



WELL
PLACED
FOR
SUCCESS

OUR SUCCESS RATES*

68%

2010

76%

2011

82%

2012

87%

2013

*the percentage of students who complete and pass their course.

**A LEVEL
PASS RATE
OF 92%**

**24% OF
AS RESULTS
WERE AT
GRADE A*,
A OR B**

**AS LEVEL
PASS RATES
UP 15
PERCENTAGE
POINTS**

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WELCOME

Welcome to our new prospectus. You'll find it full of exciting, challenging courses designed to give you the qualifications you need to succeed. Last year, our experienced teachers helped our students to achieve their potential and go on to university, good jobs and apprenticeships. Our results were our best ever at A Level and are now better than most throughout the whole country. Our BTEC and vocational students are also highly successful – many of them are now working for some of the best companies in London through our well established internship programme. Whatever you want to do in the future, Tower Hamlets College is well placed to help you achieve your ambitions.

I hope you enjoy looking through the broad range of courses we have to offer. I look forward to seeing you at our next open event and welcoming you to our growing and successful college next September.



Gerry McDonald
Principal

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Our 2014/15 Course Guide is packed full of information and interactive features and is now in a new handy size.

Take it with you. Read it on the move. In fact, read it anywhere you like.

Browse through or use our course finder on page 120.

Find out what our students really think: scan this symbol with your Smartphone to watch the video.



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QR Code App available free for iPhone or Android



ADVICE & SUPPORT

We have a strong network of Advice & Support at the college made up of:

Course Advisers are on hand to give advice and guidance on courses to external applicants and existing students. They attend external school and community events and are available at Open Events, advice and interview sessions and during enrolment.

Tutorial Support Workers monitor students' performance and carry out regular reviews to deal with issues that can affect attendance, punctuality, behaviour and coursework. This is done by coaching students to develop personal, social and life skills.

Every student at Tower Hamlets College is allocated a personal tutor. The tutor works closely with each student to set challenging targets and to support every student in reaching their potential.

Student Advisers give advice on finance, bursaries, legal matters, benefits, immigration and other welfare and personal issues. They can also advise on childcare support.

Our confidential counselling service is there to help students through difficult times such as relationship difficulties, family issues, depression and any other personal circumstances that are emotionally difficult and may interfere with learning.



Additional Learning Support (ALS)

The ALS Team is here to help you succeed. Support is open to all students and allocated according to need. Support can be in-class support, small group sessions, 1:1 support, drop-in support in the Learning Zone and special exam arrangements. We have highly trained staff and specialist equipment/computer software to help with your learning.

We are committed to delivering effective and high quality support for all students. The ALS Team respects students' rights to confidentiality regarding information provided about a disability or learning difficulty.

For further information:

**Tel 020 7510 7982 or
email ALS@tower.ac.uk**

Learning Zone

Get support with your coursework and develop your reading, writing, maths, IT or study skills. Our friendly and experienced staff are here to help.

Located on the ground floor of the Poplar Annexe by the main entrance. The Learning Zone is open Monday to Friday and accessible to all.

For further information:

**Tel 020 7510 7768 or
email learningzone@tower.ac.uk**



MENTORING

The mentoring programme at Tower Hamlets College is designed to help students realise their potential through the ongoing support, advice and encouragement of a role model. We have professional Business Mentors from a wide range of companies such as Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and The Financial Services Authority.

You can meet monthly with your Mentor, at their place of work, where they will share with you their experiences to help you develop the skills and attitudes necessary to succeed in your career goals.

“Having a Law Mentor was really helpful and definitely kept me motivated throughout my A Levels.”

Former student, Nahaz Khan,
who is now studying Law at City University

We also have a peer mentoring programme where students meet weekly and mentor each other in an academic capacity.

CAREERS & UNIVERSITY

Tower Hamlets College has fantastic links with many businesses in Canary Wharf and The City. This means as a student here, you have access to great opportunities including work experience, mentoring, bursaries and internships.

Well connected to universities

If your sights are set high and you expect to get the top grades, our links with Clare College, Cambridge, may help you get into one of the world's leading universities. We help to get students into the best London universities including University College London, Imperial College London and The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Last year 77% of our students progressed to university - this is significantly above the national average.

Help on hand

Staff at Tower Hamlets College will help you with everything you need to apply for university or a job. Specialist careers advice is provided by Tower Hamlets Careers Service for students who are 16-18 and students with learning difficulties up to age 25.

Where do our students go?

Our students go on to a wide range of careers, some choosing to take the university route first, and others go directly into employment. Students choose to head to universities such as Cambridge University, The University of Warwick, Imperial College London and many others.

A GREAT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We offer welcoming and inspiring learning environments specifically tailored to the needs of your chosen course of study, giving you the very best chance of success.

Our bright, modern lecture rooms have state-of-the-art learning technology, and our Learning Resource Centres have a wide range of books and online materials to aid your research and coursework. The computer suites provide excellent IT facilities supported by a member of staff who can advise and give support when using the network. The LRC offers a collection of electronic books, which can be accessed from home, so you can access resources wherever you are. Our specialist vocational areas include a new Technical Skills facility which supports subjects associated with the construction and motor vehicle sectors. Our industry-standard kitchen and restaurant provide you with the best possible introduction to the catering and hospitality sectors, whilst our 'Atrium Academy' Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy salons offer students ample opportunity to gain hands-on experience of treating customers.



RELAX

Our Atrium is a place to grab a drink from Costa Coffee, watch BBC News on our live streamed plasmas, and socialise. If you want to use our games consoles (Wii, Xbox and PlayStation), then visit our interactive room in the Workhouse.



TUTORIAL
10:30

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The college prides itself in giving students skills that go way beyond their qualifications. The student Volunteering Programme is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a range of real skills and contribute to the college. From Open Evenings to participating in college focus groups, the Volunteering Programme is varied and unique.

Students who consistently volunteer throughout the year are given the opportunity to become paid Student Ambassadors and work over our busy enrolment period.

The Ambassador Programme is great for students, giving them real, paid work and a reference at the end of the year.

Put simply, it gives students:

Real, practical skills they can use for work

The chance to build their communication skills

The opportunity to make new friends

Experience to put on their UCAS application and CV

A reference from the college

“The Ambassador Programme has been really useful. Now I’m at Uni and have also just got a job at the flagship store of a large company. The experience from the programme was a big factor in being offered this role.”

Saddiqur, 2013 Student Ambassador

SAIF & HUDA
Student Ambassadors



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STUDENT UNION

The Students' Union is the perfect way to get truly involved in College life.

You are the voice of the learner, and help make College even better than it already is. Not only does it make your time at Tower Hamlets College more enjoyable, but it also looks great on your CV. At Tower Hamlets College, you can make things happen. Why not set up a society? Music, books, jewellery, films, politics - whatever your interest, if you can find 10 other students interested in the same thing you can apply to create your own society. We also link up with various London-based and national volunteering agencies - Sports Makers, The Challenge, Thames 21 (leading waterways charity), Volunteering England and Toynbee Hall.



SPORTS

If you want to get involved in sport, the Workhouse is also our sports facility, with changing rooms and showers. Play badminton, volleyball, table tennis, basketball and take part in aerobic activities including street dance, boxercise and Zumba.

We also have flood lit five-a-side AstroTurf football pitches and are affiliated with local and national sports associations including SESSA, Badminton England and the Olympic Legacy 'festival of sports'.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Student Achievement Awards are one of the highlights of the college year.

Now in their fourth year, the prestigious awards are designed to celebrate students' individual achievements right across the college's extensive curriculum areas.

The 2013 awards were attended by over 200 people, including the guest speaker of the event, Claire Young, Entrepreneur and finalist of the 2008 TV show The Apprentice.

“I thoroughly enjoyed attending Tower Hamlets College’s Student Awards evening and was blown away by the award winners! Their individual strength of character shone throughout, their drive and determination to achieve, aspiration to work hard and have a good life.”

Claire Young



STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS 2013



CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

We offer courses at all levels:

Foundation Learning (Entry & Level 1)

Intermediate (Level 2)

Advanced (Level 3)



LEVEL
E

IF YOU HAVE GOT...

- Few or no GCSE passes

YOU COULD STUDY...

- Introductory programmes with personal development
- Functional Skills in English and Maths

FOR HOW LONG?

1 Year

PROGRESSION

Progress to Level 1

Choosing the right course can be difficult, and we always talk through your options with you carefully before you make any decisions. To make it a bit easier, we've outlined below the types of qualifications you can get and what progression routes are available.*

*Please check individual qualifications for entry requirements



- Several GCSEs at grades E to G

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade D (or equivalent)
- Level 1 BTEC Diploma at Pass
- NVQ1/VRQ1

- 5 or more GCSEs at grade A* to C
- Level 2 BTEC Diploma at Merit or Distinction
- NVQ2/VRQ2

- BTEC Introductory Award/Certificate/Diploma
- NVQ1/VRQ1
- Foundation Diploma with personal development
- Functional Skills in English and Maths

- Level 2 BTEC Diploma
- NVQ2/VRQ2
- Higher Diploma
- Apprenticeship
- You may also be able to re-sit GCSE Maths and English

- A Levels
- Applied AS/A2 Levels
- Level 3 BTEC Diploma/Extended Diploma
- Apprenticeship
- NVQ3/VRQ3

1 Year

1 Year

2 Years

Employment or Progress to Level 2 course or apprenticeship

Employment or Progress to Level 3 course or Apprenticeship

University or Employment

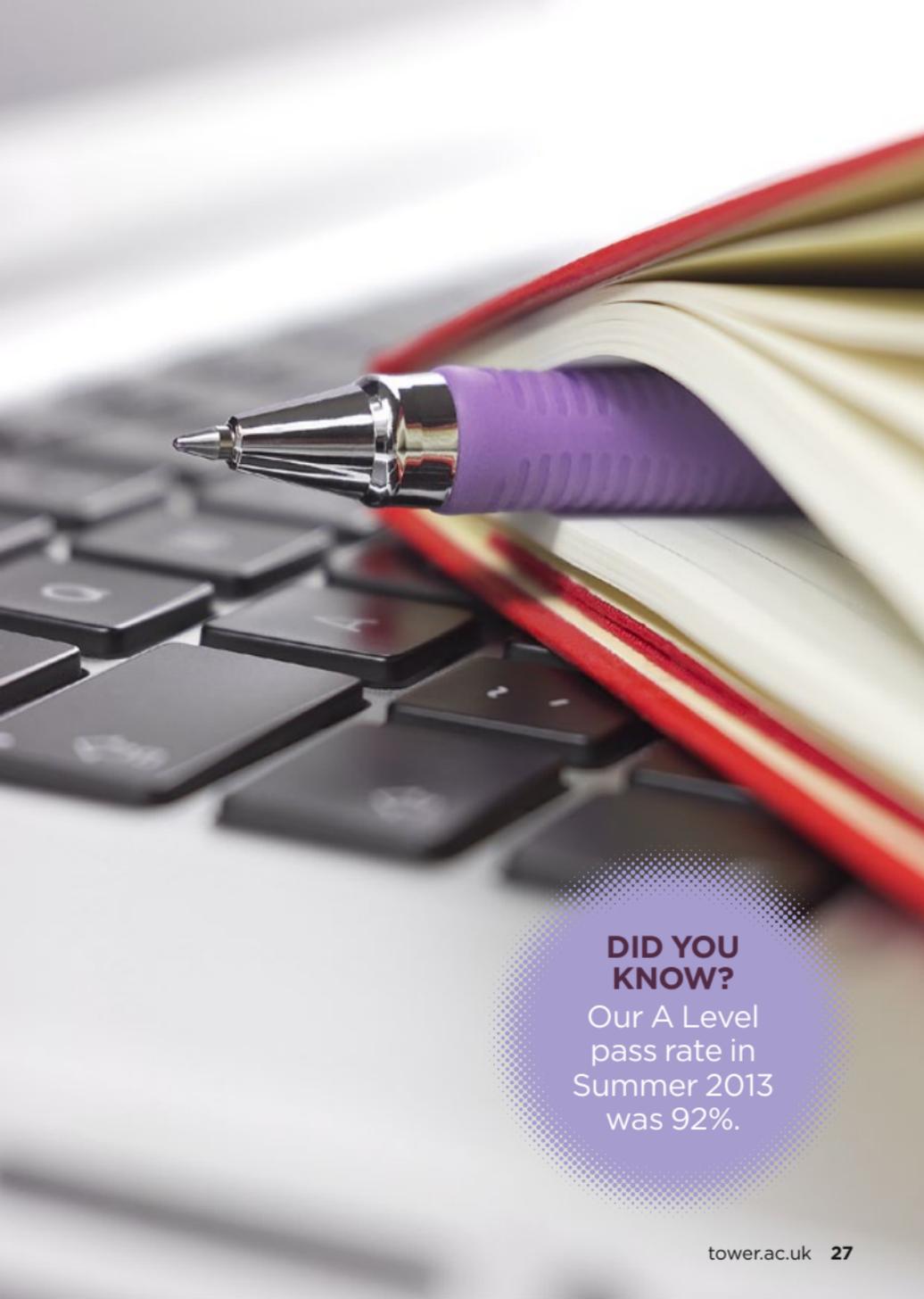
A LEVEL COURSES

We offer a wide selection of A Levels, with 30 exciting subjects to choose from, so you can find the perfect combination of A Levels to suit you. Many students choose four AS Levels and continue with three A2 levels in their second year.

