCSE Plus programme offers a wealth of support networks that will assist you in reaching your goals and enhance your wellbeing. Throughout, we enrich your learning with other opportunities, from community projects to raising funds for good causes. A recent exciting initiative saw GCSE Plus students join the Media Literacy Ambassador programme launched by the Guardian Foundation. Participants have delivered training to their fellow students in how to spot fake news and assess the facts behind the headlines.

Thinking ahead

Success with GCSE Plus paves the way for you to progress to further studies at Level 3, including A-levels, T Levels and the many vocational programmes at DCG. To advance to A-levels, you need to achieve five GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including grade 5 in English Language and 4 in Mathematics. To advance to T Levels, you need to achieve grade 5s in Science, Mathematics and English. Please note that some subjects at A-level have subject-specific requirements in addition to the general entry requirements: find out more on pages 28-53. The Level 3 vocational programmes at DCG also have varied entry requirements: please see www.derby-college.ac.uk for further information. Alternatively, you could use your new skills and qualifications to go straight into employment. Our friendly staff are always happy to advise.

GCSE PLUS SUBJECTS

Depending upon your prior qualifications and aspirations, you can 'pick and mix' the GCSE package you study, choosing between three and five subjects.

English Language

This GCSE is compulsory if you have not already gained a grade 4 in the subject. The qualification focuses on developing your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. You'll engage with the richness of our language and literary heritage, experiment in writing across a range of contexts and styles, and develop your independent and critical thinking skills.

A-level English Language requires a minimum of a grade 5 at GCSE.

Mathematics

This GCSE is compulsory if you have not already gained a grade 4 in the subject. Its aim is to give you a sound understanding of mathematical concepts, the confidence to undertake mathematical problem-solving and the ability to apply mathematical skills in a range of contexts.

A-level Mathematics requires a minimum of a grade 7 at GCSE and A-level Physics requires a minimum of a grade 6. A-levels in Chemistry, Psychology and T Level Science require a minimum of a grade 5.

Business Studies

Up to date and challenging, this GCSE provides an introduction to contemporary business issues and equips you with the life skills to become financially and commercially aware. You'll develop as an enterprising individual, drawing on evidence to make informed business decisions and solve business challenges.

A-level Business Studies recommends a minimum of a grade 5 at GCSE.

Combined Science

Drawing on the specific disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, this qualification – worth two GCSEs – provides you with the foundation for understanding the material world. It covers essential aspects of the methods, processes and uses of science, enabling you to apply practical, modelling and problem-solving skills in the laboratory and in the field.

A-level Science requires a minimum grade of 6,6 in Combined Science GCSE. T Level Science requires a minimum grade of 5,5.





Is this you?

- Keen to improve your existing GCSE grades
- Want a smooth transition to the next stage of your studies
- Would thrive in a vibrant, supportive learning environment
- Did not have a chance to complete your GCSE studies or sit your exams
- Aged 16 to 19

English Literature

You'll engage critically with and explore a fascinating variety of texts across the major genres, including modern as well as classic work from different cultures. This GCSE enables you to develop, articulate and justify your individual and original responses to literature while building the accuracy and effectiveness of your own writing skills.

A-level English Literature recommends a minimum of a grade 5 at GCSE.

History

Studying History enables you to consider the relevance of the past so that you can better understand and appreciate the present. You'll extend your knowledge and comprehension of key events, periods and societies in local, British and wider world history. By pursuing historical enquiry, you'll develop your skills as a reflective and independent thinker, with the capacity to investigate issues critically.

A-level History recommends a minimum of a grade 5 at GCSE.

Media Studies

This GCSE widens your intellectual horizons as you have the opportunity to analyse a broad spectrum of media forms and contexts. This will include TV and radio programmes, newspapers, online content and social media platforms. You'll deepen your understanding of the media's influential role in society, culture and politics and hone your practical skills through creative media production.

A-level Media Studies recommends a minimum of a grade 5 at GCSE.



HAIR AND BEAUTY (INCLUDING BARBERING)

Passionate about style and beauty? Want to help people look their best and feel amazing? Careers in hair and beauty deliver real job satisfaction as well as a touch of glamour – and a course with Derby College Group (DCG) is the ideal starting point.

A make-over for your career plans

Wherever you go in the world, skills in hair and beauty will open doors for you. You can bring your style to salons, spas, hotels and cruise ships or make your mark in TV, film, theatre and fashion studios. Studying with us will enhance your artistic flair, ensure you're up to date with all the latest treatments and trends, and even help you raise your profile as a social media influencer.

Build your skills in a commercial salon

Where better to train than in a commercial salon? Study at DCG and you'll work directly with clients in our professional SENSi salon. It's a high street standard facility at the Roundhouse which offers a broad range of hair and beauty treatments to the public. At SENSi, we introduce you to all the techniques you need, whether cutting, colouring, make-up, massage or skin care. You'll also learn how a hair and beauty business operates, from achieving retail targets to providing excellent customer care. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you'll train mainly in your own workplace.

Your gateway to the industry

We're proud of our thriving links with hair and beauty employers. From national hairdressing chains to top product developers, luxury spas to smaller local salons, we can introduce you to the people that count. It could pave the way to work experience opportunities as well as exciting apprenticeship and job openings. In just one example of our outstanding employer partnerships, Ragdale Hall Spa regularly offers placements to our students and has awarded us College of Excellence status.



Career options

- Hair Stylist
- Barber
- Beauty Therapist
- Make-up Artist
- Brow Specialist
- Lash Technician
- Special Effects Artist
- Brand Manager
- Salon Owner/Manager
- Social Media Influencer



Let your talent glow

Competitions, employer-led projects, industry networking ... there's every chance for you to showcase your abilities. Our students and apprentices have won national awards, visited events like the Beauty UK exhibition, contributed to charity fashion shows, and even provided 'accident victims' with realistic injuries for a mock road crash staged by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Learn from the professionals

You'll be guided and motivated by an enthusiastic teaching team who will bring your DCG learning to life. They have extensive professional experience – some have managed salons themselves – and an impressive reputation within the industry. Equally important is their network of contacts, so you'll enjoy inspiring talks, demonstrations and advice from companies such as MAC, Dermalogica and Kryolan UK.

Maths and English

Whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

"It's been a hard slog for two years but it's been worth it as it's meant I've been able to build a business at 26, not 36."

Tia Lambourn

Tia has not looked back since completing Level 2 and 3 Hair Professional qualifications with DCG. Today, she has her own business, Bay Studios in Spondon, celebrity clients and an international Instagram following. She travels all over the world teaching colouring and balayage and counts people such as Rio Ferdinand's wife Kate among her clients.



Is this you?

- Creative and have an artistic flair
- Practical minded
- Up to date with fashion trends
- Understanding and have a tactful manner
- Good communicator
- Willing to learn new techniques and take on board new ideas

Choose the right pathway

We offer a range of academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the hair, barbering and beauty professions, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. You can find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website for further details or join an open day where our supportive staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

Style your future

This is an industry where you can advance to senior roles relatively quickly. Many of our students eventually decide to go self-employed or set up their own businesses. You could also take your ambitions to the next level at university. Exciting new degrees are constantly emerging in subjects like Hair and Make-up for Screen, International Spa Management, Advanced Skin Techniques, Salon Management, Cosmetics Branding and Promotion, Fashion Styling, and Prosthetics and Special Effects Design.



Potential Entry Points

Hair

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Introduction to Hairdressing | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Hairdressing Services | RH | 1 |
| Certificate in Women's Hairdressing | RH | 1 |
| Diploma in Barbering Studies | RH | 2 |
| Technical Diploma in Ladies Hairdressing | RH | 2 |
| Diploma in Hairdressing Studies | RH | 2 |
| Certificate in Barbering | RH | 2 |
| Barbering Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Hair Professional Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Women's Hairdressing | RH | 1 |
| Diploma in Barbering - Technical | RH | 1 |
| Advanced Creative Hair Professional Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Hair Professional Apprenticeships* | WP | 2 |

Potential Entry Points

Beauty

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| DCG Introduction to Beauty Therapy | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Beauty Specialist Techniques | RH | 1 |
| Diploma in Beauty Therapy Studies | RH | 1 |
| Technical Diploma in Beauty Therapy | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Beauty Therapy Treatments | RH | 1 |
| T Level in Beauty Therapy | RH | 2 |

Locations: RH = The Roundhouse WP = Workplace

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Junior Stylist

Salary range £11k - £16k

Level 3

- Hair Stylist

Salary range £23k - £30k

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements:
www.derby-college.ac.uk



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Beauty Therapist
- Make-up Artist
- Lash Technician
- Brow Specialist

Salary range £12.5k - £25k

Level 3

- Salon Owner/Manager
- Advanced Beauty Therapist
- Make-up Artist

Salary range £18k - £37.5k



HEALTH

Health and social care employers are always looking to recruit dedicated, professional staff who are passionate about helping people enjoy a better quality of life. Choose Derby College Group (DCG) for your first step into a career which offers job security, progression opportunities – and a sense of personal satisfaction which cannot be matched.

