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DCG

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

Adult Course Guide

**Free
Courses
Available**

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for details



Welcome to Derby College Group

Your bright future starts here

Learning transforms lives. It's a chance to seek out exciting new opportunities, take a fresh direction and reinvent yourself.

Here at Derby College Group (DCG) we're ready to help you rise to that challenge.

Our dynamic adult and community courses make it easier for you to reskill for that dream job, pitch for a promotion, change your career or launch your own business. They're the ideal stepping stone to highly regarded qualifications all the way up to degree level.

But it's not just about qualifications. With DCG, you'll also find study options designed to boost your confidence, broaden your horizons, introduce you to new hobbies and improve your daily life.

Our courses are specially designed for maximum flexibility so that you can fit your learning around your other commitments. We also provide friendly, expert support to people who may be returning to education later in life.

This is the start of your journey to a new you. And we'd be proud to help you along the way.



How to use this guide



Applying to DCG

Apply online at www.derby-college.ac.uk. There's an online application form on every course page.

Need help with your application? Call our Student Services team on 0800 028 0289. You can even book in at one of our colleges where we'll guide you through the application process.

- For some courses, you'll be interviewed about your qualifications, experience and aspirations. Interviews take place over the summer and some may be by phone or Microsoft Teams.
- Your interview could include a screening assessment undertaken online or in person at one of our colleges. It's just to confirm that the course you've selected is at the right level for you.

Your first step to success

We've designed this guide to give you a snapshot of the many learning opportunities on offer at DCG.

You'll find course listings on pages 26 to 38 that give you a brief idea of the courses available. You may even discover subjects you'd never considered before.

Then visit our website at www.derby-college.ac.uk to gain a detailed picture of the study options that interest you most.

It would be a smart move to join one of our open days too. It's your chance to check out our colleges, meet our friendly staff and get a better idea of what it's like to be a DCG student.



- Complete your enrolment over the summer – either online or at one of our special open enrolment events which take place in August and September. You'll find the dates at www.derby-college.ac.uk
- Don't forget – for some courses, enrolment takes place all year round. Do check the individual course pages on our website for more information.

Why choose Derby College Group?

Turn your dreams into reality

Something for everyone

Wherever your interest lies and whatever your aspirations for the future, we have a course to suit you. True to our mission to break down barriers to education, we offer a full range of learning pathways that are ideal for people with few or no qualifications – and those returning to education after a while.

Broaden your career horizons

A DCG course can help you keep moving towards your career goals. It could mean making a fresh start in a new job, gaining a sought-after promotion, expanding your business or setting up on your own. The skills and qualifications you build at DCG will stand you in good stead.

Aiming higher?

You don't have to move away to take your qualifications to the next level. We offer an exciting choice of flexible study options leading to HNCs, Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees right here on your doorstep. Look out for courses which have been approved as Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) too – they're designed to meet employers' needs and are a valuable alternative to degrees and apprenticeships.

Quality counts

We're committed to high standards of teaching and learning, so you're in safe hands with DCG. Ofsted has rated us as a 'good' College for overall effectiveness. It also says we make a 'strong' contribution to meeting skills needs in our area – the highest possible ranking.



Experience and inspiration

Our teaching teams are made up of experts in their fields. They're passionate about their subjects and many have wide-ranging industry and professional experience to share with you. Friendly and engaging, they'll motivate you to achieve your full potential.

Supportive student services

All the advice and guidance you need is available from our Student Services team. Always approachable, they're your first port of call if you have any queries and they can signpost you to other sources of help. Student Services staff are available at every campus to ensure you make the most of your DCG experience.

Flexibility and convenience

We've got a great track record for designing courses that fit around our students' lifestyles. Our part-time and online learning opportunities provide the ideal way for you to balance your studies with your family, work and social commitments.

Budget-friendly courses

Education is a real investment in your future – but some students might worry whether it's affordable. If you're concerned about the costs involved, ask us for advice on Advanced Learner Loans and other forms of financial support. Depending on your circumstances, some of our courses may even be **FREE** – see overleaf for more information.

A great learning environment

We offer industry-standard facilities backed by the very latest in learning technologies to give you the best chance of success in your studies. Library services at all our main colleges provide not only reference materials and study spaces but also computers with Internet access, plus printing and photocopying resources. Online learning systems are available to you on a 24/7 basis.

Build your social networks

DCG welcomes students of all ages and backgrounds so there's always a lively atmosphere on campus. It's a community where you'll make new friends and discover fresh interests. Check out what's on offer from our Students' Union too: it's a great source of clubs, societies and entertainment.

Closer than you think

Our colleges in Derby and Derbyshire are easy to reach, served by good public transport links. For full information about the routes available, see:

derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/transport-getting-to-college





“My DCG tutor comes out to assess me and observe me at the school. She is lovely and always there if I need help.”

Priscilla Jordan

Mum-of-four Priscilla Jordan is taking a Level 3 Children and Young People Diploma at DCG, **funded through the Free Courses for Jobs initiative**. The qualification will be invaluable in her residential care role at Maple View School in Mackworth.

She says: “My DCG tutor comes out to assess me and observe me at the school. She is lovely and always there if I need help. Through doing my Diploma, I’m taking a deeper look at residential care, examining the policies, how we communicate with young people with learning disabilities, and what we do to keep them safe.”

Are you eligible for a free course?

Can you afford to miss out?

Help for low-income students

Have you checked out the Adult Skills Fund? It allows low-income learners to be fully funded if they’re taking certain courses.

As part of the eligibility criteria, we can fully fund students who are unemployed, employed or self-employed – as long as they earn below £26,800 annual gross salary.

The East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has now taken control of the Adult Skills Fund (ASF) for our area to ensure it reaches the people, businesses and communities who will benefit most. Its aim is to engage and train adults to help them progress into – and within – work or to equip them for an apprenticeship or other further learning.

For more information, see:
derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/19-plus/



Free Courses for Jobs

Under a new initiative, Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ), local students working towards specific qualifications will benefit from an even higher earnings threshold – of £35,182.47 – to be eligible for full funding.

FCFJ aims to reduce sector skills shortages, support individuals to boost their career prospects in their current industry or enable them to reskill for a new sector.

It helps individuals without a Level 3 qualification or higher to gain the skills they need to get the job they want, whatever their stage of life. It is also open to unemployed individuals and those who already hold a Level 3 qualification but earn below the national living wage.

For more information, see:
gov.uk/guidance/free-courses-for-jobs



Please note

Initiatives featured here don’t cover all courses, so contact us to find out if you’re eligible and if it applies to the course in which you’re interested. You’ll need to provide evidence of your low earnings if you’re claiming full funding.

Further financial support

We’re committed to helping people who might face financial barriers while pursuing their learning ambitions. You’ll find full information about the tuition fees for each course on our website. Remember that:

- if you’re studying at Level 3 or higher, you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan
- if you’re taking a higher education course, you can apply for a loan from the Student Loans Company
- additional financial support may be available through DCG

You’ll find more information and handy guides to paying your fees at:
derby-college.ac.uk/student-support
or contact us directly:

Tel: 0800 028 0289
Email: studentservices@derby-college.ac.uk

Our online funding calculator

Not sure what funding you might be entitled to? We’ll shortly be including an easy-to-use funding calculator on each course page of our website. It’s the ideal way to find out what financial support you might be eligible for.