Our teachers have years of experience teaching A Levels. We also provide extra workshops, seminars and tutorials to support you in reaching your goals. Last year, 77% of our students who applied to University were offered a place, which is considerably higher than the national average. These included universities such as Cambridge University and The University of Warwick, as well as London universities such as Imperial College London and City University.

In addition to this, last year we had our best ever A Level results, with an impressive 24% of AS results being A*, A or B grades.

All AS and A Level courses require at least 5 GCSEs grades A*-C, including English and Maths, producing an average point score of 42 and at least one B grade in a written subject.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Our A Level
pass rate in
Summer 2013
was 92%.

A Level Accounting

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

The AS Accounting course consists of two modules:

- Unit 1 – Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Unit 2 – Financial and Management Accounting
- The A2 Accounting course consists of two modules following from the AS Programme:
 - Unit 3 – Further Aspects of Financial Accounting
 - Unit 4 – Further Aspects of Management Accounting

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A-C including English and Maths producing an average point score of 42
- This must also include a B grade in Maths and English
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

What could I do next?

- Progress to University to do a degree in Accounting
- Previous students took up Internships with KPMG, Bank of England, Whitbread etc
- Employment or Apprenticeship

A Level Arabic

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Reading and writing in Arabic
- Translation between Arabic and English
- Arabic culture

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No specific GCSE requirements, but you should be able to speak and read Arabic to the standard expected for GCSE

What could I do next?

- Study Arabic on its own or with a related language and go into teaching or translation
- Combine with Religious Studies or Philosophy for courses like Arabic and Theology
- Combine with Business for a successful international business career
- Combine with History, World Development and Politics for courses like international relations, Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies

A Level Biology

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Length: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- The structure and function of cells, human physiology and disease
- Genetics and DNA technology
- Populations and the environment

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths and BB in GCSE
- Double Science

What could I do next?

- University to study Biology, Social Science

A Level Business

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Length: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- The AS Business course consists of two modules:
- Unit 1 - Planning and Financing a Business
- Unit 2 - Managing a Business
- The A2 Business course consists of two modules following from the AS Programme:
- Unit 3 - Strategies for Success
- Unit 4 - The Business Environment and Managing Change

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A-C including English and

Maths producing an average point score of 42

- This must also include a B grade in Maths and English
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

What could I do next?

- Progress to University to do a degree in Business/Accounting/Marketing
- Previous students took up Internships with KPMG, Bank of England, Whitbread etc
- Employment or Apprenticeship

A Level Chemistry

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Length: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Organic Chemistry and the importance of carbon compounds
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths
- BB or above in GCSE Double Science

What could I do next?

- Combine with Biology for careers in Pharmacy, Medicine, Drug research and development
- Combine with Maths, Design Technology, Electronics and Physics for careers in engineering and materials science

A Level Communication and Culture

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Defining culture, its differences, structures and values
- Drawing on everyday life to compare 'high' with 'popular' culture
- "Fictions" that make up culture in mediums such as films, music, adverts, social networking and games

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- University to study English, Communications, Humanities, Marketing, Advertising and Media
- Employment

A Level Computing

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Problem solving and mathematical reasoning
- Programming using visual basic.net
- Theory of computing e.g. data representation, the system life cycle, machine level architecture and Structure of the internet
- Web page design

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths
- Cannot be studied alongside AS Applied ICT

- It is also recommended that students who wish to study computer science at University should also study Maths to at least AS Level

What could I do next?

- Many of those choosing not to go to University decide to take up an Internship with companies such as KPMG, XL Insurance, RBS and others
- Self-employment
- University to study a degree in Computing, Networking etc.

A Level Design & Technology: Product Design

Progression: **E** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- How 3D products around us work
- How 3D products around us are made
- What is involved in the design process
- How to respond to a professional brief

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade C or above in one creative media subject e.g. Art, Media or a portfolio of your own work demonstrating commitment and serious interest in the subject

What could I do next?

- You could progress to university where you can further develop your skills in product design so you can become freelance or develop your own business.

A Level Economics

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • **Level:** **3** • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- The AS Economics course consists of two modules:
- Unit 1 - Competitive Markets — How they work and why they fail
- Unit 2 - Managing the Economy
- The A2 Economics course consists of two modules following from the AS Programme:
- Unit 3 - Economics of Work and Leisure
- Unit 4 - Transport Economics

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A*-C including English and

Maths producing an average point score of 42.

- This must also include a B grade in Maths and English
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- Progress to University to do a degree in International Banking/ Economics
- Previous students took up internships with KPMG, Bank of England, Whitbread etc
- Employment or Apprenticeship

A Level Electronics

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • **Level:** **3** • **Length:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- The components used to make electronic systems
- Different types of circuits and their functions
- The design and evaluation process used in electronics

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE maths and at least one Science subject

What could I do next?

- Combine with Computing for cutting edge work in robotics or computer design
- Combine with Maths and Physics for careers in electronic engineering

A Level English Language and Literature

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- How language works
- How it is spoken by people in real life and in books, films and plays
- How to adapt your writing for different genres, audiences and purposes
- How language and social attitudes have changed over time

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- University to study Media, Journalism, Marketing and Advertising

A Level English Literature

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- You will study plays, prose and poetry
- You will learn to use literary terminology
- You will learn how to argue using evidence and analysis
- You will learn how to organise and write essays

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade C in GCSE English or English Language

What could I do next?

- Many students go on to study English, Law or Journalism at university
- Many top business and marketing executives have English Literature A Level or a degree in English
- Working in the media usually requires at least an A Level in English
- The Civil Service welcomes students with A Level English Literature or English degrees

A Level Government and Politics

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- In AS you will study People and Politics and Governing the UK
- In A2 you will study Global Political Issues, and the Structures of Global Politics

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B in English Language and another written subject

What could I do next?

- Study Politics at University, on its own or as a part of a joint degree. Politics students have progressed to top London universities and to Cambridge
- Study Law at University
- Follow a career in journalism

A Level Graphic Design

Progression: **E** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Illustration & mark making
- Signs, symbolism and other non-verbal communication methods
- Letter forms & typography
- Photography
- Positioning of graphic elements in a layout

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade C or above in one creative media subject e.g. Art, Media or Photography and a portfolio of own work, demonstrating commitment and serious interest in the subject

What could I do next?

- A Level Graphic Design is ideal for anyone who wishes to progress to university/college or pursue a career in the Design Industry.

A Level History

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Social change in Britain since 1945
- Nationalism in the Arab-Israeli conflict and Spanish Civil War
- The French Revolution and reign of terror
- Napoleon and the Bourbon monarchy
- Development of USA in the 19th Century

What could I do next?

- University to study History, Law, Politics, International Relations or Philosophy
- Possible careers include law, journalism, civil service, local government and archiving

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

A Level Applied ICT (Single Award)

Progression: **E** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- AS Using ICT to communicate
- AS How organisations use ICT
- AS ICT solutions for individuals and society

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A-C including English and Maths producing an average point score of 42. This must also include a B grade in English GCSE
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

employment. Many of those choosing not to go to University decide to take up an Internship, Advanced Level Apprenticeship or employment, and we have an excellent track record of preparing and placing students with companies such as KPMG, XL Insurance, RBS, Barclays, BAML and others

- Self-employment
- University to study a wide range of ICT and non-ICT related subjects. Most students from this programme choose to progress to University to degrees in a wide range of subjects such as in Humanities, ICT & Computing etc

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship or

STUDENT PROFILE

TAHMID

Studying:

A Level Maths, Further Maths
and Chemistry

Previous school:

City and Islington College

What I like best about the course: I like how challenging the A Level course is.

What I like best about the college: Being able to help other students.

Highlight of college so far: Tutoring and mentoring others.



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A Level Mandarin Chinese

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Mandarin Chinese
- Topics relevant to living, working, travelling or studying in China

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No specific GCSE requirements, but you should be able to speak and read Mandarin Chinese to the standard expected for GCSE

What could I do next?

- Study Mandarin Chinese on its own or with a related language and go into teaching, translation or travel and tourism
- Combine with Business for a successful international business career
- Combine with History, World Development and Politics for courses like International Relations

A Level Maths

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Algebra, graph work, calculus, sequences, curve sketching, trigonometry
- Choice of Mechanics, Statistics or Decision Maths

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study courses such as Maths, Business, Computing, Operations Research, Science or Engineering
- A wide range of careers including engineering, science and health, economics and business – research has shown that people with a high level maths qualification earn more!

A Level Further Maths

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Complex numbers, vectors, matrix algebra, calculus and statistics
- Decision Maths

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade A or above in GCSE Maths
- You must also be taking A level Maths
- Further Maths is usually taken as one of 4 A level subjects

What could I do next?

- University to study courses such as Maths, Economics, Actuarial Science, Engineering, Physics or Medicine
- Work or internships in financial organisations
- A wide range of careers including engineering, science and health, economics and business

A Level Maths: Statistics

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Statistical techniques and processes to help analyse real-world situations
- In AS, these include different types of distribution, correlation and regression and time series analysis
- In A2, you apply techniques to real life situations and look in more detail at hypothesis testing

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study courses such as Maths, Economics, Biology, Psychology or Geography/World Development
- Work or internships in financial organisations
- Any careers that involve data analysis – you will find out more details of these on the course

A Level Media Studies

Progression: **E** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Media Concepts- forms, representations, institutions and audiences
- Media Platforms - broadcasting; digital/web-based media (e-media) and print
- Media Debates - reality TV, news values and moral panics
- Media Theories- gender & ethnicity, consumption and production and genre theories

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade C or above in one creative media or humanities subject

What could I do next?

- A Level Media Studies is an excellent preparation for careers in media, journalism, marketing and advertising, and is a popular university degree choice.

A Level Philosophy

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

Philosophy asks big questions like:

- Reality: How do we know what is real?
- Individuality: Is freedom an illusion?
- Morality: Why should I be good?

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in English GCSE and another written subject

What could I do next?

- Combine with Politics and History for careers in Law, Politics and Civil Service
- Combine with Maths or Statistics for careers in Finance, Business or anything requiring analytical skills
- Combine with English for careers in journalism, advertising and creative industries

A Level Physics

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Force and motion
- Astronomy and the cosmos
- Medical Physics (use of e-rays and ultrasound)
- Quantum Physics

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths
- BB or above in GCSE Double Science

What could I do next?