Make an impact every day

Few jobs can be more rewarding than helping people lead healthy, fulfilling and independent lives or assisting the most vulnerable individuals in our society. Whether you see yourself working in a hospital or care home, GP surgery or dental practice, social services or a charity, DCG will give you a strong foothold on the career ladder. We equip you with the vital practical skills, in-depth knowledge and quality standards you need to become an accomplished health and social care professional.

Collaborating with employers

Our employer partnerships give you meaningful insights into the world of work. They span various NHS Trusts and organisations like DHU Healthcare. One of our most far-reaching alliances is with University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, who offer our students industry placements, workplace visits and expert lectures. We also run events to introduce you to the different career paths available in the healthcare environment. Employers joining these events include the likes of Avanti Healthcare, Derby County Community Trust and Ashmere Derbyshire.

Work experience opportunities

Because health and social care is a vast and varied sector, we offer wide-ranging employer engagement activities that help you decide on the area in which you'd like to pursue your career. All our study pathways feature work experience and workplace insights of some kind so that you understand what it takes to perform well in what can often be challenging roles. If you have secured an apprenticeship, however, you will learn on the job and mainly in your own workplace.



Career options

- Healthcare Support Worker
- Activities Officer
- Personal Assistant
- Dental Nurse
- Senior Adult Care Worker
- Rehabilitation Worker
- Residential Young Persons Support Worker
- Residential Manager
- Social Worker



Check out our T Level

If you're looking for a different route into health and social care professions, backed by strong employer input, it's worth considering our T Level in Health. This high-quality, work-focused programme is your gateway to employment in the sector or to higher level studies. It includes an industry placement of at least 45 days in a healthcare setting, alongside studies which give you a broad understanding of health concepts and person-centred care. It also provides an excellent preparation if you are keen to specialise in fields such as mental health, therapy, adult nursing and midwifery.

Broaden your knowledge

Our enthusiastic teaching team will inspire you with their vast experience of health and social care. They also arrange fascinating activities that will enrich your learning, including visits to health and social care settings, NHS career talks, guest lectures, and the chance to take part in community initiatives, hospital volunteering and fundraising. In just one example of a highly rewarding project, our students created memory boxes for local care home residents.



Is this you?

- A genuine desire to help people
- A friendly, caring and sympathetic approach
- The ability to stay calm under pressure
- Tact, respect and sensitivity
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Patience and a sense of humour

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 or Level 2 Functional Skills in these subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in health and social care, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Health and Social Care | RH | 1 |
| Diploma in Health and Social Care | RH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Health and Social Care | RH | 1 |
| Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care | RH | 1 |
| Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care | RH | 1 |
| T Level in Health | RH | 2 |
| Dental Nurse Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Senior Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: we offer work-based qualifications and Higher Apprenticeships for those in roles such as children, young people and families practitioner or lead practitioner in adult care.

Entry Point (Level 5)

Keep studying with DCG: we offer a Higher Apprenticeship for those taking their career forward as a leader in adult care.

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first but we can support you with gaining employment. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Where next for your career?

If you're looking for progression to more senior roles or considering joining a profession such as nursing, midwifery, social work, paramedicine or care management, we can advise you on the best route to take. Our students often advance to university and gain further professional qualifications. We can also support you to embark on a Higher Apprenticeship where you can develop your leadership and management skills or take on more specialised roles and responsibilities.

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Care Worker
- Activities Worker
- Personal Assistant

Salary range £12.5k - £25k

Level 3

- Rehabilitation Worker
- Housing Support Officer
- Dental Nurse

Salary range £19.5k - £25k

Level 4

- Children, Young People and Families Practitioner
- Adult Care Lead Practitioner

Salary range £23k - £25k

Level 5

- Supervisor/Team Leader
- Residential Manager

Salary range £21k - £37.5k



Locations:
RH = The Roundhouse WP = Workplace

HORTICULTURE

Few industries have as huge an impact on our lives as horticulture – from the food we eat to the medicines we rely on, from environmental protection to effective land use. Studying with Derby College Group (DCG) will lay the ground for you to thrive in a career offering endless variety, long-term opportunities and plenty of time in the great outdoors.

A growing job market

An intriguing combination of science and art, horticulture provides exciting career options. Whether you're interested in garden design and landscaping, producing fruit and vegetables, managing parkland or sports turf, running a garden centre or branching out into horticultural research, DCG can help you gain the theoretical knowledge, industry experience and practical skills you need to prosper in the industry. We have an excellent track record when it comes to nurturing outstanding horticulture professionals.

All the tools of the trade

Surveying, design, construction, turf care, plant diversity and propagation – you'll cover everything required to secure employment, head to university or even set up your own horticulture business. You'll try different hands-on activities every day, led by our enthusiastic and expert teaching team who will bring their own experience in the horticultural professions to your studies. You can even add further competency qualifications to your CV, such as pesticide application.

Career options

- Gardener
- Garden Designer
- Garden Centre Manager
- Grounds Maintenance Worker
- Greenkeeper
- Landscape Designer
- Horticultural Manager
- Horticultural Environmental Consultant
- Horticultural Therapist
- Botanist



Blossom at Broomfield

Broomfield Hall, our land-based and leisure college, is an iconic place to cultivate your gardening knowledge. The rural landscape, historic ornamental gardens, extensive glasshouse facilities and rare plant collections offer limitless learning opportunities. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you'll learn mainly in your own workplace and benefit from on-the-job training.

Preparing for the world of work

We encourage you to engage with employers for a genuine insight into what to expect in the workplace. You can make the most of work experience, employer-led challenges, visits to famed gardens like Kew, demonstrations and guest lectures by horticulture professionals. We have far-reaching links with employers and some of our students have even been overseas on exciting work exchanges. You could also learn more about the retail side of the industry by helping out at our popular Plant Centre or assisting at the many public events where visitors enjoy the Broomfield gardens at their best.

“Broomfield Hall’s a beautiful site and my lecturer was inspirational. Horticulture is a nice area to work in. It’s so welcoming and accepting – and Broomfield symbolises that.”

Steve Williams

Garden designer Steve, who has featured in the BBC's popular *Your Garden Made Perfect* series, runs an award-winning business in Bristol. He first completed an Art Foundation course at DCG but ten years later – with a Photographic Art degree under his belt and having set up a maintenance gardening venture – he returned to take a Level 3 Horticulture qualification at Broomfield.





Raise your profile

We give you every opportunity to highlight your skills and creativity through competitions, shows and real-life projects. Our students have notched up a remarkable medal-winning streak at events like *BBC Gardeners' World Live*. You could also get involved in local initiatives to bring community gardens to fruition. In a recent example, our students worked on a memorial garden at Heanor Miners' Welfare, laying paths, building raised flowerbeds and planting trees and shrubs.

Our garden restoration challenge

You could contribute to our ambitious programme to restore the Broomfield Hall gardens to their former glory. They were originally created by the highly regarded garden designer William Barron when the hall was built in 1873 and they still retain their Victorian layout, including winding woodland paths. Work has also involved contemporary herbaceous planting, the creation of a subtropical area and modern rose garden, and the ongoing restoration of the Japanese garden.

Is this you?

- Interested in plants and nature
- Enjoy practical tasks
- Keen to learn more about the science behind horticulture
- Happy to work outdoors in all weathers
- Willing to work long hours at some times of year
- A good level of physical fitness



Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer both technical and apprenticeship pathways in Horticulture, with different entry points depending on your qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for advice.

Cultivate your knowledge with a degree

Studying with DCG will equip you for university study if you want to broaden your understanding of subjects such as plant biology and soil science. Huge advances in research and development continue to transform the horticulture sector, so a degree could help you take your place at the forefront of the latest significant breakthroughs in this field.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Diploma in Practical Horticultural Skills | BH | 1 |
| Horticulture and Landscape Operative Apprenticeship* | WP | 18 months |
| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
| Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Gardener Grounds Maintenance Worker |
| Salary range £15k - £22k |
| Level 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Horticulturist Soft Landscape Installer |
| Salary range £16k - £22k |

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING APPRENTICESHIPS

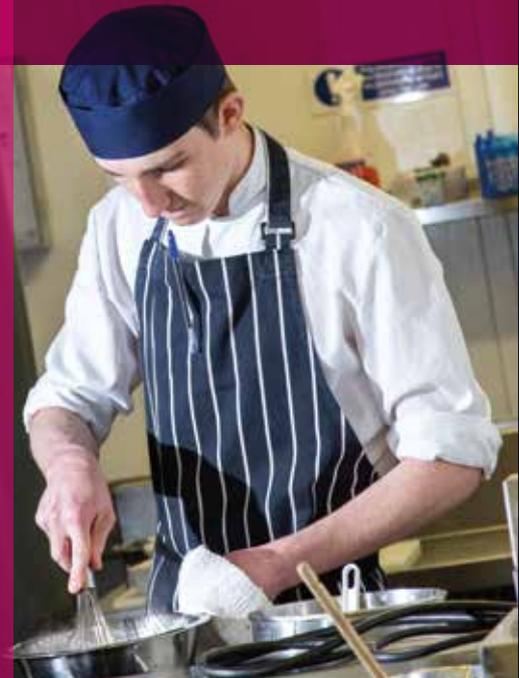
Demand for new recruits in hospitality, catering and bakery has reached an all-time high. If you'd like to work in an industry that gives people great experiences, Derby College Group (DCG) could prepare your way. We support high-quality apprenticeships that serve up exciting career prospects.