Check it out at: www.derby-college.ac.uk

Advanced Learner Loans

The flexible way to pay for your tuition fees

Qualify now, pay later

If you're aged 19 or over, an Advanced Learner Loan could help with the costs of your studies at DCG. The loans are easy to apply for, your household income and employment status are not considered, and there are no credit checks.

You'll only start repaying your loan in the April after you have completed or left your course, and only if your earnings are over the repayment threshold. For the 2026/2027 tax year, the repayment threshold is £25,000 a year. If your income is below this amount, you will not make any repayments.

What can I use the loan for?

Advanced Learner Loans can be used to pay fees for eligible courses leading to a wide range of academic, vocational, technical and professional qualifications at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6. These can only be approved qualifications delivered by an approved provider such as DCG.

The loan is paid directly to the College to cover your tuition (and eligible material fees where applicable).

How does it work?

- You apply directly to the Student Loans Company (SLC), not to DCG.
- Once approved, the loan is paid to DCG on your behalf.
- If your loan is approved before you enrol, there is no upfront cost to you. If your loan has not been approved by the time you enrol, you will need to pay a £50 deposit and set up a Direct Debit. These payments will continue until your loan is approved. Once the loan is approved, any deposit and Direct Debit payments made will be fully refunded.
- The loan covers eligible course fees only.

How much are the loans for?

For all eligible qualifications, the loan can cover up to 100% of the cost of your training, including tuition and material fees. The minimum loan amount is £300.

How to apply

- You'll need to have an interview with a member of DCG staff for the subject discipline for which you are applying.
- Information will then be sent to you with details of how to apply online.

Find out more at: gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan or contact our friendly Student Services team for advice on:

Tel: 0800 028 0289

Email: enquiries@derby-college.ac.uk

Please note: *details about the Advanced Learner Loan are subject to confirmation and could change. For updates see: derby-college.ac.uk*

Other support available

There is a national bursary fund to help individuals with learning difficulties or disabilities, parents who need help with childcare, and ex-military personnel.

In addition, our Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund may help you meet the associated costs of coming to College, such as childcare and travel.

See: derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/19-plus



Higher Education student finance

Investing in your future

Study close to home

DCG offers a growing portfolio of higher education courses to boost your career prospects and earning potential. Our fees are competitive and studying locally means you won't face significant accommodation and transport costs.

Tuition fees

You can pay for your higher education programme through:

- a direct payment to DCG
- sponsorship from an employer
- a student loan

Inclusive education

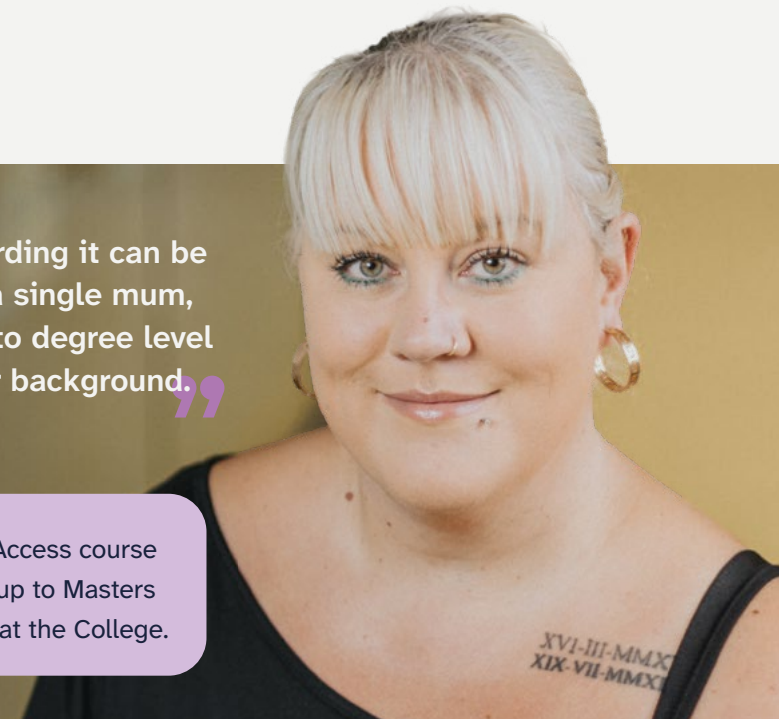
We are an inclusive education provider and work with our students to create an inclusive teaching plan. If you have an inclusion need (such as dyslexia, autism or anxiety for example), please provide us with as much detail as possible.

One of the Higher Education Support Team will be in touch to learn more about you and the methods of support that suit you best. We offer a range of technology support solutions as well as a base room at each college that you can access.

“I want my students to know how rewarding it can be to carry on into higher education. As a single mum, I hope they will see that progressing to degree level and beyond is possible, whatever your background.”

Emma Smith

Emma returned to learning at 27 to take an Access course at DCG. She has since gained qualifications up to Masters level, is completing a PhD, and now teaches at the College.



Student loans

The Student Loans Company administers financial support for higher education. If you apply for a loan:

- you don't have to pay fees up front
- you don't need to pay back anything until after you have completed your programme and are earning over £25,000 per year
- you won't pay anything back at all if you never reach that salary level

Depending on your household income, you may also be eligible for a maintenance loan to cover your living costs.

Applying for a loan

If you choose to apply for a loan:

- you will need to complete an online form each year you study
- your tuition fee will automatically be paid to DCG

We recommend that you apply for student finance as early as possible. You can do this as soon as finance applications are open and you've accepted an offer.

Disabled Students' Allowance

As a higher education student in England, you can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if:

- you have a disability (as defined under the Equality Act 2010)
- you have a long-term health condition
- you have a mental health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia

Disabled Students' Allowances pay for extra support to help you make the most of your studies. This could be for:

- study skills support such as dedicated support for dyslexia
- specialist equipment such as electronic note-taking software

The application process for the DSA can take up to 14 weeks. For further information, visit: [gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas) or email DCG at: inclusionHE@derby-college.ac.uk for full details and assistance with your application.

Please note:

For the most up-to-date information about student finance, see www.gov.uk/student-finance or

Contact us:

Tel: 0800 028 0289

Email: studentservices@derby-college.ac.uk
[derby-college.ac.uk](https://www.derby-college.ac.uk)



“We all got on so well at DCG. It can be hard developing ideas on your own but discussing them in class was so helpful to the creative process.”

Chloe Manchester

Crafter and artist Chloe Manchester loves to use the healing power of art to help people express difficult and painful emotions. She completed Awards in Creative Craft at Levels 1 and 2 at DCG's Ilkeston College, which provided a springboard for her plans to study a BA (Hons) Creative Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing.

Get back into learning

Transform your prospects

Open to everyone

A community learning programme with DCG could change your life – and all we ask is that you want to learn. You could strengthen your CV, build your qualifications profile, take your career forward and boost your confidence in your own abilities. Even better, you'll find that many of our courses are FREE.