- Combine with Chemistry, Maths or Design Technology for careers in engineering, materials science and research
- Combine with Electronics and Computing for electronic engineering and programming applications
- Combine with Maths for careers in the financial sector

A Level Portuguese

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Portuguese
- Topics relevant to living, working, travelling or studying in countries all over the world where Portuguese is spoken

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No specific GCSE requirements, but you should be able to speak Portuguese to the standard expected for GCSE.

What could I do next?

- Study Portuguese on its own and go into teaching, translation or travel and tourism. You could even volunteer at the 2016 Olympics in Rio!
- Combine with Business for a successful international business career
- Combine with History, World Development and Politics for courses like International Politics or Latin American studies

A Level Psychology

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Cognitive and developmental psychology
- Biological and social psychology
- Research methods and data analysis in psychology
- Media Psychology
- Topics in psychology like sleep and relationships

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- University to study Psychology and careers in Psychology, therapy or mental health work
- Combine with Biology, Maths or Statistics for experimental psychology
- Combine with Business for a career in marketing
- Combine with Sociology and other Humanities subjects if you are interested in teaching

A Level Religious Studies

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Ethics and philosophy
- World religion
- Life, death and religion
- Islam in contemporary society

Specific Entry Requirements:

- There are no specific entry requirements for this course. General A-Level entry requirements apply

What could I do next?

- University to study Religion, Theology or Humanities subjects

STUDENT PROFILE

KATIE

Studying: A Level Sociology, English Language & Literature and Psychology

Previous school: George Green School

What I like best about the course:

The fact that work is divided into different packs allows me to break down my time and prepare for exams and essays.

What I like best about the college:

As Vice President Secretary of the Students' Union, I have been able to meet loads of new people and, last year, arranged a Leavers Party, which allowed different areas of study to mix.

Highlight of college so far:

Achieving grades AAAC in my first year and applying for university.



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A Level Russian

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Russian
- Topics relevant to living, working, travelling or studying in Russia or in the Russian-speaking world

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No specific GCSE requirements, but you should be able to speak and read Russian to the standard expected for GCSE

What could I do next?

- Study Russian on its own and go into teaching, translation or travel and tourism
- Combine with Business for a successful international business career
- Combine with History, World Development and Politics for courses like international politics or Eastern European studies

A Level Sociology

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Families and households
- Education
- Crime and deviance
- Beliefs in society, the functions of religion

Specific Entry Requirements:

- There are no specific entry requirements for this course. General A-Level entry requirements apply.

What could I do next?

- University to study Sociology, Politics or Media
- Possible careers include social work, nursing, journalism and teaching

A Level Spanish

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Spanish
- Topics relevant to living, working, travelling or studying in Spain or in the Spanish-speaking world

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No specific GCSE requirements, but you should be able to speak Spanish to the standard expected for GCSE

What could I do next?

- Study Spanish on its own and go into teaching, translation or travel and tourism
- Combine with Business for a successful international business career
- Combine with History, World Development and Politics for courses like international politics or Latin American studies

A Level World Development

Progression: E B U • **Level:** 3 • **Duration:** 1 Year AS, 1 Year A2

What will I study?

- Development, resources and global citizenship
- Poverty and inequality
- You will complete a portfolio of work analysing World Development issues

Specific Entry Requirements:

- An interest in Geography, History, Politics, Economics or Sociology would be an advantage

What could I do next?

- University to study courses such as Maths, Economics, Biology, Psychology or Geography/World Development
- Work or internships in Politics, social and charitable organisations
- Any career where you need to show that you can work independently or as part of a team

**A LEVEL
PASS RATE
OF 92%**

**24% OF
AS RESULTS
WERE AT
GRADE A*,
A OR B**

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POINTS**

SCIENCE & MATHS

Science and Maths qualifications open doors to fascinating careers such as medicine, engineering, pharmacology, ballistics, meteorology and chiropody. Lots of students go on to be science teachers, events managers, food technicians, mechanics and psychologists too.

We have a great range of A Levels in Science and Maths. Take a look at our A Level section starting on page 28.

We also offer BTEC courses from Levels 1 to 3, so if you're passionate about science and would like a career within the industry, there will be a course that's right for you.



DID YOU KNOW?

8 out of the 10 highest starting salaries go to graduates with science and maths - related degrees.

STUDENT PROFILE

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Studying: Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science

Previous school: Bow School

What I like best about the course: I enjoy the biology side of the course as it's related to my future career plans.

What I like best about the college: It's a good environment where you can easily make new friends. The teachers are friendly and make the course enjoyable.

Highlight of college so far: I like how the college has helped me choose my career path. I plan to further my studies and become a physiotherapist.



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Introductory BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: **E** **B** **2** • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- A range of units covering topics in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and how these relate to work as a scientist
- Career options using Science
- Maths, English and ICT

Specific Entry Requirements:

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade E or above, including Maths grade E and English grade E (or equivalent)

What could I do next?

- Progress to the BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science
- Progress to a Level 2 course in a related area, for example ICT, Technical Skills

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: **E** **B** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- A range of units covering topics in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and how these relate to work as a scientist
- Career options using Science
- Maths and English

Specific Entry Requirements:

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade D or above, including Maths, English and Science.

What could I do next?

- Progress to the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science
- Progress to a Level 3 course in a related area
- Apprenticeship programmes to train as a lab technician
- Other science related employment

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- How science can be used at work, including units in Biology, Physics & Chemistry
- Practical work and experiments
- Build a portfolio of coursework

Specific Entry Requirements:

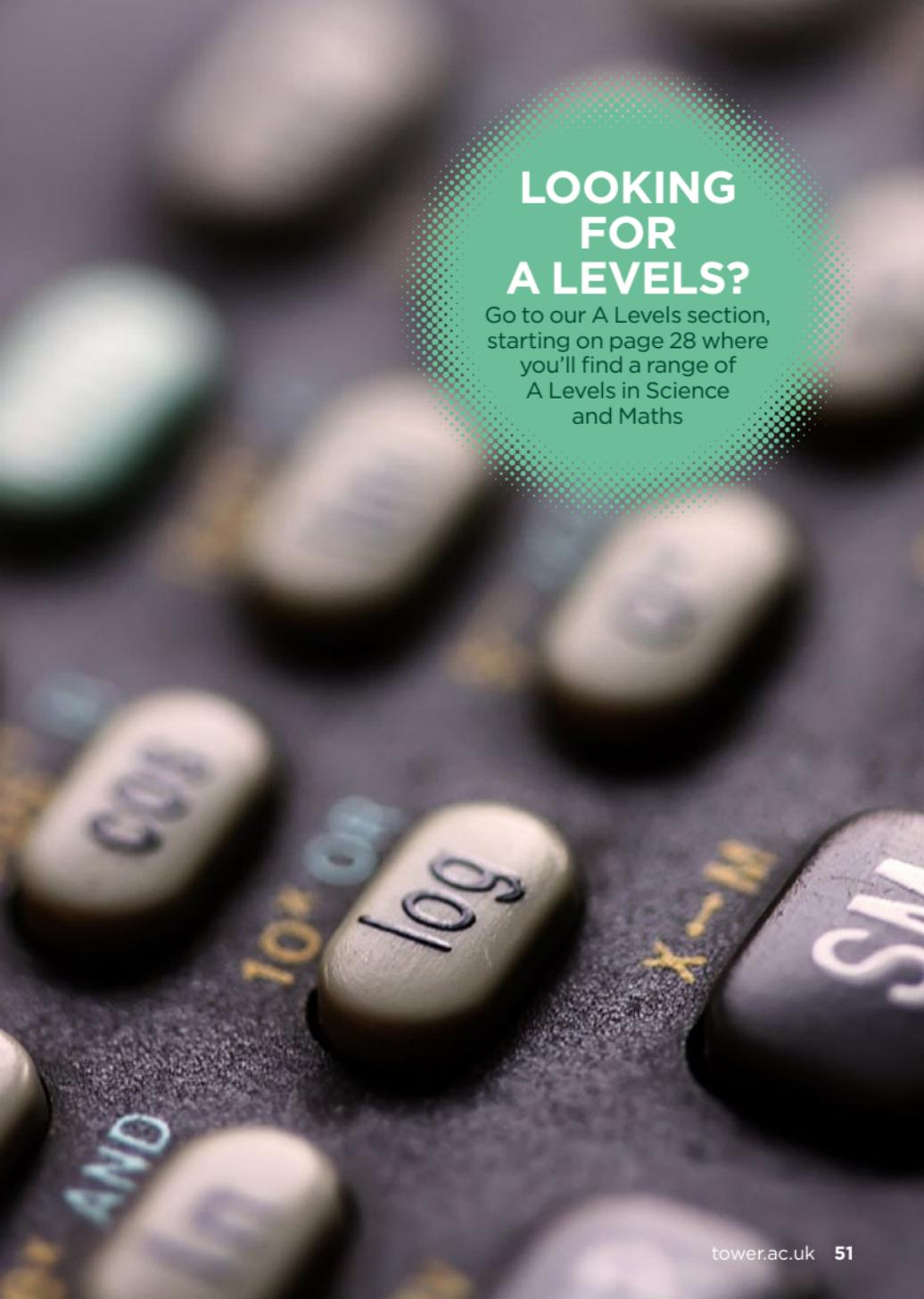
- At least 5 GCSEs grade A*-C
- Grade C or above in English, Maths, Science

What could I do next?

- A range of options are available at university level from Pure Sciences to Engineering, Pharmaceutical Science, Forensic Science and Social Sciences (for example Psychology)
- Train as a lab technician
- Other science-related careers

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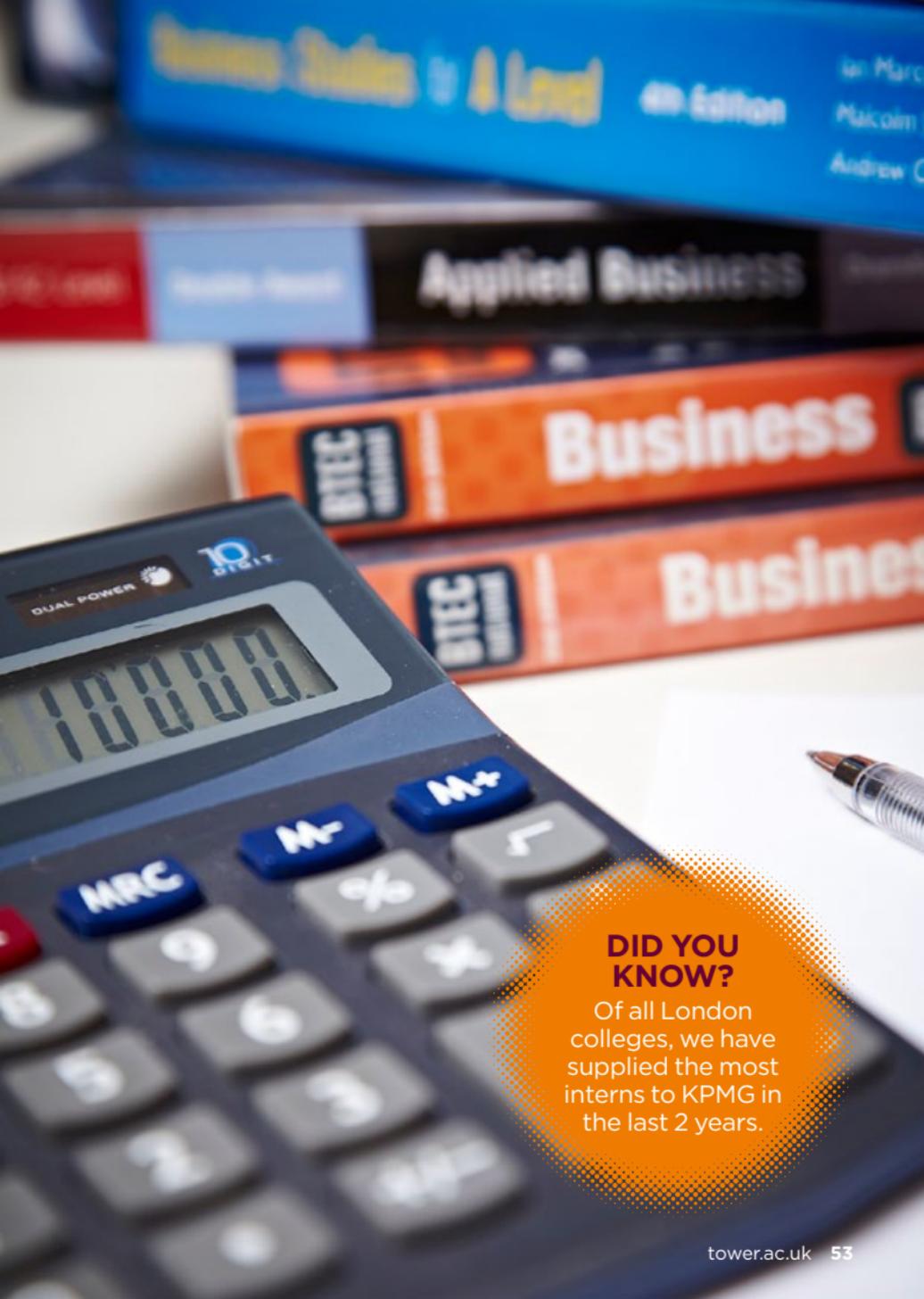
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A Levels in Science
and Maths

BUSINESS, FINANCE & COMPUTING

With Canary Wharf just a few minutes' walk away, there are plenty of employment opportunities for Tower Hamlets College students. Business Finance & Computing has a good track record of supplying students as either interns or staff to companies such as KPMG, RaboBank, Thomson Reuters, RBS, and XL Insurance. Also Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Deloitte and American Express help us to deliver our curriculum and mentor our students whilst they are at college.