Food for thought

Vibrant, lively, interesting, fun – the hospitality sector offers as many attractions for its staff as it does for its customers. If you can picture yourself running a busy kitchen, creating stunning dishes, delivering first class service or even running your own business, an apprenticeship programme through DCG provides the perfect starter. Hospitality offers a role and a venue to suit anyone with passion and initiative, whether you're looking to become a baker, a production chef, a bar supervisor or a manager.

The apprenticeship advantage

An apprenticeship truly delivers the best of both worlds. You'll combine your DCG studies with on-the-job training with a real employer, which means you can earn as you learn. The skills you build – and knowledge you gain – will be directly relevant to your own workplace and you'll benefit from working alongside experienced staff who can steer your progress. At the same time, you'll broaden your understanding of the hospitality sector in general, including vital aspects of customer service and food safety.



Career options

- Head/Sous/Commis Chef
- Baker
- Food and Beverage Operative
- Kitchen Supervisor
- Restaurant Manager
- Hotel Manager
- Front of House Manager
- Head Concierge
- Receptionist

“Building a young team through DCG means we can all develop together. By taking on apprentices moving through Levels 2 and 3, there is continuity.”

Tom Gaskin

Head chef Tom, who originally completed an apprenticeship with the support of DCG, firmly believes that apprenticeships are a vital ingredient if employers are to develop and keep the best young staff.

Tom, who works at Fairways at Chevin Golf Club in Duffield, is overseeing a team of young DCG apprentices who are at various stages in their training.

He undertook the Level 3 Chef de Partie apprenticeship when he first joined the golf club’s restaurant six years ago. After completing that programme mostly on-site, he was offered the head chef position and has since built his own catering team around his role.

He feels that taking on young staff has given the kitchen freedom to practise new menus and expand its range of dishes, using the latest methods and techniques.



Guidance from DCG's experts

Your apprenticeship will entail wide-ranging support from DCG's own tutors and assessors, who have themselves worked at senior levels in hospitality. Engaging and enthusiastic, they will help you meet your employer's expectations, reach high professional standards and chart a future career path. They can also introduce you to exciting opportunities to widen your horizons by taking part in high-profile competitions or attending food shows.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study and type of apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to gain Level 2 Functional Skills Maths and English qualifications if you've not already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out more about apprenticeships in general on pages 54-57. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need, including help in the search for an apprenticeship.

Higher ambitions?

You can climb the career ladder quickly in hospitality and catering. You could even experience new countries and cultures: what you learn on an apprenticeship can be applied to hospitality jobs worldwide. Another option is to consider higher education, with degrees now available in everything from Events Management to Culinary Arts, Hotel Management to International Hospitality.

Is this you?

- Like providing good service
- Friendly, polite and enjoy meeting new people
- Quick-thinking, confident and outgoing
- Work well as part of a team
- Organised and calm under pressure
- Prepared to work shifts, evenings and weekends



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Bakery Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Hospitality Team Member Apprenticeship – including pathways in Food and Beverage and in Food Production* | WP | 18 months |
| Production Chef Apprenticeship* | WP | 18 months |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Hospitality Supervisor Apprenticeship – including pathways in Bar Supervision, Food and Beverage Supervision and Events Supervision* | WP | 18 months |
| Senior Production Chef Apprenticeship* | WP | 18 months |

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first but we can help you with gaining employment. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baker • Production Chef • Concierge • Receptionist • Front of House Associate |
| Salary range £12k - £24.5k |

| Level 3 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Chef/Chef de Partie/Sous Chef • Front Office Manager • Head Concierge • Restaurant Supervisor • Kitchen Supervisor • Senior Food Production Chef |
| Salary range £18k - £50k |



INCLUSION CURRICULUM (FROM SEN TO INCLUSION)

Derby College Group (DCG) recognises that every student has different needs. We offer specialist pathways so that people with learning difficulties and disabilities can develop their skills and confidence.

Ready for a fresh start?

Our specialist pathways will help you build a more independent lifestyle, boost your confidence and ensure you're well prepared for adulthood and work. You'll improve your abilities in areas such as English and maths, while gaining vital personal and social skills. By the end of your studies, you'll have a new sense of control over your life, will be able to speak up for yourself, and will be ready to make more informed choices about your future.

Pathway to Independence

Pathway to Independence is a personalised programme that supports you to gain skills and confidence for living independently. This includes learning experiences which will serve you well in everyday life, such as going shopping for food, using public transport, planning a meal, keeping yourself healthy, and managing money. You then have the option to move on to our Next Steps Pathway and become more involved in projects in your community.

The Aspire Pathway

If you have the academic ability to succeed but need support to overcome your anxieties so that you can flourish in society, the Aspire Pathway will help you develop personal strategies to unleash your resilience, build your confidence and progress into a positive destination. You'll create a personalised 'mental wealth' plan so that we can tailor one-to-one tutoring support and small-group sessions around your needs. The emphasis will be on next steps planning and personal growth.

Is this you?

- Keen to improve your independence
- Want to develop work skills
- Need support to move into employment or further studies
- Looking for a varied and exciting learning experience





Pathway to Working Life

Our Pathway to Working Life programme will equip you to enter employment, so you might take part in work placements, voluntary and community work, or enterprise activities that improve your communication and teamwork skills. You could even specialise in small animal care by choosing to study at Broomfield Hall.

The warmest of welcomes

The Welcome Café in Derby serves up much more than good food in a friendly setting. It is also an ideal training environment for DCG students with learning difficulties and disabilities. Housed in part of St John's Church, the venture is so successful that it has extended its opening hours. Many students undertaking work experience there have seen their confidence grow dramatically through multi-tasking and engaging with the public.



Supported Internships

We offer work-based opportunities to help young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to achieve sustained, paid employment. Supported internships entail a substantial work placement where you'll be assisted by an expert job coach, alongside a personalised study programme at College. They enable you to develop the skills employers need, demonstrate your value in the workplace and feel confident in your abilities to perform successfully at work.

A truly friendly community

Our learning environment is nurturing, supportive and friendly. We celebrate and welcome diversity, believing that everyone has the potential to benefit from a DCG education, regardless of their background or circumstances. We make sure that you settle into College life quickly – from the first time we meet you and throughout your personalised transition into your studies.

No day is ever the same

We pride ourselves on making your learning interesting, varied and full of fun. Every day will be different as you get involved in a wide range of activities. It could mean raising money for charity through a sponsored walk, joining a gardening project or helping out at our popular Welcome Café in Derby. It's all about enriching your learning with the chance to try something new.



Recognised for excellence

Ofsted has given us an 'outstanding' rating for the support we provide to high needs students to help them reach their potential and achieve their ambitions. Inspectors said that our high needs students make outstanding progress in achieving their learning goals and developing very good social, personal and communication skills. In addition, we were the first education provider in the region to be recognised as 'autism-friendly' by Autism East Midlands. The organisation was particularly impressed with the work underway to support students into the workplace.

Talk to us!

Our staff are dedicated to your success. They will encourage and motivate you to achieve more and to make the most of the many exciting opportunities on offer through DCG. Don't be afraid to ask if you're not quite sure about which study pathway is right for you. You can meet our friendly staff by joining one of our open days or taster days. You can also find out more about the different study pathways available by checking our website. Indeed, you can talk to our team at any time before, during and after your programme: they are always happy to discuss your needs in complete confidence.



Potential Pathways

| Entry Level | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Pathway to Independence | BH | 1 |
| The Aspire Pathway | BH | 1 |
| Next Steps Pathway | BH | 1 |
| Pathway to Working Life | BH | 1 |
| Pathway to Working Life (Small Animal Care) | BH | 1 |
| Supported Internships | BH | 1 |

Location: BH = Broomfield Hall



IT, DIGITAL SKILLS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

In the fast-evolving digital economy, you'll go far with computing and IT qualifications on your CV. Derby College Group (DCG) will equip you with the in-depth knowledge, first-rate technical skills and problem-solving prowess to excel in the jobs that will define the future.

Boot up your career plans

Almost eight in ten adults in the UK access the Internet every day and over seven in ten of us use a computer. So it's no surprise that employers are always on the look-out for professionals to design, develop and apply the software and hardware on which we all depend. Tech-savvy individuals are needed to deliver solutions for virtually every industry across the world – and the salaries match this ever-increasing demand. At DCG you can build a broad portfolio of skills – in programming, networking, cyber security, software development, e-commerce, social media, app design and much more – to make the most of all the opportunities ahead.