English and maths skills

If you need some help with everyday tasks – from handling money and calculating measurements to composing letters and emails or understanding written instructions – our Functional Skills courses are a smart move. Who knows, you could even end up helping your children with their homework projects.

Strengthen your GCSE profile

Add a GCSE in English, Maths or Biology to your name and you'll find it easier to advance to further study, apply for a better job and gain a career advantage. We offer flexible GCSE classes which are specially designed for adults keen to make a fresh start. With these all-important qualifications under your belt, you'll build your self-esteem as well as your employability.

Get to grips with the digital age

Digital skills are just as important as English and maths these days – and that's even more true with the advent of Artificial Intelligence. DCG's digital skills courses for beginners cover everything from daily activities like website searches, Internet banking and social media through to using email, word processing and spreadsheet packages in the workplace. We also offer more advanced programmes at Level 2 on themes such as cybersecurity.

Reach the next level

Ideal for adults, our Level 3 courses cover professions ranging from health and social care to education and training, from business administration to leadership and management. They could be a stepping stone to a coveted university place, a better job or a career change. If you've been out of the job market for a while, they could also open new doors for you. Some of our Level 3 courses are now FREE for eligible students.

Find out more about the Adult Skills Fund and the Free Courses for Jobs scheme on pages 5-6.

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ESOL courses for confidence

We can help you improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills if English isn't your main language. Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programme will make it easier for you to engage in activities like talking to your GP, child's school, community services or employer. Better skills in English will also be a bonus when it comes to making job applications.

Relax – you're among friends

We pride ourselves on providing a supportive and friendly environment for your studies. You'll benefit from small class sizes led by approachable and welcoming tutors who will take the time to find the styles of learning which suit you best.

Flexibility is key

We know how hard it can be to balance your learning with a busy lifestyle. That's why our adult and community course portfolio is full of part-time study options, including classes taking place at weekends, in the evenings and at convenient hours in the day-time. Some courses are based in the wider community too, making it even easier for you to access DCG's expertise.

See our course listings starting on page 26 for further information.



Distance learning

The ultimate in convenience

Distance is no object when it comes to learning with DCG. Choose one of our popular distance learning courses and benefit from:

- flexible, affordable learning which fits around your home and work life
- the chance to study anytime and anywhere – at home or on the go
- engaging study materials that you can access from any device
- an easy-to-navigate distance learning platform
- expert support from tutors who specialise in distance learning
- recognised qualifications in a wide range of subjects from customer service and team leading to event planning and digital marketing
- eligibility for FREE courses depending on your circumstances

derby-college.ac.uk/distance-learning



James Cullinane
IT Programmer and Developer
Studied: Cyber Security and
Lean Management

Ilkeston Community College

Reskill, retrain, reinvent yourself



Ideal for adult learners

Our Community College in Ilkeston is the perfect setting to embark on a new direction in life. Situated in the heart of the town just off the Market Square, it offers a broad portfolio of adult and community courses that will update your knowledge and skills. Whether you're retraining to gain an edge in the jobs market or taking up an exciting new leisure interest, we have something to appeal to you.



Boost your professional profile

From Functional English and Maths to Essential Digital Skills, First Aid at Work to British Sign Language, studying at Ilkeston College can bring a new dimension to your CV. Our flexible learning pathways mean it's easier than ever to get new professional qualifications under your belt. You could even ignite your entrepreneurial spirit: courses in subjects like crafting could lead to a business venture.

An inspirational setting

You'll discover much more than a welcoming atmosphere at Ilkeston College. It boasts accessible, open learning spaces with the latest technologies and resources including a well-equipped IT suite. There's ample opportunity for productive group work as well as individual study and research.

Take a closer look

Why not attend one of our regular open days or call in to speak to us about what's available at Ilkeston College.

Find out more at:
derby-college.ac.uk/adult-community-learning

Higher Technical Qualifications

The HTQ advantage

If you're looking for a more vocational course at Level 4 or 5, a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) might be the answer.

DCG has led the way in introducing these qualifications to its portfolio, opening new doors for local people to progress into high-skilled and highly paid jobs. Our students find HTQs are a viable alternative to degrees and apprenticeships.

Each HTQ has been independently endorsed as delivering the knowledge, skills and behaviours that business and industry expect. Employers regard them as a trusted route for their staff to achieve higher qualifications so that their workforce is fit for the future.

DCG has been approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education – now Skills England – to run HTQs in subjects such as Architectural Technology, Construction Management, Modern Methods of Construction, Quantity Surveying, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Software Development.



Courses designated as HTQs are identified within the course listings starting on page 26.

“It's great to be exposed to the other students' knowledge, to talk to them about the industry and to learn from their experiences.”

Omar Ahmed

Omar Ahmed has progressed from the T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning to take the HNC in Construction Management for England, approved as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ). His plan is to progress to degree-level studies and combine his learning with a role in construction management.

He says: “There are people on my HNC who have been in the construction industry for some time. It's great to be exposed to their knowledge.”

Institute of Technology

The East Midlands Institute of Technology (EMIoT) is now open for business at DCG – providing the ideal setting for HTQs and other higher-level qualifications.

It represents an innovative partnership which offers students the very best in technical education and meets the growing demand for skilled professionals to bolster the UK's economic growth.

Specialising in engineering, digital, professional construction, health, technical education and leadership skills, the EMIoT offers everything from HTQs to Honours Degrees and Higher Apprenticeships.

Already the building is home to over 300 students and apprentices, not only young people about to enter the workforce but also professionals who want to retrain or upskill mid-career, especially for the digital, advanced engineering, professional construction and low-carbon sectors.

One of 21 Institutes of Technology nationwide, the EMIoT is a pioneering collaboration between DCG, Loughborough College, Loughborough University and the University of Derby. It also enjoys major input from leading-name employers who are shaping the curriculum.

The building features advanced technology so that students gain experience in everything from 3D printing to materials testing and the latest mechatronics systems. It's all about creating an authentic learning environment and mirroring the flexible, hybrid world of modern industry and the connected workplaces of the future.

Future plans include offering micro-credentials for those individuals who want to reskill without the time and financial commitment of a full study programme.



Excellence in construction

Want to pursue a high-flying career in construction? Then joining DCG is the perfect place to build on your ambitions.

The College has won national recognition as a **Construction Technical Excellence College (CTEC)** – one of only ten across the country and the lead organisation for the whole of the East Midlands.

CTEC status means that DCG is regarded as a national leader in delivering high-quality, industry-relevant construction training. It already supports the largest number of construction apprentices in the region.

Now, as a CTEC, the College can open its doors wider still for students who want to advance further – and faster – in the industry. It will extend its facilities, expand its capacity and deliver the advanced technical, green and digital skills needed to meet the evolving demands of employers.



Don't take our word for it...

... just check out what our students say. We've got rave reviews for everything from our flexible study options to our high-quality support, not to mention the career opportunities we open up for our adult learners.



Darren Pearson

“I’m looking forward to staying with DCG and training to become a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and possibly a qualified teacher. At 41, I bring life experience to my role. Education is a career worth exploring for adults like me who have had previous jobs but now seek a rewarding new challenge.”