For the most able and motivated, we run an Internship Preparation Programme that helps our students get into high flying City or technical IT roles with the companies described above. Progression to University is also strong. Last year 77% of Level 3 students at the college gained a place at university against a National Average of 70%. Of all London colleges, we supplied the most interns to KPMG in the last 3 years. We also supplied 70% of their new Business Services Apprentices this year. You can choose a mentor from a big City firm to help you with your CV and progression to University or employment. You will be offered work experience as part of your programme of study.



DID YOU KNOW?

Of all London colleges, we have supplied the most interns to KPMG in the last 2 years.

STUDENT PROFILE

JOY

Studying:

Level 3 BTEC Extended
Diploma in Business

Previous school:

Eastlea Community School

What I like best about the course: I find the practical side of the course really helpful, such as working on presentations.

What I like best about the college: The support you get from teachers and meeting students from all different backgrounds.

Highlight of college so far: The college and the course have exceeded my expectations.



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Entry Level BTEC Award in Business

Progression: **1** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

On the BTEC Entry Level Award you will study a variety of units, such as:

- Investigating Rights and Responsibilities at Work
- Working in Business and Administration
- Using Office Equipment in a Business Environment

Specific Entry Requirements:

- There are no formal entry requirements for this programme, although you may be placed using an assessment of your levels of literacy

- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- Most students from this programme choose to progress to the next level vocational programme, and continue to improve their Maths, English and study skills to prepare them for future learning and employment.
- Progression is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

Level 1 BTEC Diploma in Business Administration

Progression: **E U** • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

On the BTEC Level 1 Diploma (37 Credits), you will study a variety of units, such as:

- Investigating Rights and Responsibilities at Work
- Communicating Electronically
- Ideas for Small Businesses
- Supporting Business Meetings

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least an A-E grade in English and Maths or Full Level E3 vocational qualifications, plus E3 Functional Skills English and Maths
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

What could I do next?

- You can progress to BTEC Level 2 Diploma with a Pass grade
- Progression is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Business

Progression: **E U** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

On the BTEC Level 2 Diploma (60 credits), you will study four mandatory units plus additional units.

Mandatory Units:

- Business Purposes
- Business Organisations
- Financial Forecasting for Business
- People in Organisations

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have 4 GCSEs grades A*-D including English and Maths or Full Level 1 qualifications, plus L1 functional skills English and Maths
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference.

What could I do next?

- You can progress to the BTEC Level 3 Diploma with a Merit or Distinction grade
- Progression is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business

Progression: **E B U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

On the BTEC Level 3 Diploma, you will study four mandatory units plus fourteen additional units over two years.

Mandatory Units:

- The Business Environment
- Business Resources
- Introduction to Marketing
- Business Communication

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A*-C including English and Maths or a Full Level 2 BTEC Diploma qualification at Merit or Distinction
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- Progress to university, employment or an internship programme

Level 1 Diploma in Digital Applications for IT Users

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Using ICT
- Multimedia
- Graphics
- ICT & Enterprise

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 4 GCSEs grade A*-E including English and Maths
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- Level 2 Diploma in IT or ICT Systems Support
- Apprenticeship within the IT sector

Level 2 Diploma in ICT Systems Support – PC Maintenance and CISCO Networking

Progression: **E** 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Install, configure and maintain software
- Install and configure ICT equipment and Operating Systems
- Customer Support Provision
- Cisco IT essentials part 1
- Additional Maths & English
- Additional ICT qualification i.e. ECDL

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 4 GCSEs grades A*-D including English and Maths, or a Full Level 1 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference.

What could I do next?

- Progress to the next level
- Apprenticeship or entry-level job in the sector
- Employment as a junior technician

STUDENT PROFILE

SHAH

Studying:

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT

Previous school:

Bow Boys School

What I like best about the course: Learning to use a whole range of different software programs.

What I like best about the college: The general environment and the support and encouragement from subject teachers.

Highlight of college so far: The opportunities available from companies connected to this sector.



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Level 2 BTEC Diploma in IT

Progression: **E** **B** • Level: 2 • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Communicating and working in the IT Industry
- Computer Systems
- Database Systems
- Website development
- Spreadsheet Modeling
- Multimedia Design

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 4 GCSEs grades A*-D including English and Maths or a Full Level 1 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade (if graded), plus GCSE-equivalent L1 Functional English and Maths qualifications
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory reference

What could I do next?

- Progress to the next level, normally a BTEC Extended Diploma
- Apprenticeship or to an entry-level job in the sector

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT - Networking Pathway (CISCO)

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: 3 • Duration: 1/2 Years

What will I study?

- Some of the units that you will be studying over 2 years:
- Communication & Employability Skills for IT
- Computer Networks - Cisco IT Essentials
- Computer & Information Systems
- Impact of the use of IT on Business Systems
- Organisational Systems Security
- eCommerce
- Procedural Programming
- Website Production
- You will also have opportunity to improve your Maths or English grade

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A*-C including English and Maths, or a Full Level 2 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade, plus GCSE-equivalent Level 2 Functional Skills English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Many of those choosing not to go to University decide to take up an Internship, Advanced Level Apprenticeship or employment
- University to study a degree in Business Information Technology, Business Information Systems, Computing etc

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT

Progression: **E B U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1/2 Years

What will I study?

- Some of the units that you will be studying over 2 years:
- Communication & Employability Skills for IT
- Computer & Information Systems
- Digital Graphics & Computer Animation
- Impact of the use of IT on Business Systems
- Organisational Systems Security
- Spreadsheet Modelling
- eCommerce
- Procedural Programming
- Website Production
- You will also have opportunity to improve your Maths or English grade

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs grades A*-C including English and Maths or a Full Level 2 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade, plus GCSE-equivalent Level 2 Functional Skills English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Many of those choosing not to go to University decide to take up an Internship, Advanced Level Apprenticeship or employment
- University to study a degree in Business Information Technology, Business Information Systems, Computing and Network Systems, etc

AAT Level 2 Extended Diploma in Accounting and Business

Progression: AAT Level 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Processing Bookkeeping transactions
- Control Accounts, Journals and the Banking System
- Basic Costing
- Working efficiently in Accounting & Finance
- Computerised Accounting
- Spread sheet software
- Introduction to Payroll systems
- Computerised Payroll skills

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least GCSE grades A*-C in English or Maths or Functional skills - Literacy Level 2 and Numeracy Level 2
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- You can progress to AAT Level 3
- Progression is also subject to completing and passing Level 2 and satisfactory references

AAT Level 3 Diploma

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

- Accounts Preparation I
- Accounts Preparation II
- Cash Management
- Costs and Revenues
- Indirect Tax
- Professional Ethics in Accounting and Finance
- Spreadsheets software
- As this is a new qualification, there may be additional areas of study and additional AAT Units that will make this programme up to the equivalent of THREE A-Levels

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs

grades A*-C including English and Maths, plus a full AAT Level 2 Diploma, plus GCSE-equivalent Level 2 Functional English and Maths qualifications.

- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

What could I do next?

- Most students from this programme choose to progress to University degrees in Accounting or Finance, or choose to progress to the next level of professional accountancy qualification. Many of our previous Level 3 students choosing not to go to University decided to take up an Internship.

BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Progression: **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- The Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Creating a Vision for your Business Plan
- The Business Environment
- Researching your Market
- The Marketing Plan
- Financial Modelling and Forecasting
- Preparing and Pitching a Business Plan
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Toolkits for Idea Generation
- Managing Personal Finances
- Enterprise in the Workplace

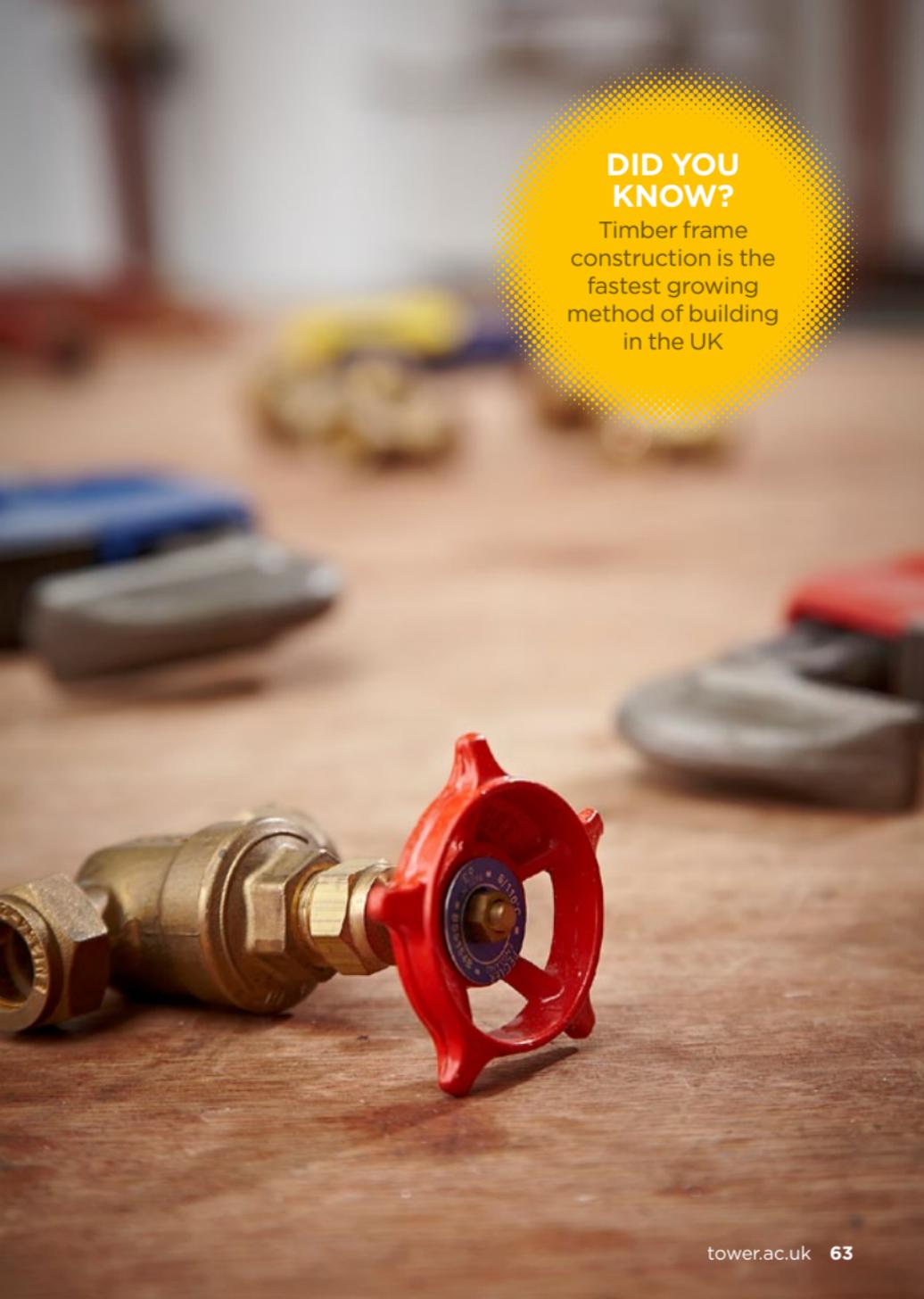
Specific Entry Requirements:

- You must have 4 GCSEs grades A*-D including English and Maths or Full Level 1 qualifications, plus Level 1 functional skills English and Maths
- Entry is also subject to interview and satisfactory references

TRADE-SKILLS

Tower Hamlets College has recently completed building state-of-the-art workshops for Trade-Skills training, which will help to prepare students for work in industry. The department offers a range of programmes in Construction, Building Services and Motor Vehicle Maintenance, all of which are sought-after skills.