A high-tech learning environment

You'll find the latest technology and software at your fingertips at our Joseph Wright Centre. We help you get to grips with everything from latest programming languages and coding for web technologies to the business applications of social media.

Strong industry networks

Our partnerships within the IT, computing and digital sector will open doors for you. You'll meet leading tech professionals from the outset: our first-year students take part in an Employer Induction Day where major firms highlight work experience and career opportunities. Such collaborations have helped our students find out more about the digital operations of companies as diverse as E.ON, First Response Finance, NatWest, Alstom, Lubrizol, Atkins and the NHS.



Career options

- Business Systems Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Software Programmer
- Software Development Technician
- Web Designer
- Digital Marketer
- Mobile App Developer
- Systems Security Manager
- Technical Consultant
- Software Tester

Ensuring you're work-ready

Don't imagine you'll be glued to a computer all day, every day. At DCG we specialise in developing work-ready professionals who have a broad range of qualities to go with their technical skills. Thanks to our links with innovative technology companies, you'll enjoy work-related experience and special employer-led projects that improve your communication, decision-making and presentation skills. We also extend your understanding of the sector through industry visits, guest lectures, community initiatives and university taster days.

Leading the way

We were one of the first institutions nationally to deliver the new Digital T Levels. We are also a Fujitsu Ambassador College and have joined the Fujitsu Digital Champions programme which gives students the chance to help drive digital transformation College-wide.



Join the T Level revolution

T Levels are pioneering technical pathways which are designed with employer input, feature at least 45 days of industry experience, and lead to recognised qualifications equivalent to three A-levels. We offer T Levels in Digital Production, Design and Development and in Digital Support Services, with students going on placement with companies such as Rolls-Royce plc and Bloc Digital. Our first T Level graduates celebrated 100% pass rates and headed directly to the workplace or to university to study subjects such as Computer Science and Digital Forensics.

Is this you?

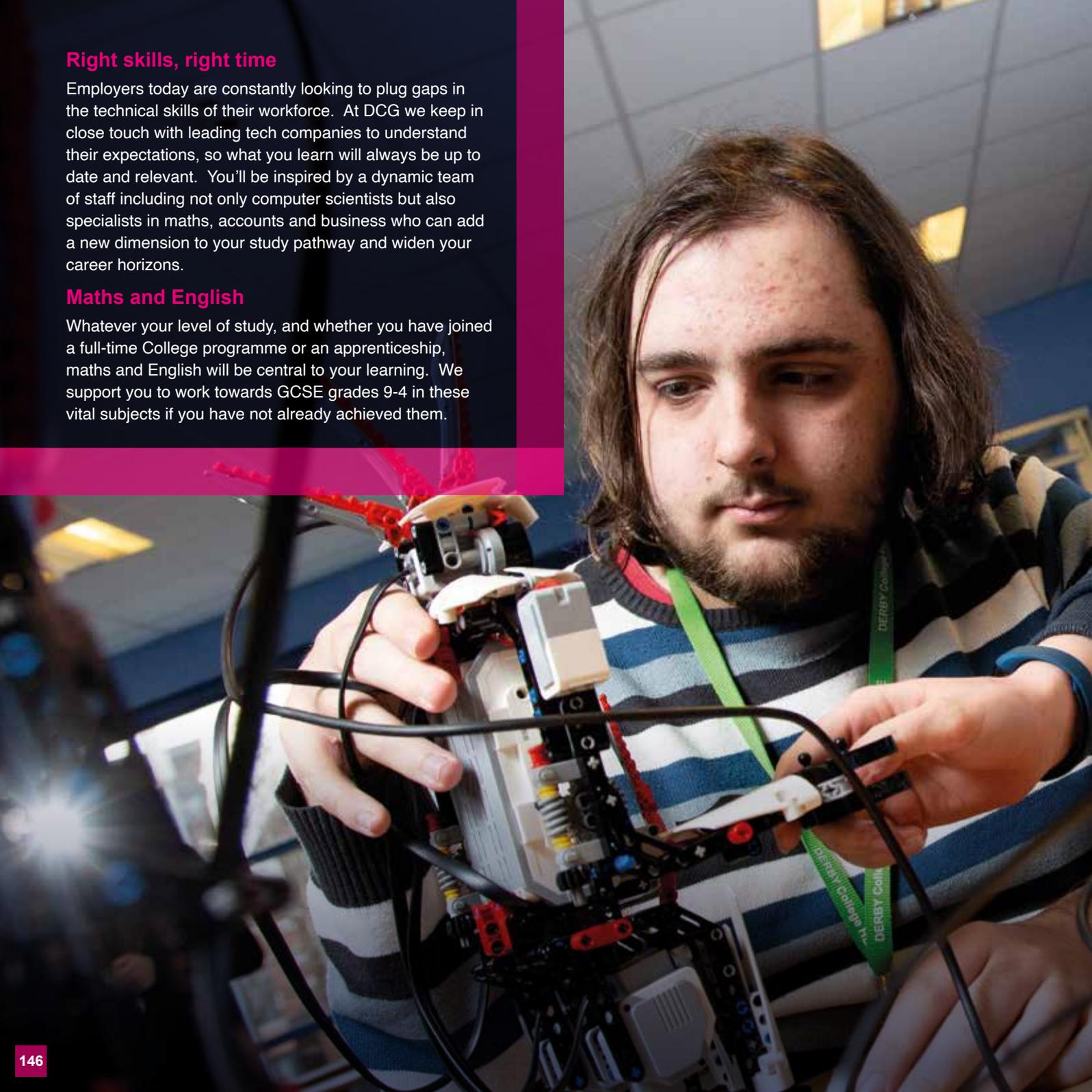
- Keen to keep up to date with latest technology
- Excellent communication skills
- Good problem-solving and organisational skills
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- High levels of accuracy and attention to detail

Right skills, right time

Employers today are constantly looking to plug gaps in the technical skills of their workforce. At DCG we keep in close touch with leading tech companies to understand their expectations, so what you learn will always be up to date and relevant. You'll be inspired by a dynamic team of staff including not only computer scientists but also specialists in maths, accounts and business who can add a new dimension to your study pathway and widen your career horizons.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.



Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in IT, digital and computer science, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details.

Fast-track your ambitions

Further study could boost your employability and earning potential – and DCG has the ideal option. Our Foundation Degree or Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Software Development – run in partnership with the University of Derby – covers themes such as programming, scripting and web technologies, and data driven systems. It also features a relevant work placement or meaningful employer engagement.

Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 2)

| | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Information and Creative Technologies | JWC | 1 |
| Diploma in Computing | JWC | 1 |

Entry Point (Level 3)

| | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Information Systems | JWC | 2 |
| T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development | JWC | 2 |
| T Level in Digital Support Services | JWC | 2 |

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: you can progress to our new Foundation Degree or Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Software Development.

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Data Entry Clerk
- Administrator
- Social Media Assistant

Salary range £16.5k - £26k

Level 3

- IT Software Programmer
- IT Systems Administrator

Salary range £27k - £43k

Level 4

- Software Engineer/Developer

Salary range £42.5k - £72k

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



MUSIC

Whether it's musical performance, composition or technology that makes your world go around, you can rely on Derby College Group (DCG) to help you find your creative voice. Study Music with us and we'll build on your talent, equipping you with the skills, techniques and industry insights to start your career on a high note.

Develop a distinctive style

We'll help you find your own artistic identity, with courses offering plenty of exciting choices. You can specialise in the performance or production aspects of music and develop your practical skills in areas ranging from pop music to sound manipulation, acoustics to sequencing, concert production to marketing and promotion. You can focus on specific forms of music including drill, grime, hip hop and R&B. You can also undertake large-scale projects on a theme of your choosing, where you record, compose, mix, master and perform a range of material that showcases your originality.

In tune with the industry

A strong network of contacts is essential for the aspiring musician of today – and we can give you an excellent starting point. Through regular demonstrations, guest lectures and engaging events like our annual Industry Week, we'll introduce you to inspirational professionals from a wide range of musical spheres. Our students have enjoyed taking part in workshops with organisations such as the BBC and Buxton Opera House. There are also many opportunities for you to get involved in providing the music for live events at the College and in the wider community.



Career options

- Performer
- Composer
- Instrumentalist
- Sound Technician
- Sound Engineer
- Live Music Assistant
- Creative Sync Co-ordinator
- Producer
- Promoter
- A&R Manager
- DJ

Sound expertise

The high-specification music studios at the Joseph Wright Centre are the place for you to explore, experiment and express yourself. We offer you an exceptional learning space featuring the latest equipment and software so that you can keep up to date with new trends in music technology and incorporate them in your work. Throughout your studies, you'll benefit from the expertise and enthusiasm of our industry-experienced tutors and you'll be able to make the most of joining a vibrant community of students taking other creative subjects.