Volunteering at his son’s school has led to a fulfilling career for Teaching Assistant Darren Pearson, who had previously held jobs in retail, care, cleaning and warehousing. Inspired to join the education sector, he now works at Brookfield Primary School, Mickleover. After finishing the Level 3 Diploma for Teaching Assistants, he intends to continue his training.



Gemma Sidsaff

“I didn’t do that well at school but I’m pleased to be learning now. I was helping my nine-year-old son with his times tables the other day and he told me how proud he was of me for going back to College. That was a special moment.”

Returning to College for English and Maths Functional Skills allowed busy mum Gemma Sidsaff to do something just for herself. After her children started school, she enrolled at Ilkeston College and now plans to take GCSEs with the aim of working with people with learning disabilities. Gemma qualified for **Adult Skills Fund** support: without it, she says she probably could not pursue her ambitions.



Read our success stories
in more detail online



Laiba Waheed

“Having my course paid for motivates me even more than if I was paying for it myself. I want to make the most of the funding I’ve received so I feel I’m giving something back. I might want to progress into teaching later on if the opportunity comes up.”

With support from the **Adult Skills Fund**, Laiba Waheed has been able to find her calling, working with teenagers with special needs. She is working towards a Level 3 Residential Childcare qualification, learning in her workplace: Alderwasley Hall School. She says she would have found it much harder to continue to train at the school without the additional funding.



Maya Xie

“For me it’s about personal growth. My English wasn’t as good as I wanted it to be. I’d learned to speak it formally but not informally, which is very different. Taking the course has made such a difference to my everyday life and really helped build my confidence. I’d have been happy to pay – it was so good. Getting it for free was a bonus.”

Maya Xie already had some English when she first came to the UK from China in 2004 but always felt she could improve on it. Having searched for a ‘proper’ face-to-face course, she joined a Functional English programme at Ilkeston College. She even qualified to study for free through the **Adult Skills Fund**.

Our commercial centres

Make the most of our services for the wider community

Dog Grooming Salon

Our dog grooming salon provides a high-quality service catering for a large range of dog breeds and sizes at very competitive prices cheaper than commercial salons.

Based at Broomfield Hall, the salon is run by experienced grooming professionals, supported by students who are developing their own grooming skills. Services include bathing and drying; clipping, styling and trimming; ear cleaning; and nail trimming. We are happy to discuss specific requirements with every owner.

We also offer specialist courses for anyone interested in pursuing a career in dog grooming, along with taster sessions and 'groom your own dog' days.

For further information or bookings:

Tel: 01332 836 615

Email: dog.grooming@derby-college.ac.uk

www.facebook.com/DerbyCollegeDogGrooming

Check out our price list at:

derby-college.ac.uk/open-to-the-public/dog-grooming-salon



Broomfield Hall Animal Unit

Our Animal Unit provides a range of experiences for the community. We hold open days throughout the year for the public and prospective students to come and see DCG's facilities and animals. We also offer animal parties for children, animal experiences, keeper-for-a-day experiences, after-school clubs and junior zoo clubs throughout the holidays.

For further information and to book:

Tel: 0800 028 0289

Email: animal.unit@derby-college.ac.uk

facebook.com/broomfieldhallanimalunitandfarm



DCG Equestrian Centre

An approved BHS riding establishment, our Equestrian Centre is run as a commercial as well as educational training yard which meets the highest standards. The centre provides excellent training for Horse Care Management students and runs competitions, training clinics and short courses for intermediate and advanced riders.

We also offer a wide range of facilities, including an indoor arena, outdoor school and cross-country facilities for hire, along with a 5km off-road ride around the Broomfield estate.

For further information:

Tel: 0800 028 0289

Email: amy.alexander@derby-college.ac.uk

derby-college.ac.uk/equestrian-centre



The Florist

We offer bespoke floristry designs produced within the beautiful grounds of Broomfield Hall. Whether you're seeking innovative wedding designs, stunning gifts for that special occasion or advice on funeral tributes, our staff are always pleased to meet with you and discuss your personal requirements.

For further information and bookings:

Email: sarah.dale@derby-college.ac.uk



The Plant Centre

If you're looking for very competitively priced plants, look no further than the Plant Centre at Broomfield Hall. A haven for gardening enthusiasts, the centre offers an impressive selection including seasonal bedding, vegetable and herb plants, alpines and border perennials – all grown by our talented Horticulture students.

For further information:

Email: rebecca.herring@derby-college.ac.uk

derby-college.ac.uk/open-to-the-public/the-plant-centre



Little Explorers Forest School Nursery

Rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted, our unique 54-place Forest School nursery is set in the picturesque grounds of Broomfield Hall.

It offers high-quality care for children aged from three months to five years, plus care for older children during the school holidays – all in a safe, well-organised and attractive environment. The curriculum includes Forest School sessions in woodland areas of the site and visits to our farm. The nursery is run by a team of qualified, experienced and highly motivated staff.

For further information:

Tel: 01332 836 620

littleforestexplorers.co.uk





SENSI

Our SENSI hair and beauty salon at the Roundhouse offers a range of commercial hair, beauty and barbering services.

The salon is a 'feel good' place to prepare for a special occasion, enjoy deep relaxation and indulge in a little pampering. Hair treatments include cutting, blow dry, colouring, perming and barbering services while beauty treatments include facials, eyelash tints,

waxing, manicures, pedicures, make-up and massage. Our affordable prices mean you can feel like a million dollars – for much less!

For further information, special offers and appointments:

Tel: **0800 028 0289**

derby-college.ac.uk/sensi

Adult Courses

2026-2027

Find the study programme that's right for you with our easy-to-use listings, starting on the next page.



Your key guide

Locations

- RH = The Roundhouse
- HB = Hudson Building
- BH = Broomfield Hall
- JWC = Joseph Wright Centre
- ILK = Ilkeston Community College
- SJC = St James Centre
- WP = Workplace
- OS = Off-site
- DIST = Distance

Study modes

- Free* = These courses may be fully funded for eligible students
- Roll on roll off = Programmes which are ongoing throughout the year and you can enrol at any time