Our lecturers are industry experts and will support you to understand the theory and practical experience needed to take into the workplace. The College is growing its networking opportunities with small and international businesses; to provide you the best equipment and learning experience.



DID YOU KNOW?

Timber frame construction is the fastest growing method of building in the UK

STUDENT PROFILE

IMMANUAL

Studying:

Level 2 Plumbing

Previous school:

Bow Boys School

What I like best about the course:

The teachers are really helpful.

What I like best about the college:

Its location is great and it's easy to get to. It has a very friendly atmosphere.

Highlight of college so far:

Making new friends and socialising.



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Entry Level Construction Multiskills Award

Progression: **E 1** • Level: **E** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study basic construction skills to include carpentry, plumbing and guttering. You will also be working on improving your Maths, English and ICT skills and at the same time keeping a record of the activities completed. During the course you will also receive support from a tutor to complete your tasks and progress.

Specific Entry Requirements:

An interest in the construction industry, happy to work outdoors and to develop your Maths, English and ICT skills.

What could I do next?

On completing this course in full and receiving a good reference from your tutor, you will be able to progress on to one of the following:

- Level 1 Brickwork
- Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery
- Level 1 Building services
- Level 1 Painting and Decorating
- Level 1 Plastering

Level 1 Bricklaying

Progression: **E 2** • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study Health and Safety, site communication skills, setting out, brick and block laying and cavity walling as well as having the opportunity to develop your Maths, English and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade D in Maths and English or completion of the construction Multi skills qualification with a good reference from your college tutor.

What could I do next?

Level 2 Bricklaying, employment or an apprenticeship.

Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study Health and Safety, site communication skills, producing timber joints and using hand and power tools. You will also develop your Maths, English and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade Ds in Maths and English or completing the construction Multi Skills qualification with a good reference from your college tutor.

What could I do next?

Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery, employment or an apprenticeship.

Level 1 Building Services

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study the design, installation, operation and monitoring skills needed for a career in building services. You will also develop your knowledge of scientific principles as well as having the opportunity to develop your Maths, English and ICT.

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade Ds in Maths and English.

What could I do next?

A trade specific pathway, employment or an apprenticeship

Level 1 Painting and Decorating

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study Health and Safety, site communication skills, applying finishes with a brush and roller, hanging wallpaper and producing decorative features. You will also develop your Maths, English and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade Ds in Maths and English or completing the construction Multi skills qualification with a good reference from your college tutor.

What could I do next?

Level 2 Painting and Decorating, employment or an apprenticeship.

Level 2 Electrical Installation

Progression: **E** 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will learn the theory and practical skills covering electrical installation including Health and Safety, electrical installation theory and technology, electrical installation methods, procedures and requirements, electrical installation craft skills and electrical science and principles.

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade Cs in Maths and English. GCSE Science desirable

What could I do next?

Level 3 Electrical Installation or on to an apprenticeship

Level 2 Plumbing

Progression: **E** 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

The Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing Studies covers the knowledge needed in plumbing and domestic heating, such as:

- Hot and cold water supplies
- Sanitation within Building Services Engineering
- Health & Safety

Specific Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade Cs in Maths and English.
GCSE Science desirable.

What could I do next?

Level 3 Plumbing or on to an apprenticeship

Entry Level Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: **E** 1 • Level: **E** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study Engine operating principles, fuel and exhaust systems, spark and ignition, cooling, lubrication, transmission, wheels and tyres, brakes, steering and suspension. You will also learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment whilst at the same time developing your English, Maths and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

You will have an interview, where you will need to demonstrate your enthusiasm for the subject as well as your future career plans and aspiration. In addition you will be assessed for current Maths and English abilities to ensure you receive the right support to be successful.

What could I do next?

Progress to the Level 1 course subject to completing this course in full, with a good reference from your tutor.

Level 1 Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will study Engine operating principles, fuel and exhaust systems, spark and ignition, cooling, lubrication, transmission, wheels and tyres, brakes, steering and suspension, general maintenance and removal and replacement of vehicle units. You will also learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment, and at the same time have the opportunity to further develop your English, Maths and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

No specific requirements, but some hands on experience is needed for Level 1. At interview you must demonstrate that you are keen to study and will attend all your classes.

What could I do next?

Progress to a Level 2 course

Level 2 Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: **E** 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

More advanced engine operating principles, fuel and exhaust systems, spark and ignition, cooling, lubrication, transmission, wheels and tyres, brakes, steering and suspension, routine maintenance, removal and replacement of vehicle units and diagnosis and rectification of vehicle faults. Learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment. You will also have the opportunity to further develop your English, Maths and ICT skills.

Specific Entry Requirements:

You will need to have completed a Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle. In addition you will have an interview, where you will need to demonstrate your enthusiasm for the subject as well as your future career plans and aspirations.

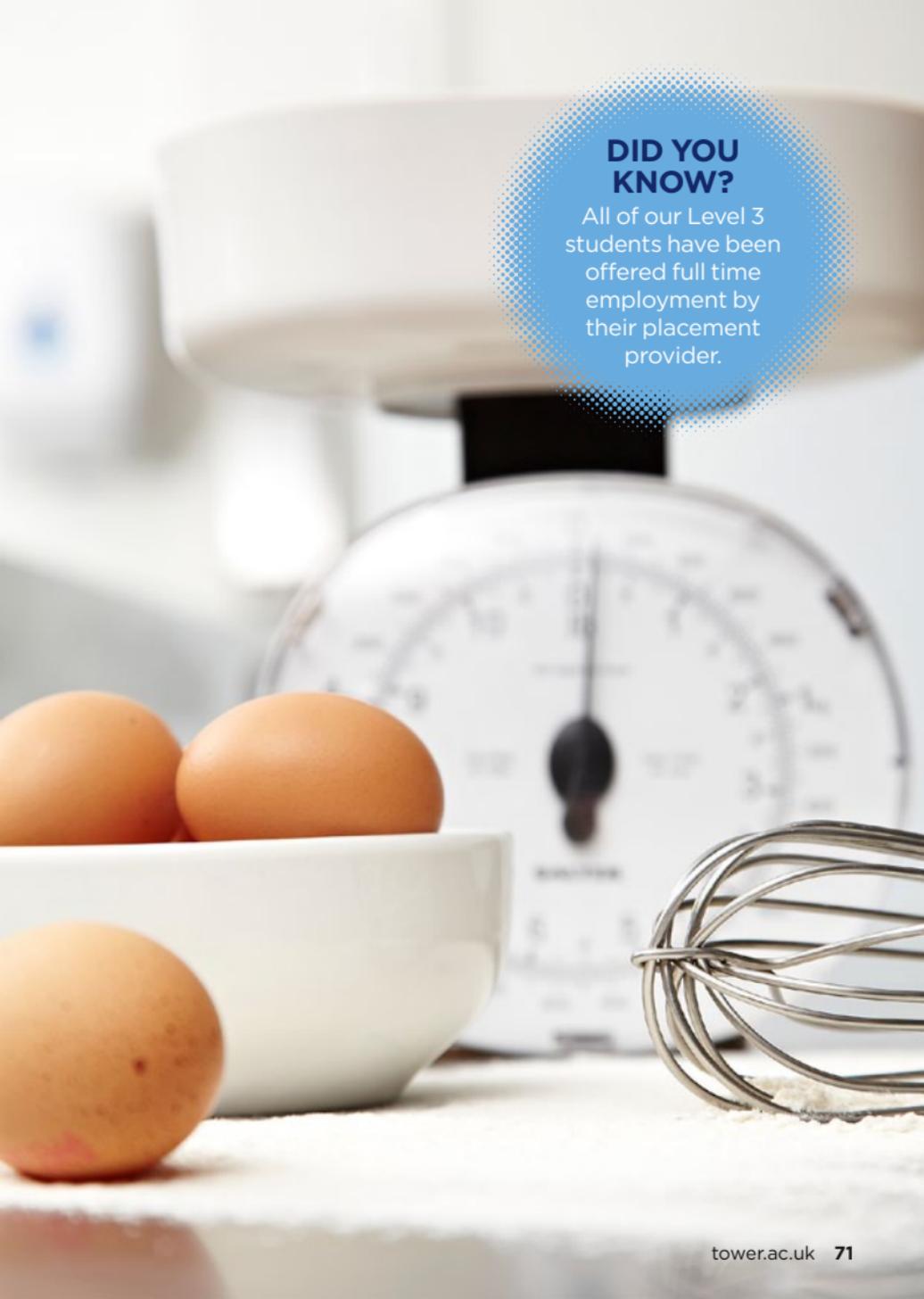
What could I do next?

Gain training or employment within any industry that involves mechanical tasks, including Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Public Transport and Manufacturing.

CATERING & HOSPITALITY

With the growth and regeneration currently occurring in Tower Hamlets and surrounding areas, there has never been a better time to get into the Catering and Hospitality sector. The number of jobs in this industry is increasing, and qualifications, skills and experience gained at Tower Hamlets College will make you extremely employable.

Canary Wharf is just a stone's throw away from our industry standard training kitchen and purpose built restaurant. As a Catering and Hospitality student, you will have the opportunity to practise your customer service and food service skills, running a college restaurant three times a week. Lecturers are highly qualified and accomplished chefs themselves. Students often progress to work in top restaurants, hotels, conference centres and contract catering companies.



DID YOU KNOW?

All of our Level 3 students have been offered full time employment by their placement provider.

STUDENT PROFILE

DAVID

Studying: Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery

Previous school: Phoenix School

What I like best about the course: I have learnt so much in four years, there's a lot to choose from. My tutor has helped me become the chef I want to be.

What I like best about the college: The teaching staff are extremely kind and encouraging.

Highlight of college so far: Winning the Young Learner of the Year Award in 2012.



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Introductory Diploma in Professional Cookery

Progression: ② • Level: ① • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- The catering and hospitality industry
- Health & Safety
- Food Safety
- Healthier Foods
- Special Diets
- Prepare and cook using a variety of methods

Specific Entry Requirements:

- 2 GCSEs grade E - G

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 Catering
- Employment in catering, hospitality or leisure and tourism industries

NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery

Progression: ③ • Level: ② • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Health & Safety
- Creating a Positive Impression
- Working Within a Team
- Food Safety - Preparation, storage, handling and serving
- Table Service
- Counter Service
- Produce a range of Dishes
- Planning a Menu
- Kitchen Operations

Specific Entry Requirements:

- 3 GCSEs at Grade D or above
- You will have an interview, where you will need to demonstrate your enthusiasm for the subject as well as your future career plans and aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 3 course
- Employment in catering, hospitality, leisure and tourism industries

Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Practical Gastronomy
- Advanced skills and techniques in producing a variety of complex dishes
- Vegetarian dishes
- Meat dishes
- Poultry, game, fish and shellfish
- Biscuits, cakes, sponges and desserts
- Fermented dough and batter products

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade A* - C to include Level 2 or equivalent in Catering
- You will have an interview, where you will need to demonstrate your enthusiasm for the subject and your future career plans and aspirations

What could I do next?