Turn up the volume

We enable you to reach a wider audience with your work and broaden your scope through unusual enrichment projects. Our Music students have, for example, provided audio for exhibitions at Sudbury Hall, worked on Derby's 2Q Festival and even auditioned for *The Voice UK*. In one recent project led by Sinfonia Viva, students were part of a 140-strong group of young composers, singers and musicians who performed at Derby Theatre, with a programme of newly written music exploring the theme of pioneers.



Is this you?

- Musical ability and talent
- Prepared to spend time practising and rehearsing
- Willing to work long and irregular hours
- Confident, motivated and determined
- Able to work as part of a team
- Enjoy being creative



How to be your own boss

In an industry where almost a third of workers are self-employed, you'll probably need more than just your musical talent to get by. That's why your course will help you build an enterprising outlook and develop your resilience, self-reliance, organisational skills and capacity for teamwork. You could even contribute to the running of the DCG record label for a different take on what the industry entails.

Maths and English

Maths and English skills help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you've not already achieved them.

Double success for LIPA-bound duo

Two students from the same DCG Music course have secured places at the world-renowned Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA).

Owen Doherty (pictured left) and Declan Dean have been good friends throughout their time at school and College – and both achieved distinctions on their Level 3 Music Diploma.

Gaining a place at LIPA is a huge achievement for the talented twosome: the Institute, co-founded by Paul McCartney, attracts more than 3,000 applications a year for just 250 places.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in the music industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Strike the right chord at university

If you're thinking of taking your studies to degree level, there are plenty of options out there and your qualification from DCG will give you an excellent platform for progression to university. Numerous specialist degrees are now on offer, so you could choose to concentrate on subjects as diverse as Popular Music Performance and Songwriting, Digital Music and Sound Arts, Music Business, Music Theatre, Music Journalism, Soundtrack Production, Sound and Music for Games, and Acoustical Engineering.



Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Award in Music, Performing and Production Arts | JWC | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| BTEC Intermediate Certificate in Music | JWC | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Advanced Diploma in Music | JWC | 2 |
| Advanced Diploma in Music Production | JWC | 2 |

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



Careers and Salaries

| Level 2 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sound Technician• Live Music Assistant |
| Salary range £16k - £25k |

| Level 3 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sound Engineer• Creative Sync Coordinator |
| Salary range £20k - £40k |

PERFORMING ARTS

The stage is set for you to embark on an exciting future in the creative industries. A Performing Arts study pathway at Derby College Group (DCG) will give you the chance to express yourself and transport your audiences to magical places. Show business may be a demanding business, but we can help you prepare for the challenge.

Curtain up on your career

The creative economy offers an enormous array of job opportunities in technical, performance, choreography, production, educational and venue management roles. Whatever your skills and interests, DCG can help turn your passion for performance into a showstopping career. As well as nurturing your talent in acting, dance and music, we'll give you vital insights into broader aspects of the industry, both front-of-house and behind-the-scenes.

Powerful partnerships

Our contacts with leading names in the industry will enrich your learning. You'll hear from guest speakers, attend masterclasses, visit performance venues, and enjoy work experience opportunities. We regularly join forces with the likes of acclaimed dance house Déda and Derby Museums to stage creative events and activities. Our annual Industry Week events have seen our Performing Arts students collaborating with Derby Theatre and Bristol School of Acting.

Where artistry can flourish

Our Joseph Wright Centre features high-specification studios where you can finesse your skills in everything from urban dance to classical theatre. You'll be supported and inspired by our enthusiastic team of staff who boast professional experience and influential industry contacts. You'll also benefit from the opportunity to work on imaginative projects alongside students from other programmes such as Music or Creative Digital Multimedia.

Pushing creative boundaries

It goes without saying that performances of your own productions will be central to your learning experience. But we also encourage you to get involved in the city's wider entertainment scene and stretch yourself as a performer. Our students have contributed to events like Derby Festé, have worked as 'scare actors' at a Screamefest extravaganza, and recorded online Christmas performances for vulnerable and elderly people. A recent venture saw one group acting out a mock employment tribunal to help Law students understand how the process works.





Prepare for the freelance world

Over half of all performing arts professionals work on a self-employed basis, so it's vital that you take a proactive and flexible approach to your career planning. Throughout your studies at DCG, you'll gain an understanding of what the freelance life entails, so that you're equipped for the challenge and can seize opportunities as they arise. We'll help you develop as a confident, resilient and versatile professional, with all the entrepreneurial, business and communication skills you need for what is a demanding industry.

Maths and English

Maths and English help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them.

Career options

- Actor
- Entertainer
- Presenter
- Dancer
- Choreographer
- Circus Artist
- Arts Administrator
- Drama or Dance Therapist
- Community Arts Officer
- Theatre Manager



Choose the right pathway

We offer different entry points for you to join a Performing Arts course at DCG. You can find out more about what our study pathways entail on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Spotlight on your future

Your DCG qualification could be an excellent springboard for you to apply to drama or dance school or for a specialist university course. There are fascinating degrees covering not only performance but also themes such as stage management, scenography, costume and make-up, lighting design, film and screen arts, and creative expressive arts. Some of our students also decide to progress to teacher training programmes.



Is this you?

- Imagination and creativity
- Stamina, energy and physical fitness
- Good communication skills
- Willing to accept direction and criticism
- Capacity to cope under pressure
- Work well in a team and listen to others

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Community Arts Worker
- Performing Arts and Wellbeing Activity Professional

Salary range £16k - £28k

Level 3

- Actor/Presenter
- Performing Arts Practitioner

Salary range £23.5k - £44k

Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 2)

BTEC First Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

Location

JWC

Years

1

Entry Point (Level 3)

Advanced Diploma in Performing Arts

Location

JWC

Years

2

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION

A career in professional construction is rich with potential. Join Derby College Group (DCG) for your first step towards rewarding roles where you can deliver the major building projects of tomorrow and truly transform the world around us. We'll equip you with all the technical theory, practical know-how and industry experience you need.

Surveying a bright future

Study Professional Construction at DCG and you'll be on your way to a lucrative career which could take you anywhere in the world. You'll build your knowledge in everything from design procedures and CAD to surveying and construction technology, from structural mechanics and highways construction to public health and economics. As construction professionals are at the forefront of action to tackle climate change, you'll also explore important themes such as eco homes and renewable energy.

Experience that counts

We firmly believe that hands-on practical experience – where you can apply the construction theory you learn in the classroom to what happens every day in the workplace – will give you the edge in the job market. That's why we offer exciting work experience and placement opportunities, sometimes including the chance of paid summer internships. Perform well, impress a potential employer and it could lead to apprenticeship or job openings in future.

Career options

- Construction Manager
- Civil Engineer
- Building Services Engineer
- Surveyor
- Quantity Surveyor
- Architect
- Architectural Technician
- Building Technician
- Surveying Technician
- Digital Engineering Technician
- Project Manager
- Site Supervisor





“I’m so glad I did the T Level. I liked the way everything we learned at College related to what we were doing at work. My course was so different to anything I’d done at school. I’m sure I wouldn’t have got this job without the work experience I gained on my T Level.”

Elliot Poplar

Taking a T Level with DCG has led to a degree apprenticeship in Civil Engineering for Elliot Poplar. As part of his course, he spent two days a week on placement with Danaher & Walsh in Leicestershire. Now, after completing his T Level with Distinction, he’s been taken on as a degree apprentice by the business.

Expert staff, inspiring location

Our lecturers bring up-to-date industry knowledge and a vast network of contacts to inspire and motivate you. You’ll also enjoy learning about construction innovation in the iconic setting of our Roundhouse campus, itself an award-winning example of urban renewal.

An extra dimension to your learning

We enrich your studies through real-world challenges set by employers, mentoring by industry professionals, community projects, site visits and the chance to secure bursaries. Our partnerships span major names such as GF Tomlinson, Bowmer + Kirkland, Derby Homes, Balfour Beatty, Stepnell, Jackson Purdue Lever and Tilbury Douglas Construction. We host an annual Insight into Professional Construction event supported by industry and our employer partners will often help you with mock interviews and CV writing advice.



T Levels: a new route to success

DCG is at the forefront of the drive to introduce T Levels, the gold standard technical pathways that act as an alternative to A-levels and apprenticeships. Our T Level in Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction features technical knowledge, an extensive industrial placement, and maths, English and digital skills so that you are well prepared for a skilled profession. Your final qualification will be equivalent to three A-levels but you'll also have plenty of practical experience under your belt. Our 2023 T Level cohort enjoyed excellent progression rates, with some heading to university to study subjects like Property Development, Architectural Technology and Civil Engineering while others clinched higher and degree apprenticeships with leading construction companies such as Greenhatch Group and YMD Boon.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will continue to be central to your learning. We also boost your digital know-how and help you develop skills like communication, problem-solving and leadership.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. We also support apprenticeships for individuals who have already secured a position with an employer. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need.

Setting your sights higher?

Your course could be a platform for university study in subjects such as Architecture. But you don't even have to leave DCG to get your foot on the higher education ladder. You can study for our HNC qualifications in Construction Management or Modern Methods of Construction. Both are quality marked as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) that meet employer standards. Further HTQs are set to follow in Quantity Surveying and Architectural Technology. We also support Higher Apprenticeships for Construction Site Supervisors and for Quantity Surveying and Design and Build Technicians.