Our Courses - 2026-2027											
Course Title	Location	Weeks	Hours per week	Level	Start/ w/c	Days/Times	Exam Fee (£)	Tuition Fee (£)	Free* (subject to eligibility)	Free	Advanced Learner Loan
Adult Digital Skills											
Whether you're new to computers or already have some knowledge and experience, DCG can equip you with the digital skills you need for everyday activities and to prepare for roles in sectors like administration, finance, marketing and manufacturing.											
Digital Functional Skills - various levels	JWC	24	2.5	0	14/09/2026	Mon 12:15-14:45	0	0	Free*	-	-
Digital Functional Skills - various levels	ILK	24	2.5	0	14/09/2026	Tues 09:30-12:00 or Thur 18:00-20:45	0	0	Free*	-	-
Digital Functional Skills - various levels	RH	24	2.5	0	15/09/2026	Tues 18:00-20:45	0	0	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Career Progression	RH	13	2.5	2	14/09/2026	Mon 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Career Progression	ILK	12	2.5	2	14/09/2026	Tues 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Cybersecurity	ILK	11	2.5	2	05/01/2027	Tues 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Cybersecurity	RH	11	2.5	2	05/01/2027	Mon 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Using Digital Technologies	ILK	11	2.5	2	12/04/2027	Tues 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Award in Digital and IT Skills - Using Digital Technologies and Spreadsheets	RH	11	2.5	2	12/04/2027	Mon 18:00-20:45	0	403.2	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Digital and IT Skills	RH	35	2.5	2	14/09/2026	Mon 18:00-20:45	0	1008	Free*	-	-
Adult English Skills											
Build your confidence and boost your career prospects while enhancing your reading, writing and communication skills – all at your own pace. We offer a friendly and relaxed environment for you to improve your English and enhance your employability.											
Adult Functional Skills English - various levels	ILK	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Functional Skills English - various levels	JWC	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Functional Skills English - various levels	RH	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Employer-based Functional Skills English	SJC	12	2	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Maths Skills											
From calculating to measuring, handling money to interpreting statistics, our Functional Maths classes will help you develop practical problem-solving skills for daily life. Courses are flexible and designed around your needs.											
Adult Functional Skills Maths - various levels	ILK	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Functional Skills Maths - various levels	JWC	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Functional Skills Maths - various levels	RH	35	2	0	14/09/2026	Various	0	0	Free*	-	-
Employer-based Functional Skills Maths	SJC	12	2	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Adult Functional Skills Maths	DIST	35	2	2	14/09/2026	Live online class - Wed 13:30-15:30	0	0	Free*	-	-

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Course Title											
Agriculture											
Whether you're managing a smallholding, cultivating land, or pursuing a career in the broader land-based sector, our short courses provide industry-leading training and certifications. You'll be based in the ideal learning environment; our working estate at Broomfield Hall.											
Lambing - Introduction to Theory and Practical	BH	1	5	1	07/03/2027	Contact us	0	50	-	-	-
Introduction to Smallholding	BH	1	6	2	10/10/2026	Weekends	0	180	-	-	-
Smallholders Course	BH	4	12	2	10/10/2026	Weekends	0	600	-	-	-
Smallholding - Animal Husbandry	BH	1	6	2	06/03/2027	Weekends	0	180	-	-	-
Smallholding - Boundary Repair and Maintenance	BH	1	6	2	16/01/2027	Weekends	0	180	-	-	-
Smallholding - The Smallholder's Calendar and Use of Machinery	BH	1	6	2	15/05/2027	Weekends	0	180	-	-	-
Award in the Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides (PA1) (NPTC 0216-73)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	200	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Use of Brush-cutters and Trimmers (NPTC 0014-41)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Use of a Manually Fed Woodchipper (NPTC 0020-61)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	55	145	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Use of Handheld Leaf Blowers and Vacuums (NPTC 0014-24)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	250	-	-	-
Award in the Transport of Animals by Road (Short Journeys) (NPTC 0141-04)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	75	125	-	-	-
Banks Person Training	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	170	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Forklift Truck Operations (NPTC 0014-33)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of All-Terrain Vehicles - Sit-in (NPTC 0014-32)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe and Responsible Use of Veterinary Medicines (NPTC 0141-21)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of All-Terrain Vehicles - Sit-astride (NPTC 0014-32)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	345	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Hand-held Hedge Cutters (NPTC 0014-34)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	170	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Mowers - Ride-on (NPTC 0014-35)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	170	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Tractor Driving and Related Operations (NPTC 0014-31)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Trailer Use and Reversing	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	170	-	-	-

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Animal Care Make the most of our expertise in Animal Care. You could be starting a journey into the dog grooming industry or looking for a fun activity for your children. Whatever you choose, you'll find Broomfield Hall is no ordinary classroom.											
Animal Experience	BH	1	1.5	0	Roll on roll off	Weekends and holidays 09:30-15:30	0	35	-	-	-
Junior Zoo Club	BH	1	5	0	April	Contact us	0	35	-	-	-
Junior Zoo Club	BH	1	5	0	May	Contact us	0	35	-	-	-
Junior Zoo Club	BH	1	5	0	July	Contact us	0	35	-	-	-
Junior Zoo Club	BH	1	5	0	August	Contact us	0	35	-	-	-
Keeper for a Day Experience	BH	1	6	0	Roll on roll off	Weekends and holidays 09:30-15:30	0	110	-	-	-
Certificate for Dog Grooming	BH	18	6	2	September	Mon	0	1350	-	-	-
Certificate for Dog Grooming	BH	18	6	2	September	Tues	0	1350	-	-	-
Certificate for Dog Grooming	BH	18	6	2	February	Mon	0	1350	-	-	-
Certificate for Dog Grooming	BH	18	6	2	February	Tues	0	1350	-	-	-
Advanced Diploma in Dog Grooming	BH	31	6	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	3417	-	-	-
Animal Care: Higher Education Take your ambitions to the next level with our highly regarded Foundation and Honours Degrees. Studying either part time or full time, you can focus your studies to match your interests: it could be domestic pets, wildlife or zoo animals.											
Access to Higher Education Diploma (Animal Science) (1 year)	BH	33	15	3	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	5197	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (FdSc) Module - Animal Husbandry (1 year)	BH	14	3	4	21/09/2026	Contact us	0	600	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (FdSc) Module - Frontiers in Zoo Management (1 year)	BH	14	3	5	25/01/2027	Contact us	0	600	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (FdSc) Module - Zoo Husbandry (1 year)	BH	30	3	5	21/09/2026	Contact us	0	600	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (FdSc) (Full-time - 2 years)	BH	30	15	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (FdSc) (Part-time - 4 years)	BH	30	8	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	3850	-	-	-
Foundation Degree in Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (FdSc) (Full-time - 2 years)	BH	30	15	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-
BSc (Hons) Animal Management Module - Animal Training (1 year)	BH	14	3	6	25/01/2027	Contact us	0	600	-	-	-
BSc (Hons) Animal Management Module - Interactions, Laws and Ethics (1 year)	BH	14	3	6	21/09/2026	Contact us	0	600	-	-	-
BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Top-up) (Full-time - 1 year)	BH	30	15	6	21/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-
BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Top-up) (Part-time - 2 years)	BH	30	8	6	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	3850	-	-	-
BSc (Hons) Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) (Top-up) (Full-time - 1 year)	BH	30	15	6	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-