- Employment in catering, hospitality, leisure and tourism industries
- Progress to further catering or chef training at higher level

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www.tower.ac.uk The
application is simple, and
you can always use our
Live Chat facility if you
need to speak to
someone.



HAIR & BEAUTY

Hair and Beauty students train at the College's Atrium Academy, a commercial salon based at our Poplar Campus. Lecturers are experienced industry specialists. This, coupled with our impressive teaching facilities, means that we can provide you with an educational experience that meets your needs, whatever your starting point. We also run a range of specialist courses for those already practising in the industry.

Atrium Academy provides a full range of salon services to the general public at a discounted rate. Training beauty therapists and hairdressers are closely supervised and receive expert tuition from senior lecturers. Both the hair and beauty salons offer clients an excellent and economical way to receive professional treatments and service without high expense.

Our salons are open Monday to Friday for appointments. To book an appointment or to learn more about the treatments we offer, please call Atrium Academy reception on 020 7510 7990.



DID YOU KNOW?

A number of our past level 3 learners now own their own hair and beauty salons!

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

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Health & Safety
- Presenting a professional image
- Shampooing and Styling the hair
- Skin and hand care
- Basic Manicure, Pedicure and Make-Up application

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No formal qualifications required, but you will be asked to complete a reading and writing assessment.

What could I do next?

- This course could take you into employment as a Junior in a salon
- Progress to a Level 2 course in Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy or Media Make-Up

Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

Progression: **E** **B** **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

Mandatory Units:

- Health & safety
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Facial Therapy
- Eyelash and eyebrow treatments
- Waxing

Optional units are to be completed in addition to the mandatory units to complete the qualification. Examples of these include:

- Application of Make-Up
- Providing Ear Piercing
- Create an image based on a theme

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade C or above
- A good standard of general education
- An outgoing personality
- Good standard of personal grooming

What could I do next?

You can progress to the relevant Level 3 course which will ensure you have the skills for employment

Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Media Make-Up

Progression: **E** **B** **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Health & safety
- Eyelash and eyebrow treatments
- Client care and communication
- Application of Make-Up
- Create an image based on a theme
- Make and style hair additions
- Body Art
- Skin tanning techniques
- Colouring and dressing hair

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade C or above
- A good standard of general education
- An outgoing personality
- Good standard of personal grooming

What could I do next?

You can progress to Level 2 Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy, or the Level 3 Diploma in Media Make-up course which will ensure you have the skills for employment.

Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy (General)

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Indian head massage and body massage
- Aromatherapy
- Body Improving
- Self-tanning
- Intimate waxing
- Permanent lashes
- Facial/body electro therapy
- Mechanical and electrical treatments

- You should have achieved a Level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy
- You will need to have good communication skills and a caring, mature attitude

What could I do next?

- You can apply for work in Beauty Salons and Clinics, Health and Fitness clubs, Spas and cosmetic houses in the UK and abroad
- This qualification counts towards teaching courses
- You may also progress to Higher Education

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade A* - C
- Entry is by project, trade test and interview

STUDENT PROFILE

SHANNON

Studying:

NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing

Previous school:

Langdon Park School

What I like best about the

course: Creating loads of different styles for hair.

What I like best about the

college: I like that the college is very supportive and that the staff will help you with whatever you need.

Highlight of college so far:

It's hard to think of just one. I've loved every second of my time here.



Level 3 Diploma in Body and Spa Therapy

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Body electro therapy
- Spa Treatments
- Stone Therapy Massage
- Massage using pre-blended aromatherapy oils
- Body Massage
- Client care and Communication
- Health & Safety
- Promoting Products and Services

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade A* - C
- Entry is by project, trade test and interview

- You should have achieved a Level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy
- You will need to have good communication skills and a caring, mature attitude

What could I do next?

- You can apply for work in Beauty Salons and Clinics, Health and Fitness clubs, Spas and cosmetic houses in the UK and abroad
- This qualification counts towards teaching courses
- You may also progress to Higher Education

Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Health and Safety
- Consultation techniques
- Cutting, styling, colouring and dressing women's hair
- Cutting men's hair
- Bridal hair
- Colour correction

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 2 GCSEs grade A* - C
- You will need to purchase a uniform and kit
- You will need to have a relevant work placement
- You will need to have completed the Hairdressing NVQ Level 2 or equivalent

What could I do next?

- Enter the hairdressing profession as a stylist
- Continue study at Higher Education level e.g. Teaching qualification

NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing

Progression: **E** **B** **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Cutting
- Colouring
- Perming
- Client consultation
- Shampooing/conditioning the hair and scalp
- Health and Safety in the salon
- Promoting products and services to clients
- Styling

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade D or above
- Work experience in a salon environment

What could I do next?

- Progress to the Level 3 course or Employment

Level 2 Diploma in Nail Technology Enhancements

Progression: **E** **B** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Working in beauty related industries
- Follow Health & Safety practices in the salon
- Client care and communication in the beauty related industries
- Promote products and services to clients in the salon
- Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector
- Salon reception duties
- Provide manicure treatments
- Provide pedicure treatments
- Provide and maintain nail enhancements
- Provide nail art

- Provide facial skincare
- Provide eyelash and eyebrow treatments
- Apply skin tanning techniques

Specific Entry Requirements:

- At least 3 GCSEs grade D or above
- Work experience in a salon environment

What could I do next?

You can progress to Level 2 Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy, Level 2 Diploma in Media Make up or Level 3 Nail Technology course which will ensure you have the skills for employment



READY TO APPLY?

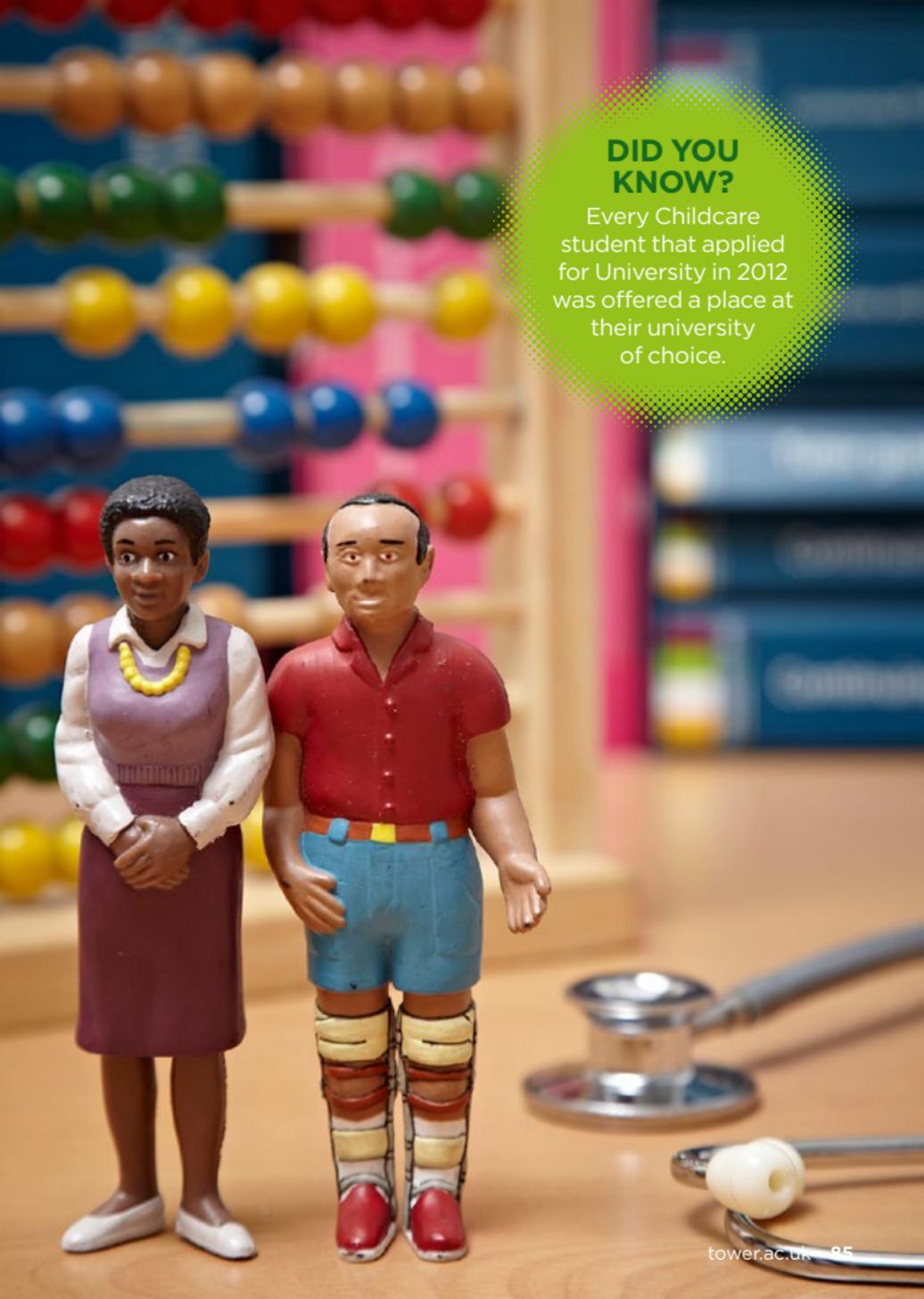
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www.tower.ac.uk The
application is simple, and
you can always use our
Live Chat facility if you
need to speak to
someone.

HEALTH, CARE & EARLY YEARS

Are you interested in caring for and educating children, supporting adults with physical disabilities or mental health issues, or caring for older people? Our Health and Child Care courses are a perfect introduction to the caring professions. All courses have a range of delivery and assessment styles including practical activities and skills building. The majority of courses include work experience.

After completing your course, you may wish to progress to University to study courses such as Adult Nursing, Youth Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Midwifery and Education Studies. Many students choose to go directly into work, and a number of students find that the work placement they undertook as part of their course turns into a full time job on completion.

Our lecturers have all worked in the caring professions, either as early years practitioners, health practitioners, carers, managers or other related jobs. Please be aware that Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks will be required.



DID YOU KNOW?

Every Childcare student that applied for University in 2012 was offered a place at their university of choice.

CACHE Level 1 Award in an Introduction to Early Years Settings

Progression: 2 • Level: 1 • Duration: 10 Weeks

What will I study?

- The value of play for babies and young children
- Management and organisation in an early years setting
- Roles and responsibility in early years setting

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You should be at least 16 years old
- You will be asked to come into the college for an informal interview.

What could I do next?

- Learners can progress to the Level 2 Certificate for Children and Young People's Workforce or the Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Playwork.

CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children

Progression: 2 • Level: 2 • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

The course will give you an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to care for children. You will learn how to manage and support needs of children (e.g. nutritional needs), their learning and development, children's growth, Health and Safety and safeguarding. The course looks at the influences on a child's development and gives you the skills to provide effective play and practical activities in a range of Early Years' services. You will also look at group childcare organisations as well as the home care environment.

Please note that English, Maths and ICT functional skills are a compulsory part of this course.

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Students should be at least 14 years old and have 5 E grades at GCSE level
- Students will be required to achieve a successful interview with a member of the Teaching Team

What could I do next?

- Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF) England
- Level 2 Diploma in Child Care and Education (NQF)

CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Childcare and Education

Progression: **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

This qualification develops the skills and knowledge needed to work under supervision with children and their families. The syllabus includes: theory of play, child development, Health and Safety, childhood health issues and working with children and parents.