Is this you?

- Interested in new technologies and materials
- Strong technical skills
- An eye for design and detail
- Problem-solving abilities
- Can think on your feet
- Keen to work in a fast-paced global industry

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning | HB | 2 |
| Civil Engineering Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |
| Construction Support Technician Apprenticeship* | WP | 2 |

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: we offer HNC programmes in Construction Management and in Modern Methods of Construction. We also support a full range of Higher Apprenticeships to aid your progression in the workplace.

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: HB = Hudson Building WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Level 3

- Building Technician

Salary range £19k - £35k

Level 4

- Estimator
- Architectural Technician

Salary range £20k - £60k

PUBLIC SERVICES, SECURITY AND OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Are you up for a challenge? Whether you want to work on the frontline or behind-the-scenes in the public services, you'll be creating a better and safer society for us all. There can be few more important – or more demanding – professions and studying with DCG will put you on the right path from the outset.

Build a strong skillset

Discipline, resilience, initiative, stamina, reliability, problem-solving, decision-making, teamwork, leadership – they're all important qualities which will take you far in a public services career. At DCG we'll help you develop these vital attributes, while improving your practical abilities and expanding your theoretical knowledge. It's all about ensuring you have the right levels of physical and mental strength to hit the ground running in a demanding role with the armed forces, police, fire and rescue, ambulance, security, prison or probation services.

A dynamic mix of study topics

There's never a dull day when you're studying Public Services, Security and Offender Management. We promise you a truly varied learning experience, making full use of the extensive grounds at Broomfield Hall. You could find yourself exploring how to manage emergencies, using latest communication methods and systems, practising security procedures or discussing the impact of war and crime. Work experience will be a crucial part of your study programme and you could even gain additional qualifications in areas like Safeguarding and First Aid.

Career options

- Police Service
- Fire Service
- Ambulance Service
- Armed Forces: British Army, Royal Navy and RAF
- Prison Service
- Police and Prison Graduate Schemes
- Probation Service
- Social Services
- Youth and Youth Offending Teams
- Borders Force
- National Crime Agency





“Broomfield Hall is brilliant. It’s a nice campus, especially for someone sporty like me, and the teachers really engage with you in lessons. They show they actually care. I always look forward to the practical sessions.”

Luke Preston

Award-winning police cadet Luke has wanted to become a police officer for as long as he can remember – so taking Public Services courses at DCG was the obvious step.

He has progressed from Level 2 to Level 3 while continuing his work as a police cadet, a role which has complemented his studies perfectly.

His work has obviously impressed: in 2022 he was named Derbyshire Police Cadet of the Year as well as receiving the Derbyshire High Sheriff’s Cadet Award.

On leaving College, Luke plans to look for a police apprenticeship and become an armed response officer.

Action-packed experiences

You’ll enjoy hands-on learning throughout your studies. We deliver exciting opportunities for you to test your practical skills, with eye-opening training events staged by our partners from the armed and emergency services. Our students have taken part in counter terrorism and riot training and have teamed up with Army Logistics bomb disposal teams to explore how to stay calm under pressure. One recent initiative was a multi-agency event at Carsington Water which showed how Derbyshire Police, East Midlands Ambulance and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue professionals would deal with the aftermath of an emergency like a plane crash.



Is this you?

- Can assess situations and react quickly
- Show initiative and common sense
- Mature, responsible and reliable
- Good fitness levels
- Strong communication skills
- Can remain calm at times of stress



Provide a helping hand

Our students regularly get involved in stewarding at festivals, sporting events and fundraising activities. This has included marshalling at the Derby Half Marathon, for which we're the official volunteer partner, and even at the Derby Arena COVID-19 vaccination centre. Among other community projects, our students have assisted with city-centre 'deep cleans', delivered Easter eggs to Derby's Hope Centre and raised funds for Rainbows Hospice. They have also contributed to campaigns to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime. Experiences like these will look great on your CV, showing potential employers that you have a strong sense of citizenship.

Learn from the experts

You'll be inspired and motivated by tutors who have wide-ranging experience in the sector, together with an influential network of contacts. There are regular guest lectures to inform your future plans, including from former DCG students who have advanced to a fascinating range of careers in the armed, emergency, prison, probation and other public services. You could also benefit from mock interviews with the British Army, Royal Navy and security firms to help you secure your ideal job.



Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning pathway. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these subjects if you've not already achieved them: some of our programmes specifically include GCSE re-sits to improve your prospects.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in various public services careers, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Public Services | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Preparation for the Public Services | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Policing, Criminology and Law | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services | BH | 2 |
| Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services | BH | 2 |

| Entry Point (Level 4/5) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: our Foundation Degree (FdSc) Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) is the ideal platform to take your career plans forward. |

| Entry Point (Level 6) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Keep studying with DCG: with our one-year top-up programme, you can build on a relevant Foundation Degree to achieve the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management. |

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: BH = Broomfield Hall

Step up to higher education

Your DCG qualifications could be your stepping stone to training programmes with the uniformed or armed services or they could help you secure a university place to study subjects like Law or Social Work. Don't forget: you can also stay on at DCG to pursue your higher education ambitions. We offer both the Foundation Degree (FdSc) Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) and the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (Top Up) which will put your career plans on a firm footing.

Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Emergency Medical Dispatcher
- Operational Support Worker
- Court Usher
- Civil Service Administrator

Salary range £15k - £24.5k

Level 3

- Police/Prison/Fire Service Officer
- The Armed Forces

Salary range £20k - £41.5k

Level 4/5

- Health Care Assistant (prison and secure hospitals)
- Court Administrator
- Substance Misuse Support Worker

Salary up to £44k

Level 6

- Graduate Probation Officer
- Graduate: Prison Service Leadership Programme
- Police Officer, National Detective Programme, National Graduate Leadership Programme

Salary up to £44k and beyond



SCIENCE

Interested in a future at the forefront of discovery? Want to tackle some of the world's most pressing problems? Study Science with Derby College Group (DCG) and you'll have a real head start in your career – learning how to think critically, research thoroughly, draw on evidence and apply practical skills.

Endless potential

Studying with DCG can pave the way to a broad spectrum of scientific professions which offer limitless possibilities. Pioneering medical advances, conducting psychological research, investigating crime scenes, exploring space technology, ensuring the safety of our food, undertaking complex analytical processes ... the career paths open to skilled scientists are diverse, exciting and rewarding. With the success of vaccine developments during the pandemic, the profile of science has never been higher.

Two routes to choose from

We offer two routes for students interested in a work-related, vocational approach to fulfil their ambitions in science: the Extended Diploma in Applied Science and the T Level in Science. Both programmes place an emphasis on hands-on laboratory sessions and fieldwork which will enable you to work safely, accurately and confidently in any scientific environment from nanotechnology to nuclear physics, genotyping to organic chemistry.

The T Level in Science

Offered as an alternative to A-levels and apprenticeships, our two-year T Level in Science combines classroom theory, practical learning and industry experience. You'll gain a solid grounding in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, with a focus on practical investigation and analytical skills. You'll also be equipped to translate your scientific knowledge directly to workplace scenarios: drawing on DCG's excellent links with employers, the T Level includes an industrial placement of at least 45 days in laboratory settings. Your final qualification will be equivalent to three A-levels.



Career options

- Lab Technician
- Forensic Scientist
- Biologist
- Research Scientist
- Geoscientist
- Psychologist
- Biomedical Scientist
- Food Scientist
- Radiographer
- Pharmacist
- Nurse



“I’ve always been a practical learner. I like the way T Levels combine practical tasks with exams. I learned a lot on my work-based training at the hospital, such as the importance of laboratory etiquette and keeping everything tidy and well organised.”

Harry Finnigan

Former Science T Level student Harry is heading to Bristol University to embark on a degree in Marine Biology. Harry first attended DCG to study Science at Level 3. After successfully resitting English GCSE, he moved on to the T Level covering laboratory sciences. As part of his work-based experience, he spent time at a pharmacy and then in the pathology labs and wards at Derby Royal Hospital.

The Extended Diploma in Applied Science

Our two-year Extended Diploma in Applied Science offers a broad vocational study programme equivalent to three A-levels. It covers themes such as the principles and applications of science, practical scientific procedures and techniques, science investigation skills, laboratory techniques and their application, human regulation and reproduction, and genetics and genetic engineering.

A superb setting for practical work

Our laboratories at the Joseph Wright Centre are high-specification and well-equipped, with integrated IT facilities that replicate working conditions in industrial settings. They include a replica of a sterile clean room for microbiology work, complete with a laminar flow hood and viewing window to observe work being undertaken. Cameras across the laboratory enable you to watch live experiments from an LED display above your workstation. There are both group and individual work areas.