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Arboriculture Covering everything from chainsaw legislation to emergency tree work, our Arboriculture programmes combine expert tuition with flexibility. Participants can work towards industry-compliant certificates of competence which demonstrate their skills and help them expand their businesses.											
Introduction to Basic Chainsaw Use and Safety	BH	1	6	1	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	75	-	-	-
Introduction to Basic Crosscutting	BH	1	6	1	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	75	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides using Pedestrian Handheld Equipment (PA6) - Installing Pesticide Plugs in Tree Stumps (PA6PP) (NPTC 0216-54)	BH	1	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	120	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Use of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (NPTC 0017-03)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence for Arboricultural Ground Worker (NPTC 0039-24)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	80	170	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-Cutting (NPTC 0039-20)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	140	260	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Felling and Processing Medium Trees over 380mm and up to 760mm (NPTC 0039-33)	BH	1	18	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue (NPTC 0039-22)	BH	1	30	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	140	510	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Small Tree Felling up to 380mm (NPTC 0039-21)	BH	1	18	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	140	330	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Using a Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness (NPTC 0039-23)	BH	1	12	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	140	370	-	-	-
CPD Module in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-Cutting	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
CPD Module in Felling up to 380mm	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Emergency Treework Planning (NPTC 0039-36)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in Individual Windblown Trees (NPTC 0039-37)	BH	1	18	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Award in the Safe Use of a Chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (NPTC 0039-38)	BH	1	12	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	90	255	-	-	-
Automotive Technologies Technicians working in the automotive and public service sectors need to keep abreast of latest legislation and industry best practice. DCG delivers part-time programmes on electric/hybrid vehicle systems and automotive refrigerants to keep your skills in top gear.											
IMI Technical Specialist in Automotive Refrigerant Handling (EC842-2006)	RH	3	6	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	295	-	-	-
Technical Specialist in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement	RH	5	6	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	326	-	-	-

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Course Title																	
Beauty																	
Qualified beauty therapists and aestheticians can now perfect their skills in advanced skin rejuvenation treatments – with our new micro-needling course. It's ideal for practitioners working in beauty, aesthetics or clinical skincare keen to offer professional micro-needling services.																	
Certificate in Skin Needling	RH	36	6	4	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	885.6	-	-	-						
British Sign Language																	
British Sign Language (BSL) is a valuable skill for everyone. Our flexible study options range from short courses for beginners to a Level 3 qualification preparing you for roles such as Communication Support Worker or BSL interpreter.																	
Basic British Sign Language	ILK	5	2.5	1	Roll on roll off	Tues 18:00-20:00	0	72	-	-	-						
Basic British Sign Language	RH	5	2.5	1	Roll on roll off	Wed 18:00-20:00	0	72	-	-	-						
Basic British Sign Language	JWC	6	2	1	Roll on roll off	Thu 09:30-11:30	0	72	-	-	-						
Award in British Sign Language	RH	30	2	1	14/09/2026	Wed 18:45-20:45	0	384	Free*	-	-						
Award in British Sign Language	ILK	30	2	1	14/09/2026	Thu 18:00-20:00	0	384	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in British Sign Language	RH	35	2.5	2	14/09/2026	Mon 18:00-20.30	0	600	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in British Sign Language	RH	35	4	3	14/09/2026	Tues 16:30-20:30	376	724	-	-	Yes						
Business, Leadership and Management																	
Hit the ground running in a new job or secure that promotion you've been dreaming about. Our courses in subjects like accounting, digital marketing, team leading, business administration and customer service will put rapid career progression within your grasp.																	
AAT Certificate in Accounting	RH	36	7	2	08/09/2026	Tues 09.00-16.45	0	1836	-	-	-						
AAT Certificate in Bookkeeping	RH	18	6	2	08/09/2026	Tues 09.00-16:45	0	828	-	-	-						
Award in Developing Leadership and Team Skills	OS	26	1.08	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	1103	-	-	-						
Certificate in Digital Marketing	DIST	26	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Event Planning	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Equality and Diversity	DIST	26	8	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Information, Advice or Guidance	DIST	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Lean Management Organisational Techniques	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Living in a Fair and Diverse Society	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Principles of Business Administration	DIST	26	7	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Principles of Team Leading	DIST	34	7	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Certificate in Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-						
Diploma in Business and Administration	OS	52	6.75	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	1356	-	-	-						
Diploma in Customer Service	OS	52	0.42	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	1987	-	-	-						
ILM Certificate in Leadership and Team Skills	OT	52	0.92	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	1631	-	-	-						
AAT Diploma in Accounting	RH	36	6	3	08/09/2026	Wed 09.00-16.45	0	2880	-	-	Yes						
Certificate in Advice and Guidance	OS	52	3	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	811	-	-	-						
Diploma in Business Administration	OS	65	8.3	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2573	-	-	-						
ILM Certificate in Leadership and Management Skills	OS	52	1.23	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2000	-	-	-						
Diploma in Advice and Guidance	OS	78	4	4	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2225	-	-	-						

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Course Title																	
Conservation and Countryside Learn more about working in the countryside – and how the countryside works. Our short online courses in sustainable woodland management and ecology provide the perfect introduction to safeguarding our natural environment.																	
Introduction to Sustainable Woodland Management							DIST	1	2	1	05/11/2026	Mornings	0	15	–	–	–
Introduction to UK Ecology							DIST	1	2	1	19/11/2026	Mornings	0	15	–	–	–
Construction: Electrical Installation Whether you're a new entrant to the construction industry or looking to gain insights into advanced technical aspects of electrical installation and testing, you'll discover a part-time specialist course for you at DCG.																	
City & Guilds Electrical Diploma 2365							RH	36	6	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	4358	–	–	–
Diploma: Technical Occupational Entry in Electrical Installations							RH	36	6	3	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	4704	–	–	–
Creative Crafts Unleash your imagination and learn how to make beautiful items from scrap materials. Our upcycling and crafting courses will help you research materials, plan a project and develop a stunning finished design.																	
Introduction to Upcycling and Crafting							ILK	6	3	0	Roll on roll off	Tues or Thu, 10:00-13:00 or 17:30-20:30	0	150	Free*	–	–
Award in Creative Craft							ILK	25	3	1	14/09/2026	Tues 10:00-13:00 or Thu 17:30-20:30	0	672	Free*	–	–
Award in Enterprise: Crafting							ILK	9	4	1	Roll on roll off	Wed 10am-2pm for 9 weeks (multiple start dates)	0	450	Free*	–	–
Award in Creative Craft: Crafting							ILK	25	3	2	14/09/2026	Thu 10:00-13:00 or 17:30-20:30	0	588	Free*	–	–
Engineering Engineering qualifications can open doors to highly rewarding and well-paid careers – and DCG's part-time study programmes open those doors wider still. They are specially designed to support adults who want to join the next generation of engineering pioneers.																	
BTEC Award in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering							RH	36	7.5	3	08/09/2026	Contact us	0	3456	–	–	Yes
BTEC Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering							RH	36	7.5	3	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	3456	–	–	Yes
Engineering: Higher Education Mechanical, manufacturing or electronics: whatever branch of engineering sparks your interest, we can power up your career plans. Our portfolio includes HNC, Foundation Degree and Honours Degree qualifications to help raise your profile as a forward-thinking professional.																	
HNC in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	36	9	4	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	–	–	–
HNC in Mechanical Engineering (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	36	9	4	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	–	–	–
Foundation Degree in Engineering (2 years)							RH	36	9	5	01/09/2026	Contact us	0	8700	–	–	–
BEng (Hons) Engineering (Top-up) (1 year)							RH	36	9	6	03/09/2026	Contact us	0	8700	–	–	–