Specific Entry Requirements:

Students should have a good level of written and spoken English and have 5 A* -D GCSEs including English and Maths. Students will be required to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check (Police Check) which should show a clean record before the start of the

programme and this will be applied for in conjunction with the College. Students will be required to achieve a successful interview with a member of the Teaching Team

What could I do next?

A rewarding career in some areas of childcare including Early Years Assistant in a Children's Centre or School, Pre-School Assistant, Nursery foundation Stage Assistant, nursery assistant in private nurseries and crèches, welfare assistants in schools, private nanny positions and Special Educational Needs Assistants. However, most students can progress onto a Level 3 qualification.

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education

Progression: **U4** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

The units include learning about the following:

- Play and Learning in Children's Education
- Curriculum Frameworks
- Partnership with Parents
- Child development 0-16 years
- Keeping Children Safe
- Child Observations
- Cultural Diversity

Specific Entry Requirements:

- 5 GCSE grades A*-C (including Maths and English)
- Interview and initial assessments

What could I do next?

Nursery worker/Room Supervisor /Foundation Stage Practitioner/ Special Educational Needs Support Worker/Nanny/Children's Centre practitioner

STUDENT PROFILE

ISHRAT

Studying:

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in
Childcare and Education

Previous school:

Oaks Park High School

What I like best about the course:

I enjoy the structure of the
classes and the way each topic is
covered in a way that helps you to
understand it well.

What I like best about the college:

Everyone is nice and welcoming.

Highlight of college so far:

Meeting a lot of new, friendly
people.



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Level 1 Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: **E** 2 • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Investigating Rights and Responsibilities at Work
- Communication with Adults and Children in Health and Social Care
- Preparing for Work Placements
- Personal Care in Health and Social Care

Specific Entry Requirements:

- You will be asked to complete an assessment in numeracy and literacy and a successful interview

What could I do next?

- Certificate in Preparation to Work in Adult Social Care Level 2
- Diploma in Health and Social Care Level 2
- Internship or Apprenticeship in the Health or Health and Social Care Sector

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: **E** 3 • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Communication and individual rights
- Individual needs
- Cultural diversity
- Anatomy and physiology
- Human lifespan development
- Vocational experience
- Safe environments
- Human lifespan development
- The impact of diet on health

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade D or above, one must be in English or an equivalent qualification at level 1
- All learners are subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS (formally CRB) disclosure

What could I do next?

- Enter employment in the Health and Social Care Sector
- Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care Level 3
- Internship or Apprenticeship in the Health or Health and Social Care Sector

Specific Entry Requirements:

- A full level 1 qualification

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: **E** **U** **4** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

- Developing Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
- Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care
- Health, Safety and Security in Health and Social Care
- Development through life stages
- Psychological Perspectives in Health and Social Care

Specific Entry Requirements:

- A full level 2
- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, one must be in English or equivalent qualification at level 2 e.g. Functional skills

- All learners are subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS (formally CRB) disclosure

What could I do next?

- Enter employment in the Health and Social Care Sector
- Go to University and study for a wide range of courses including Psychology, Youth Work, Paramedics, Nursing or Midwifery
- Internship or Apprenticeship in the Health or Health and Social Care Sector

READY TO APPLY?

Go to our website www.tower.ac.uk The application is simple, and you can always use our Live Chat facility if you need to speak to someone.



STILL GOT QUESTIONS?

Get in touch with our
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Call: 020 7510 7777

Email: advice@tower.ac.uk

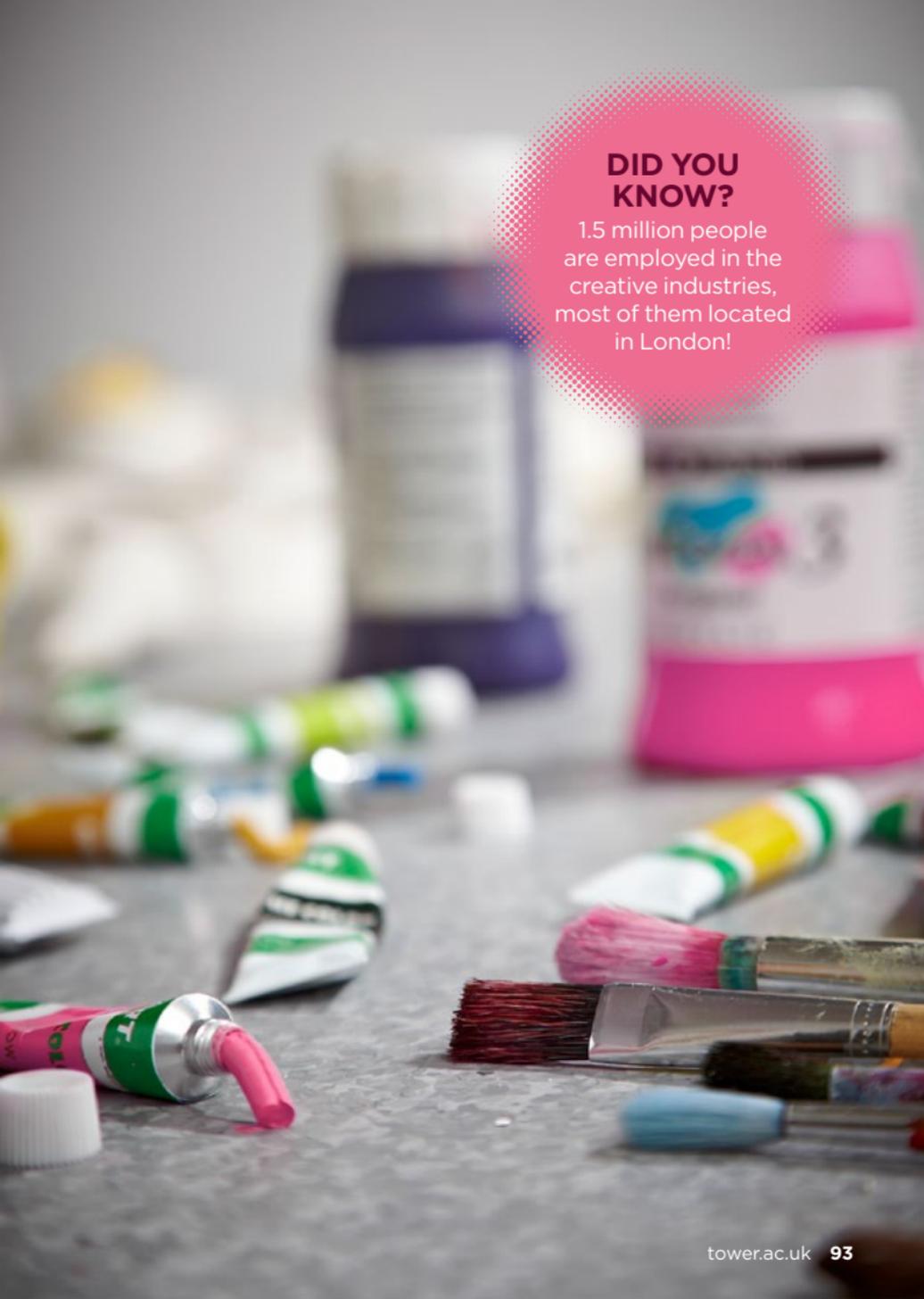
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CREATIVE ARTS

Creative Arts courses are tailored to prepare you for working in the Creative Industries or studying specialist degrees in your chosen field.

Our lecturers are industry specialists and our courses are unique in the way they blend creativity with specialist industry-related skills. Whilst studying, you will have the opportunity to manage live project work and competitions, as well as attend industry related trips, exhibitions and galleries.

All these opportunities help to equip you with the necessary skills and experience to progress in the fast-paced and competitive arenas of design, graphics and media.

A collection of art supplies including paint tubes and brushes on a grey surface. The background is blurred, showing various paint containers. In the foreground, there are several tubes of paint in different colors (pink, green, yellow, orange) and several brushes with different bristles (red, blue, black).

DID YOU KNOW?

1.5 million people are employed in the creative industries, most of them located in London!

Entry Level Creative Computing, Graphics & Media

Progression: ① • Level: Entry ③ • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- How to use Photoshop to develop your design skills
- How websites, the internet and advertising are used in the media
- How to use computing software to create your own animation
- Maths
- English

Specific Entry Requirements:

- An enquiring mind and serious interest in developing your creative potential

What could I do next?

- You can study our Level 1 BTEC courses. This Diploma is part of Foundation Learning, a broad qualification that gives young people skills for employment and for life.

Level 1 Diploma in Art and Design

Progression: ② • Level: ① • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Drawing, painting and making things
- Computer graphics and digital photography
- Animation
- Maths
- English

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade E or above in a creative media subject e.g. Art or Media
- A portfolio of your own creative work demonstrating commitment and serious interest in this subject

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 2 BTEC course
- This Diploma is part of Foundation Learning, a broad qualification that gives young people skills for employment and for life.

Level 1 Diploma in Creative Computing & Media Production

Progression: **2** • Level: **1** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- How to Create a personal interactive digital photograph album
- How to edit your own video, complete with a customised soundtrack
- How to design characters and a plot for your own computer games
- Maths
- English

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade E or above in a creative media subject e.g. Art or Media
- A portfolio of your own creative work demonstrating commitment and serious interest in this subject

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 2 BTEC course.
- This Diploma is part of Foundation Learning, a broad qualification that gives young people skills for employment and for life.

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Art & Design

Progression: **3** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

The course is based around the creative and cultural industries and focuses on providing relevant skills to help you progress in your education.

You will learn through a mixture of practical and theoretical skills taught through classroom based workshops in (among others):

- drawing & painting
- textiles & surface design
- print techniques
- 3D model making & construction
- graphics
- animation

Students on this course will also have the opportunity to repeat their GCSE in English or Maths, or undertake Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Numeracy.

Specific Entry Requirements:

Students need to have four GCSEs grade D-E and one GCSE at grade C or above in a creative subject. Students will need to attend an interview with a selection of creative work.

What could I do next?

On successful completion of this course students can progress to a level 3 course in Art and Design, Animation and Game Design or Film & TV.

STUDENT PROFILE

MUZ

Studying:

Apprenticeship, previously Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Art & Design

Previous school: Swanlea School

What I like best about the course:

It's given me the opportunity to make new friends.

What I like best about the college:

Having a laugh with everyone around college. It has a great vibe.

Highlight of college so far:

There's a few: The Student Fashion Showcase, Leavers Party and Sports Tournament.



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Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Animation & Motion Graphics

Progression: **E U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

You will discover the diversity and potential of digital media, using 2D and 3D animation for games design, illustration, typography, web design and special effects. On the course you will be producing creative work using both traditional and digital media while developing your visual, written and oral communication skills through contextual studies and professional studio practice.

- Animation & Interactivity for Games Design
- Motion Graphics for Broadcasting SFX
- 3D Modelling for Games, Broadcast and Architecture

- Storyboarding and Narrative Development for Creative Industries
- Moving Image and SF

Specific Entry Requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language. You will need to attend a portfolio interview.

What could I do next?

This is a growth area and there are opportunities for students to start up their own business, undertake an NVQ Apprenticeship course in Digital Design or progress to higher education to study at Degree or Foundation Degree Level.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design

Progression: **E U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

Graphics design, print and illustration, fine art and sculpture, 3D model making for product, interior and theatre design, fashion design, surface, digital and textile print, crafts and sustainable design, covering ceramics, jewellery, bookbinding and papermaking.

Specific Entry Requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language. You will need to attend a portfolio interview.

What could I do next?

You can go on to Higher Education applying for a Foundation or BA Honours Degree in a variety of subjects including fine art, sculpture, stage and theatre design, fashion and textiles, 3D product and eco design, architecture, graphic design, package design, jewellery, ceramic and craft design. Alternatively, you can begin an NVQ Apprenticeship in Design Support or NVQ Apprenticeship in Digital Design

STUDENT PROFILE

PERSIDE

Studying:

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in
Film & TV Production

Previous school:

Forest Gate Community School

What I like best about the course:

I enjoy the variety of practical projects, including working across music videos, film and animation. It allows me to broaden my creativity.