Draw on our expertise

Our enthusiastic teaching team has a wealth of academic and professional experience in many specialist science areas as well as excellent industry contacts. There are significant opportunities for fieldwork, while inspirational guest speakers will share their insights with you. If you aspire to degree-level study, you could attend university workshops too: a visit to the University of Derby Biomedical Science taster day, for instance, saw our students analysing their own DNA.

Award-winning research

You can broaden your outlook through research projects. One team of T Level students scooped a prestigious Institute for Research in Schools (IRIS) Award for their investigations into the Covid pandemic. They were named Best Research Team in 2023 for their work to explore different governments' responses to the virus and the impact various restrictions had on the number of Covid deaths. The students competed against entrants from 203 schools and colleges across the UK and judges praised their 'tremendous teamwork and self-motivation'.



Sought-after skills

Our tuition in science research methods and data handling will help you become a high-calibre independent learner with a questioning mind. Alongside your technical scientific knowledge, you'll build research and evaluation, project management, problem-solving and communication skills which are highly sought after by employers. Maths, English and general digital skills are integrated throughout – all in the context of scientific job roles.

Interested in higher education?

While offering direct routes into a job or apprenticeship, our Science programmes also provide a platform for university applications. By successfully completing studies at Level 3, you'll be awarded UCAS tariff points which could lead on to degree studies in subjects such as Biomedical Science, Radiography, Pharmacy, Pathology, Nursing and Paramedic Sciences.



Is this you?

- An enquiring mind
- The ability to think clearly and logically
- A high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Patience, concentration and persistence
- Practical scientific and technical skills
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making skills

Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 3)

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Science

Location Years

JWC 2

T Level in Science

JWC 2

Interested in a more academic route to success in the science arena? We also offer A-levels in Biology, Chemistry, Geology and Physics: find out more on pages 28-53.

Location: JWC = The Joseph Wright Centre



Careers and Salaries

Level 3

- Environmental Scientist
- Food Technologist
- Biochemist

Salary range £20k - £48k

SPORT

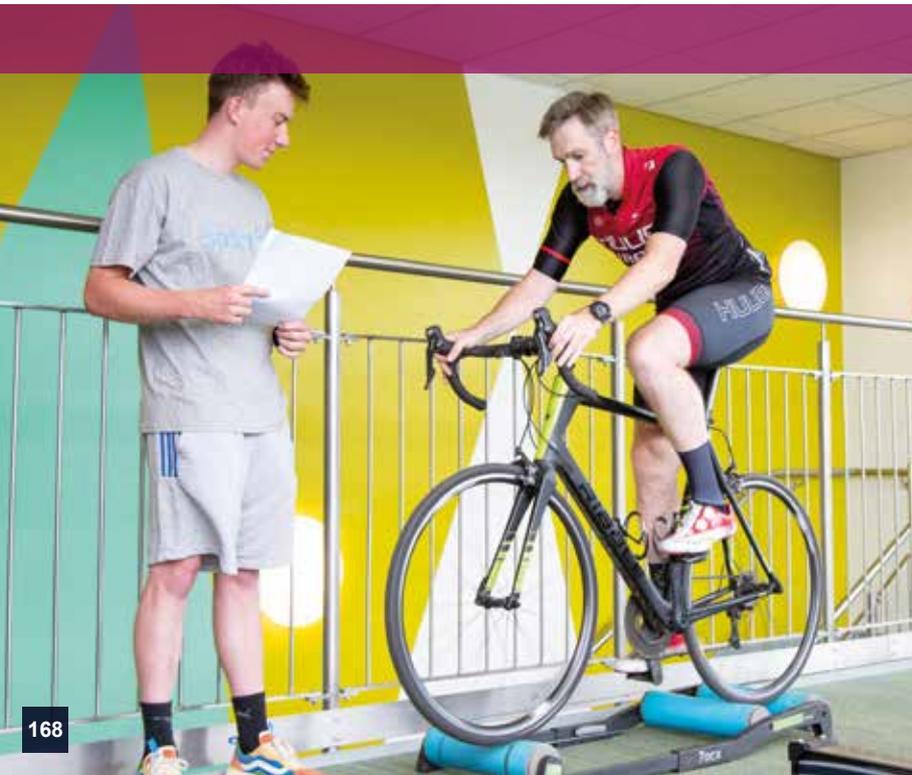
If sport is a huge part of your life, why not turn your passion into an action-packed career? With Derby College Group (DCG) on your side, you'll get fit for a future full of possibilities. We can offer exciting study pathways, excellent facilities, inspirational teaching and great industry contacts to help you keep ahead of the competition.

A winning start

Do you dream of coaching the next generation of sporting stars? Are you interested in encouraging people to take up more active, healthy lifestyles? Can you see yourself running a sports centre, planning and co-ordinating large sports events or officiating at major sports matches one day? Or would you just like to take your own performance to the next level in your favourite sport? Whatever goal you're aiming for, the expert teaching team at Derby College Group (DCG) will help you hit the ground running and achieve your personal best.

Raise your game

If you're a talented athlete in your own right, you can choose a programme where you combine your studies with your training, coaching and competing commitments. We have established specialist Academies that enable you to reach your full sporting potential while gaining essential qualifications that broaden your career options. The Academies are run in conjunction with high-profile sports organisations such as Derby Trailblazers Basketball, East Midlands Golf, British Cycling, the HUUB Ribble Performance Cycling Squad and AoC Sport Football.



Career options

- Sports Coach
- Sports Development Co-ordinator
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Centre Manager
- Activity Co-ordinator
- Personal Trainer
- Fitness Instructor
- Leisure Assistant
- Sports Psychologist
- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Wellness Coach
- Community Coach
- Sports Nutritionist

Your employability work-out

Engaging with employers is invaluable if you are to succeed in a popular and demanding industry. We work extensively with local school sport partnerships and link up with leading names from the sporting world to help you improve your prospects through work experience, workplace visits and employer-led projects. Our collaborations with the likes of Cricket Derbyshire, Soccerstars UK, Everyone Active, Velospeed, AM Sports, RS Coaching and Places Leisure will give you an insight into the many career opportunities available.

Build an impressive CV

You can add extra strings to your bow – and set yourself apart in the job market – by taking additional qualifications in areas such as fitness instruction or community sports leadership. Our alliance with Sports Leaders Qualifications enables you to follow their Leadership Skills Programme so that you can help other people in the wider community to undertake basic physical activities while improving your own abilities in communication and organisation.



Is this you?

- Enthusiasm for sport
- Physical fitness and stamina
- Determination and commitment
- The ability to motivate others
- Good communication skills
- An exceptional talent in your sport (if you want to compete professionally)



Stretch yourself in our great facilities

You'll enhance your sporting performance in the superb setting of our Broomfield Hall campus which features a fitness gym, multi-use courts, outdoor pitches and a climbing wall. In addition to the sports centre, you'll discover that the wider Broomfield estate offers plenty of potential for outdoor exercise too. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, most of your learning will be concentrated in your employer's workplace.



“I liked the practical side best where I got chance to put on a little class and show the assessors what I know. The DCG lecturers were brilliant and my experience of my apprenticeship has encouraged colleagues to advance their own learning and take extra qualifications.”

Lyndsey McLaughlin

Derby Arena wellbeing adviser Lyndsey jumped at the chance to take a Level 3 Personal Training Apprenticeship supported by DCG. Lyndsey, who helps adults of all ages to improve their fitness levels, has worked at the council-run gym for eight years but pursued the apprenticeship because she was keen to further her knowledge.

Sporting chances

Masterclasses with leading sports figures, event stewarding, community projects ... we give you every opportunity to broaden your knowledge through a rich array of learning experiences. Our students have completed fitness training with the Royal Marines; worked with children's soccer projects; undertaken placements in gyms, medical centres and schools in Holland; and volunteered on sports development initiatives in countries such as Kenya.

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them: your programme could even include GCSE re-sits.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the world of sport, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details.

Set the bar high with a degree

Many DCG students go on to university to gain degree-level qualifications in subjects like Sports Science, Sports Therapy and Sports Management. Others secure coveted scholarships to combine studying and playing sports in the USA. You don't even have to leave DCG to enjoy higher education: our Sport Coaching Foundation Degree, run in partnership with the University of Derby, enables you to analyse scientific data and convert it into training regimes.

Potential Entry Points

| Entry Point (Level 1) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Sport and Fitness | BH | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 2) | Location | Years |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Certificate in Gym Instruction | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Sports Performance (Basketball) | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Sports Performance (Football) | BH | 1 |
| Community Activator Coach Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

| Entry Point (Level 3) | Location | Years |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Personal Training | BH | 1 |
| Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science | BH | 2 |
| Derby Trailblazers Academy Coaching Assistant | BH | 1 |
| Extended Certificate in Sports Coaching and Development | BH | 1 |
| Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science | BH | 2 |
| Foundation Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science with Sports Massage Therapy | BH | 2 |
| Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development | BH | 2 |
| RIBBLE rechrq Coaching Assistant @ Derby College Cycling Academy | BH | 1 |
| Leisure Duty Manager Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |
| Personal Training Apprenticeship* | WP | 1 |

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: you could progress to a Certificate in Advanced Personal Training or consider a Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy.