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Equine												
Based at DCG's popular Equestrian Centre at Broomfield Hall, our Improve Your Riding courses will boost your confidence and competence. Ours is an approved BHS riding establishment where you'll receive expert tuition in a superb rural environment.												
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	1	16/09/2026	Wed 18:00-19:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	2	15/09/2026	Tues 18:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	2	15/09/2026	Tues 19:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	2	16/09/2026	Wed 19:00-20:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	2	17/09/2026	Thu 19:00-20:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Improve Your Riding	BH	12	1	3	17/09/2026	Thur 18:00-19:00	0	240	-	-	-	
Equine: Higher Education												
We offer clear progression routes – from Foundation Degrees to top-up Honours Degrees – for students who want to take their equine knowledge and skills further. With both full-time and part-time options, our higher education courses focus on boosting your employability.												
Foundation Degree in Equine Science (Rehabilitation and Performance) (FdSc) (Full-time - 2 years)	BH	30	15	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-	
Foundation Degree in Equine Science (Rehabilitation and Performance) (FdSc) (Part-time - 4 years)	BH	30	8	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	3850	-	-	-	
Foundation Degree in Equine Science (Riding and Coaching) (FdSc) (Full-time - 2 years)	BH	30	15	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-	
Foundation Degree in Equine Science (Riding and Coaching) (FdSc) (Part-time - 4 years)	BH	30	8	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	3850	-	-	-	
BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Biomechanics and Performance or Riding and Coaching) (Top-up) (Part-time - 2 years)	BH	30	8	6	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	3850	-	-	-	
BSc (Hons) Equine Science (Biomechanics and Performance or Riding and Coaching) (Top-up) (Full-time - 1 year)	BH	30	15	6	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-	

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ESOL											
If English isn't your main language, DCG courses can help you develop your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. They pave the way to further study or employment and ensure you can make the most of life in the UK.											
ESOL for Beginners	SJC	35	6	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
ESOL Options Term 1 - All Qualifications	SJC	19	7	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	800	Free*	-	-
ESOL Options Term 2 - All Qualifications	SJC	16	7	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	672	Free*	-	-
First Aid											
Whatever your role and whatever your business, first aid should be a key concern. DCG's high-quality and convenient training equips learners with the knowledge to provide safe treatment in any first aid situation.											
Award in Full First Aid at Work	ILK	1	18	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	290	-	-	-
Refresher First Aid at Work	ILK	1	12	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	195	-	-	-
Award in Emergency First Aid at Work	ILK	1	6	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	100	-	-	-
Floristry											
Let your flair with flowers blossom. You may want to create eye-catching arrangements and gifts, you may be planning a career change or you may want to add floristry to your skills in areas like interior design, photography and catering.											
Floristry Taster - January	BH	1	3	0	20/01/2027	Wed 09:30-12:30	0	30	-	-	-
Floristry Taster - March	BH	1	3	0	24/03/2027	Wed 09:30-12:30	0	30	-	-	-
Floristry Taster - May	BH	1	3	0	12/05/2027	Wed 09:30-12:30	0	30	-	-	-
Floristry Taster - June	BH	1	3	0	16/06/2027	Wed 09:30-12:30	0	30	-	-	-
Make a Door Wreath for Christmas	BH	1	3	1	20/11/2026	09:15-12:30	0	45	-	-	-
Make a Door Wreath for Christmas	BH	1	3	1	27/11/2026	09:15-12:30	0	45	-	-	-
Make a Door Wreath For Christmas	BH	1	3	1	05/12/2026	Sat morning	0	45	-	-	-
Mother's Day Gift	BH	1	2	1	06/03/2027	Contact us	0	35	-	-	-
Valentine's Floral Arrangements	BH	1	2	1	13/02/2027	Contact us	0	40	-	-	-
GCSE											
Need to improve your GCSE profile? Been away from education for a while and eager to refresh your knowledge? DCG could have a fulfilling and flexible course that fits the bill. Many students are fully funded for these courses.											
GCSE English Language	ILK	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
GCSE English Language	JWC	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
GCSE English Language	RH	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
GCSE Biology	RH	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	1008	Free*	-	-
GCSE Maths	ILK	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
GCSE Maths	JWC	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
GCSE Maths	RH	32	2.5	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-

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Course Title											
Health, Social Care and Childcare											
Advance your career in some of the most rewarding sectors of all. From introductory courses to specialist certificates and leadership diplomas, our study programmes can help set you apart as a dedicated, confident and capable professional.											
Introduction to Care	SJC	4	3	0	24/09/2026	Contact us	0	56	-	-	-
Award in Mental Health Awareness	DIST	26	1	1	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care	RH	6	1	1	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	112	-	-	-
Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	OS	10	3	2	24/09/2026	09:30-12:30	0	252	-	-	-
Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	RH	8	4	2	13/01/2027	18:00-21:00	-	252	-	-	-
Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills	RH	8	4	2	10/05/2027	17:00-21:00	0	252	-	-	-
BTEC Diploma in Care (England)	WP	52	8.5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2225	-	-	-
Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems	DIST	34	7	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Counselling Skills	RH	21	4	2	14/09/2026	17:00-21:00	0	756	-	-	-
Certificate in Counselling Skills	RH	23	4	2	07/01/2027	09.30-13.30	-	756	-	-	-
Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems	RH	12	1	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	811	-	-	-
Certificate in Mental Health First Aid for Leaders	DIST	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Principles of Working With and Supporting Individuals with Learning Disabilities	DIST	26	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Special Education Needs and Disabilities	DIST	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	724	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Autism	DIST	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that Challenges	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health	DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health	DIST	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Intermediate Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care	RH	6	2	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	-	811	-	-	-
Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies	RH	34	4.5	3	08/09/2026	16:30-21:00	0	811	-	-	-
Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies	RH	34	4.5	3	09/09/2026	16:30-21:00	0	811	-	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Mental Health	RH	24	1	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	811	Free*	-	-
Diploma in Healthcare Support	OS	52	7	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2225	-	-	-
Diploma in Lead Adult Care	OS	52	7.3	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2225	-	-	-
Diploma in Residential Childcare	OS	52	1.5	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2882	-	-	-
NCFE CACHE Diploma: Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)	RH	56	10	3	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	4060.8	-	-	-
Diploma in Leadership and Management for Adult Care	RH	52	3	5	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2882	-	-	-