Entry Point (Level 5)

Keep studying with DCG: our Foundation Degree Sport Coaching offers a unique blend of knowledge and skills, together with opportunities to coach at different levels.

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Locations: BH = Broomfield Hall WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Leisure Assistant
- Fitness Instructor
- Recreation Assistant

Salary range £13k - £20k

Level 3

- Activity Co-ordinator
- Personal Fitness Instructor
- Wellness Coach
- Community Coach

Salary range £14k - £22k

Level 4

- Sports Massage Therapist

Salary range £17k - £28k

Level 5

- Sports Coach
- Sports Development Co-ordinator

Salary range £17k - £50k

SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Would you like to work in a classroom environment? Could you provide both academic and emotional support to help young people flourish? Derby College Group (DCG) helps deliver exciting apprenticeships which will equip you for rewarding educational roles such as teaching assistant or learning mentor.

Supporting the next generation

As a teaching assistant (TA), you'll support teachers in the classroom to ensure young people gain maximum benefits from their education. As a learning mentor, you'll work with students and apprentices of all ages in various settings. Whichever route you take, you'll have the immense satisfaction of seeing learners develop, progress and realise their potential.

On-the-job training

Apprentices earn while they learn, but the benefits go much further than that. You'll develop wide-ranging skills and qualities 'on the job' while gaining a qualification which is recognised worldwide and meets professional standards.

First steps to an apprenticeship

To embark on your journey to success, you should secure a contract with an employer first, whether it be a school, further or higher education institution, private sector or voluntary organisation. DCG will then work with your employer to plan a study pathway which matches their expectations and reflects your own career aspirations.

Progress in your role

You'll enjoy variety and creativity in your role. You'll plan, undertake and evaluate learning, development and mentoring activities, providing professional support to teachers and other staff. As your skills grow, you could take on extra responsibilities – such as working independently with groups of children or supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.



Career options

- Teaching Assistant
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Classroom Assistant
- SEND Teaching Assistant
- Behavioural Support Teaching Assistant
- Additional Needs Support Assistant
- HE/FE Learning Mentor

Best of both worlds

Apprentices normally attend a weekly learning session at the Roundhouse, our flagship campus with leading-edge facilities. The rest of your learning will be organised on a flexible basis to suit your employer's needs. Through DCG, there may also be opportunities to gain additional qualifications.

An expert team to inspire you

Our approachable and experienced team will encourage and motivate you through a blend of classroom-based learning, research, tutorials and lesson observations as you build a portfolio of evidence to showcase your achievements. Throughout, we will ensure that you can apply theory to your own practice.

Vital skills for future success

Whatever your level of study, skills in maths and English will be central to your learning. You'll also enhance your abilities in broader areas like communication and teamwork while developing your confidence and motivation.

“DCG staff were so understanding about my dyslexia and gave me extra help. They went above and beyond for me.”

Chelsea Cooper

Chelsea found all the encouragement she needed on a Level 3 Teaching Assistant (TA) apprenticeship supported by DCG. She is now a permanent TA working with Year 1 pupils at Brackensdale Spencer School, Mackworth, where she first began volunteering in 2018. She says that having dyslexia makes her more understanding of children who are struggling with their reading and adds: “I find my job extremely rewarding.”





Choose the right pathway

Apprenticeships feature different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

The next rung of the career ladder

Many of our apprentices go on to secure a permanent position with their employer. There are also clear routes for you to take your career ambitions forward, including the chance to achieve Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) status or advance to formal teacher training.

Let DCG take you further

Our Professional Education, Training and Development Academy also offers high-calibre, relevant and up-to-date courses in teacher training, coaching and mentoring, and assessing. Based at the Roundhouse, these programmes enable you to work towards recognised qualifications that meet the latest professional standards and offer progression routes to success in worthwhile careers.

Is this you?

- A passion for helping learners and apprentices to achieve
- The ability to communicate new ideas
- Strong organisational skills
- Enthusiasm and creativity
- An empathy with children and young people
- Patience, flexibility and a sense of humour

Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 3)

Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship*

Location

WP

Years

2

Entry Point (Level 4)

Keep studying with DCG: if you want to progress your career, we offer the Level 4 HLTA Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistants. You could also consider our Level 4 awards covering the quality assurance of assessment processes and practices.

Entry Point (Levels 5-7)

Keep studying with DCG: you could consider progressing to a Certificate in Education or PGCE for Post-14 Education and Training.

*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. See pages 54-57.

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: WP = Workplace



Careers and Salaries

Level 3

- Teaching Assistant
- Learning Mentor

Salary range £17k - £25k

Level 4

- Apprenticeship Facilitator
- Assessor
- Learning Coach
- HLTA

Salary range £17k - £27k

Levels 5-7

- Qualified Teacher
- Trainer/Assessor

Salary range £23k - £35k

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Let Derby College Group (DCG) be your guide on your journey to an exciting future in travel and tourism. The sector is one of the most popular career choices for young people with ambition, drive and curiosity. And, with their strong industry links, our experienced staff can open up a whole new world of opportunities for you.

Map out your future

Would you like to turn holiday dreams into reality, deliver a great visitor experience or help people get to where they need to be? At DCG you'll learn everything you need to thrive in the fun and fascinating travel and tourism sector – from providing excellent customer service as cabin crew to marketing memorable package tours, from entertaining holiday-makers to providing tourist information, from managing high-profile events to stewarding on cruise ships.

Opening doors to the workplace

To help you make a smooth transition from education to employment, we provide you with inspiring opportunities for work-related experience and placements. Our students benefit from our close links with leading travel and tourism employers such as British Airways, Leonardo Hotels, Agiito, Center Parcs and Derby Museums – to name but a few – who help them apply their learning in practice. Our employer partners can also put you through your paces with live projects and mock interviews.

Take-off for an airport career

You can practise your skills in our mock aircraft cabin interior and with our check-in desk and security scanner. You'll also hear from guest speakers representing some of the largest air travel organisations and you could find yourself taking field trips to airports, cabin crew training centres and passenger transport hubs. We have a formal partnership with East Midlands Airport so that you can benefit from behind-the-scenes insights into everything from airfield operations to customer service. In the past our students have even taken part in emergency training exercises with East Midlands Airport Fire Services.



Learning that helps you go far

Our staff have extensive industry experience and great contacts which will help you gain a firm foothold on the career ladder. They will enrich your studies with a dynamic range of activities that bring your learning to life and look great on your CV. In the past our students have helped organise major international tourism conferences, assisted at the launch of a new Derby Museums gallery and enjoyed team-building and fact-finding events with the likes of Premier Inn and Butlins. Your course will include trips to tourist destinations and hospitality venues too.



Study in a real tourist attraction

You'll be based in an impressive setting which is a visitor attraction in its own right. Our award-winning Roundhouse campus is an iconic example of urban renewal, with a strong architectural and railway heritage. A grade II listed building, it features the oldest turning shed in the world. You could get involved in some of the corporate and business activities taking place on this and other DCG campuses to see event management in action.

Career options

- **Travel Agent**
- **Air Cabin Crew**
- **Airline Customer Service Assistant**
- **Cruise Ship Steward**
- **Tour Manager**
- **Holiday Rep**
- **Hotel Manager**
- **Event and Conference Manager**
- **Tourist Information Officer**
- **Ticketing Agent**

Maths and English

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you haven't already achieved them.

Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in travel and tourism, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join an open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

Your passport to university

Your DCG qualification could be your launchpad to university level study. The range and number of higher education opportunities in this field is constantly expanding, with new degrees being offered in subjects such as Heritage and Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Sustainable Tourism, Visitor Attraction and Resort Management, Events Management and Cruise Industry Management.



Is this you?

- Excellent people and customer service skills
- Interested in travel
- Capable of working as part of a team
- Understanding and tactful approach
- Confident and friendly manner
- IT know-how



Potential Entry Points

Entry Point (Level 1)

Diploma in Travel, Tourism and Customer Service

Location Years

RH 1

Entry Point (Level 2)

Diploma in Customer Service Skills for Cabin Crew, Aviation and Airport Industries

Location Years

RH 1

Entry Point (Level 3)

Diploma in Travel and Tourism

Location Years

RH 2

Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism

RH 2

For full entry requirements: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Location: RH = The Roundhouse



Careers and Salaries

Level 2

- Travel Agent
- Cabin Crew
- Travel Administrator

Salary range £13.5k - £18k

Level 3

- Rail Travel Assistant
- Travel Consultant
- Aircraft Marshall
- Hotel Assistant

Salary range £19k - £29.5k

OPEN DAYS 2023-2024

THE ROUNDHOUSE

THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023 5.00pm - 7.00pm

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm
During Apprenticeship Week

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

ADULT OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

ALL SITES OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

THE JOSEPH WRIGHT CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023 5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

BROOMFIELD HALL

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023 5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024 5.00pm - 7.00pm

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024 9.00am - 12.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: you must pre-register for all of our events via our website before attending.

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