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Course Title											
Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare	OS	52	3	5	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	2882	-	-	Yes
Horticulture											
Gardening enthusiasts will enjoy an inspiring learning experience in the stunning grounds of Broomfield Hall. From garden design to pruning, plant identification to safe use of machinery, we'll help you cultivate your passion.											
College Certificate in Garden Design and Construction	BH	4	6	1	19/11/2026	Contact us	0	200	-	-	-
College Certificate in Pruning	BH	1	12	1	15/10/2026	Contact us	0	120	-	-	-
College Certificate in Pruning	BH	1	12	1	04/02/2027	Contact us	0	120	-	-	-
Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Abrasive Wheel Machines (NPTC 0125-01)	BH	1	6	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	250	-	-	-
Certificate in Plant Identification and Botany	BH	1	24	2	10/09/2026	Contact us	0	200	-	-	-
RHS Certificate in Practical Horticulture	BH	36	3	2	10/09/2026	Evening	0	600	-	-	-
RHS Certificate in Practical Horticulture	BH	36	3	2	11/09/2026	Daytime	0	600	-	-	-
College Certificate in Practical Horticulture	BH	36	3	3	11/09/2026	Daytime	0	850	-	-	-
Hospitality and Catering											
If you're looking to join – or progress within – the hospitality sector, our customer service qualification will serve up a useful addition to your CV. You'll cover issues such as effective teamwork, legislation and professional personal standards.											
Certificate in Understanding Excellence in Customer Service for Hospitality	OS	26	5	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	1050	-	-	-
Inclusion Curriculum											
Every student has individual needs. Whatever your personal circumstances, we'll support you to develop your communication skills, build your confidence, get involved with the local community or secure a job.											
Adult Options - IT and Work Skills	ILK	35	6	0	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	-	Free	-
Adult Options - Preparing for Employment	BH	35	6	0	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	-	Free	-
Adult Options - Preparing for Employment	ILK	35	6	0	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	0	-	Free	-
IT, Digital Skills and Computer Science											
Get to grips with the world's favourite spreadsheet application, Microsoft Excel. We have one-day workshops designed for individuals with little or no experience of the application as well as those who want to hone more advanced skills.											
Excel for Beginners	ILK	1	7	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	125	-	-	-
Intermediate Excel	ILK	1	7	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	150	-	-	-
Advanced Excel	ILK	1	7	0	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	180	-	-	-
IT, Digital Skills and Computer Science: Higher Education											
Keen to advance your career in the fast-moving digital sector? Look no further than our Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in Software Development. You'll broaden your knowledge in everything from programming to ethical issues and data driven systems.											
Foundation Degree in Software Development (FdSc) (HTQ) 🌟	JWC	32	9.75	5	28/09/2026	Contact us	0	8700	-	-	-

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Professional Construction: Higher Education																	
Well-qualified, forward-thinking and dynamic professionals are in demand across all branches of the professional construction industry. Our HNCs are designed to give you the technical skills, strategic know-how and confidence to meet the challenge.																	
HNC in Architectural Technology for England (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	34	8	4	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	-	-	-
HNC in Building Services Engineering for England (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	34	8	4	11/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	-	-	-
HNC in Construction Management for England (HTQ) (1 year) 🏆							RH	34	16	4	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	8700	-	-	-
HNC in Construction Management for England (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	34	8	4	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	-	-	-
HNC in Modern Methods of Construction for England (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	34	8	4	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	-	-	-
HNC in Quantity Surveying for England (HTQ) (2 years) 🏆							RH	34	8	4	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	4350	-	-	-
Public Services, Security and Offender Management: Higher Education																	
Higher education studies with DCG will stand you in good stead for a rewarding future tackling crime, promoting justice and keeping our communities safe. You'll gain an in-depth understanding of security and offender management in practice.																	
Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) (FdSc) (2 years)							BH	32	9.75	5	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-
BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (Top-up) (1 year)							BH	32	9.75	6	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-
Retail																	
Try a DCG course for size if you're aiming for progression and promotion in the vibrant retail industry. We can help you achieve well-regarded qualifications in customer service, retail operations and warehousing which will broaden and update your skills.																	
Certificate in the Principles of Customer Service							DIST	26	7	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in Understanding Retail Operations							DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Certificate in the Principles of Warehousing							DIST	26	4	2	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	0	Free*	-	-
Sport																	
Hit your stride in personal training, gym instruction or sports massage therapy. We've devised comprehensive qualification bundles which will broaden your knowledge, help you work with diverse clients and provide a platform for launching your own business.																	
Certificate in Gym Instruction, Nutrition and Instructing Kettlebells (Bundle)							BH	18	6	2	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	277.5	-	-	
Active IQ Technical Specialist Diploma in Sport Massage Therapy (Bundle)							BH	36	6	3	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	2225	-	-	Yes
Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy							BH	36	6	3	07/09/2026	Mon or Tues 18:00-21:00	0	2225	-	-	Yes
PTI, Circuit Training, Studio Cycling and Mental Health (Personal Training Bundle)							BH	18	12	3	07/09/2026	Contact us	0	811	-	-	Yes
Sport: Higher Education																	
Our Foundation Degree will equip you to become an effective professional coach, ready to make an impact in sports clubs, schools, councils and national governing bodies. It also paves the way to roles in sport analysis, education and training.																	
Foundation Degree in Sports Coaching - Performance and Education (FdA) (2 years)							BH	30	15	5	14/09/2026	Contact us	0	7700	-	-	-

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Course Title											
Teacher Training and Learning Support											
Are you interested in launching a new career as a teaching assistant, learning support worker, assessor, coach or mentor? Would you like to develop your training skills or teach a subject-specialism? Check out our high-quality, relevant, up-to-date courses.											
Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges	RH	25	3	2	29/09/2026	Tues 09.30-12.30	0	648	-	-	-
Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges	RH	25	3	2	01/03/2027	Mon 09:30-12:30	0	648	-	-	-
Certificate for Teaching Assistants - September start	RH	25	3	2	29/09/2026	Tues 09:30-12:30	0	1620	-	-	-
Certificate for Teaching Assistants - March start	RH	25	3	2	01/03/2027	Mon 09:30-12:30	0	1620	-	-	-
Introduction to Being a Teaching Assistant	OS	8	2	2	12/11/2026	Thu 13.00-15.00	-	0	Free*	-	-
Introduction to Being a Teaching Assistant	OS	8	2	2	15/04/2027	Thu 11.30-13.30	-	0	Free*	-	-
Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment	RH	18	3	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	650	-	-	-
Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement	OS	18	3	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	650	-	-	-
Award in Education and Training	RH	14	3	3	04/11/2026	Wed 17:00-20:00	0	475	-	-	-
Award in Education and Training (blended learning)	RH	14	3	3	04/03/2027	Thu 17.00-20.00	0	475	-	-	-
Award in Education and Training (fast-track)	DIST	7	3	3	13/01/2027	Contact us	0	475	-	-	-
Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment (short course)	RH	12	2	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	200	-	-	-
Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (flexible location)	-	20	1	3	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	811	-	-	-
Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring	RH	25	3	3	04/11/2026	Wed 17:00-20:00	0	650	-	-	-
Diploma for Teaching Assistants	RH	30	3	3	01/10/2026	Thu 17.00-20.00	0	2232	-	-	Yes
Diploma for Teaching Assistants (blended learning)	RH	30	3	3	03/03/2027	Wed 09.30-12.30	0	2232	-	-	Yes
Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistants	RH	30	3	4	03/11/2026	Tues 17.00-20.00	0	1417	-	-	Yes
Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice	RH	45	1	4	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	850	-	-	Yes
Award/Certificate/Diploma in Internal Quality Assurance	RH	24	2	4	Roll on roll off	Contact us	0	200	-	-	-
Teacher Training and Learning Support: Higher Education											
What career could be more important than shaping learners' futures? Our popular CertEd and PGCE programmes will set you on the pathway to Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status. We have a great track record for nurturing outstanding practitioners.											
Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (Cert Ed) (2 years)	RH	33	4	5	07/09/2026	Mon 16.00-20.00	0	3850	-	-	-
Postgraduate Certificate in Education Post 14 (Education and Training) (PGCE) (2 years)	RH	33	4	7	07/09/2026	Mon 16.00-20.00	0	4350	-	-	-

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