What I like best about the college:

It's easy to get to, has a diverse range of students and has really nice tutors.

Highlight of college so far:

Working on a stop motion production as part of the course.



SCAN TO SEE VIDEO

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Film & TV Production

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 2 Years

What will I study?

Do you want to become a filmmaker or a TV producer? You can with this course. This hands-on course will help you learn practical and theoretical aspects of digital filmmaking. This course is the equivalent to 3 A Levels and is suitable for ambitious people who enjoy working in a creative environment. It provides a practical and theoretical introduction to the skills, knowledge and understanding that is required in the world of Film and Television. Through a series of industry related projects you will learn how to respond to a professional brief from researching initial ideas through to a finished evaluated product.

Specific Entry Requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language. You will need to attend a portfolio interview.

What could I do next?

You can progress to employment or higher education applying for a Foundation or BA Honours degree in a variety of subjects including film and television production, editing, journalism, marketing, video technology, media studies, film studies and publishing. Students can also select to undertake a NVQ Apprenticeship qualification in Design Support or Digital Design.

Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design

Progression: **U** • Level: **3** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

You will undertake a broad experimental approach to visual artwork and cover several specialist areas including fine art, textiles/fashion, printmaking, 3D studies, graphics and contextual studies as well as taking part in field trips to galleries and exhibitions.

Stages of Progress:

- Exploratory - Learning new skills and developing ideas
- Pathway - Building your portfolio and preparing for interviews for higher education or employment.
- Confirmatory - Developing your individuality and working towards a

Final Major Project displayed in the End of Year exhibition

Specific Entry Requirements:

A qualification at level 2 and/or a strong portfolio of art and design work, which demonstrates a commitment to continued study.

What could I do next?

This course leads directly to a degree or foundation degree in higher education or into employment. In the past students have progressed to Goldsmiths to study Fine Art, Camberwell to study Product Design and Canterbury to study Photography.

Pre-apprenticeship in Design

Progression: Apprenticeship in Design • Level: 2 • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

The Pre-Apprenticeship in Design Course will help you to develop the right creative and employment skills to find work as an apprentice, in areas such as product and industrial design, stage and set design, and communications. Whilst on the course you will study:

- Graphics
- Textiles & surface design
- Print techniques
- 3D model making & construction
- Animation
- Poster design

Specific Entry Requirements:

Students need to have four GCSEs grades D- E and one GCSE at grade C or above in a creative subject. Students will need to attend an interview with a portfolio of their recent creative work.

What could I do next?

- You could progress into the workplace on our Apprenticeship in Design course. Roles include Design Assistant/Trainee, Junior Artworker and more.
- Join the Extended Diploma in Art & Design and progress to University.

READY TO APPLY?

Go to our website www.tower.ac.uk The application is simple, and you can always use our Live Chat facility if you need to speak to someone.



FOUNDATION LEARNING

We have a wide range of courses that can prepare students for independent living or supported employment. Our courses give our students more confidence, as well as teaching practical skills.

Our staff are friendly, supportive and highly trained, so the transition to Tower Hamlets College is really easy. If you need additional support we can arrange that too. Our facilities let you learn in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Students can get lots of practical experience at Tower Hamlets College. They run their own enterprise projects such as the floristry enterprise Daisy Chain, and the Café Project, and they also arrange charity fundraisers.

All students can work towards an externally accredited qualification which is part of Foundation Learning.

These courses are suitable for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.



DID YOU KNOW?

We run enterprise schemes so that Foundation Learning students can run their own businesses in catering, floristry and also creative arts.

Move On Link Course (for those leaving school)

Progression: **E** • Level: **E** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- A combination of taster subjects including Drama,
- Media and ICT

Specific Entry Requirements:

- If you would like to come on the link course you will need to talk to your school first and they will need to contact the Foundation Learning faculty at the College on 020 7510 7510

- There must be a partnership between your current school and Tower Hamlets College. We are always open to new partnerships
- You will have an interview

What could I do next?

- Move on to a full time course

Move On Courses 1 and 2

Progression: **1** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

Your course will include:

Out in the Community, Communication, ICT, Cookery, Self-Advocacy/Personal Development, Literacy, Maths for life, Enterprise (running a business), Preparation for Work, Art/Textiles

You will learn through individual and group work in class, through projects, practical sessions and outside visits. There are two courses: Move On 1 and Move On 2. Each course is full time. You may start on Move On 1 or Move On 2 depending on your needs. We will talk about this when you start.

Tutorial support and extra help will be available when and where you need it

and transport can be arranged for you to come to College if you already have transport to school.

We may be able to arrange a link course so that you come to College for half a day a week to see what it is like first.

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No formal entry requirements
- You will have an interview

What could I do next?

- Move on to another course at College
- Supported employment
- Independent Living or access social services provision

Skills for Independence

Progression: **E** • Level: **E** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Communication skills
- Running an enterprise
- Shopping and cooking
- Independent living skills
- Out in the community
- Money skills

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No formal entry requirements
- You will have an interview

What could I do next?

- Supported employment
- Move on to another course at College

Introduction to Skills for Work

Progression: **1** • Level: **E** • Duration: 1-2 Years

What will I study?

- Enterprise (running a business)
- Communication
- Personal development
- Confidence building
- Maths, work skills and ICT

Specific Entry Requirements:

- There are no formal entry requirements
- You will have an interview

What could I do next?

- On completion of Skills for Work, you may progress on to another course in the College, or you may start training or supported work

STUDENT PROFILE

LUKE

Studying: Foundation Pathways

Previous school:
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form

What I like best about the course: I enjoy Art, especially working on mosaics. Tutorials are also good as I enjoy working in groups.

What I like best about the college: I enjoy meeting new friends and the staff are friendly.

Highlight of college so far:
Working in groups and meeting new people.



SCAN TO SEE VIDEO

Entry Level 1 Foundation Pathways

Progression: 1, 2 • Level: Entry to 1 • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Develop skills in English, Maths and ICT
- Explore a range of vocational options, including media, art, catering and enterprise
- Run your own business or take part in work experience
- Focus on employability, as well as personal and social development

Specific Entry Requirements:

- No formal entry requirements
- You will be required to have an interview with our team

What could I do next?

- Progress on to another course at College
- Explore potential employment or training options

Transition to Work

Progression: 1 • Level: Entry • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Develop your confidence in working with other people
- Personal development such as independent travel, work skills, Maths, ICT and English

Specific Entry Requirements:

- This course is designed for students who want to continue at College part time alongside working/volunteering or other provision

What could I do next?

- Voluntary work or supported employment
- Mixed programme of different activities in the local area

ESOL

English

If English isn't your main language, our ESOL courses are designed to help you improve your English language skills in work, study and life in the United Kingdom. You will learn skills for speaking and listening, reading and writing, vocabulary, punctuation and grammar. As well as improving your English, you will also have the opportunity to improve other key skills such as mathematics, IT and employability.

Polish

Jeśli język angielski nie jest Twoim językiem rodzinnym, nasze kursy ESOL pomogą Ci poprawić umiejętność posługiwania się tym językiem w pracy, szkole i w codziennym życiu podczas pobytu w Wielkiej Brytanii. Dzięki tym kursom nauczysz się mówić, słuchać, czytać i pisać w języku angielskim, nauczysz się także niezbędnego słownictwa, zasad interpunkcji i gramatyki tego języka. Obok usprawnienia umiejętności językowych, będziesz mieć także szansę na poprawę innych podstawowych umiejętności w zakresie matematyki i informatyki, co zwiększy Twoje szanse na potencjalne zatrudnienie w przyszłości.

Portuguese

Se o inglês não for a sua língua materna, os nossos cursos ESOL foram concebidos para ajudá-lo a melhorar as suas competências em inglês no trabalho, nos estudos e no dia-a-dia no Reino Unido. Adquirirá competências a nível oral e de compreensão oral, de leitura, escrita, vocabulário, pontuação e gramática. Para além de melhorar o seu inglês, poderá igualmente melhorar outras competências essenciais, como matemática, tecnologias da informação e empregabilidade.

Bengali

যদি ইংরেজি আপনার মূল ভাষা না হয়, আমাদের ই.এস.ও.এল কোর্সগুলি যুক্তরাজ্যে আপনার কাজ, পড়াশোনা, এবং জীবনযাপনের ক্ষেত্রে আপনার ইংরেজির মান উন্নত করতে সাহায্য করার জন্য প্রস্তুত করা হয়েছে। আপনি বলা ও শোনা, পড়া ও লেখা, শব্দভাণ্ডার, বিরামচিহ্ন ব্যবহার ও ব্যাকরণ বিষয়ক দক্ষতা শিখবেন। আপনি ইংরেজির উন্নতি ঘটানোর সঙ্গে অঙ্ক, আই.টি এবং কর্মনিযুক্তি সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য মৌলিক দক্ষতাগুলি উন্নত করারও সুযোগ পাবেন।

Lithuanian

Jeigu anglų kalba nėra jūsų pagrindinė kalba, mūsų ESOL kursai padės jums pagerinti anglų kalbos, vartojamos darbe, studijose ir gyvenant Jungtinėje Karalystėje, žinias. Patobulinsite kalbėjimo ir klausymo, skaitymo ir rašymo, žodyno, skyrybos bei gramatikos įgūdžius. Be to, jūs ne tik pagerinsite anglų kalbos žinias, bet ir turėsite galimybę patobulinti kitus reikalingus įgūdžius, pavyzdžiui, matematikos, informacinių technologijų ir gebėjimo įsidarbinti sritis žinias.

Somali

Hadii aanu af Ingriisigu aheyn luqadaada koowaad, koorsooyinka ESOL kayaga ayaa loogu talo galay inay kaa caawiyaan si aad kor ugu soo qaado aqoontaada luqada Ingriisiga ee shaqada, waxbarashada iyo nololaha wadanka Boqortooyada Ingriiska. Waxa aad baran doontaa aqoonta ku hadalka, akhriska iyo qoraalka, kalmadaha, hakaad galinta iyo garaamarka. Inaad Ingriisigaaga kor u qaado mooyee waxaad kale oo aad fursad u heli doontaa inaad culuunta kale ee muhiimka ah kor u qaado sida xisaabta, IT-ga iyo shaqo helida.



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Along with ESOL,
you can also improve
your skills in Maths
and IT.

16-18 ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

English

Our ESOL courses enable you to:

- Develop your English skills appropriate to the workplace to enhance your employability and improve your job prospects
- Achieve an English qualification recognised by employers and academic institutions nationally and internationally
- Progress to an academic or vocational course in Further or Higher Education

- Cope with everyday situations and develop knowledge of life in the United Kingdom

- Improve other key skills, including mathematics, employability and IT

The teachers here are very friendly, supporting you through everything you need to learn. We offer many different levels and will assess you to make sure you start at the right level.

১৬-১৮ ই.এস.ও.এল (অন্যান্য ভাষাভাষীর মানুষের জন্য ইংরেজি)

Bengali

আমাদের ই.এস.ও.এল কোর্সগুলি আপনাকে যে সব বিষয়ে সক্ষম করে:

- আপনার কর্মনিযুক্তির সক্ষমতা বৃদ্ধি করার জন্য কর্মস্থলের পক্ষে যথাযথ রূপে আপনার ইংরেজির দক্ষতার বিকাশ ঘটাতে এবং আপনার কর্ম সম্ভাবনা উন্নত করতে
- জাতীয় ও আন্তর্জাতিক স্তরে নিয়োগকর্তা ও শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলি স্বীকৃত ইংরেজির যোগ্যতা অর্জন করতে
- শিক্ষাগত বা বৃত্তিমূলক পাঠক্রমে পরবর্তী অথবা উচ্চশিক্ষার অগ্রগতি ঘটাতে

- দৈনন্দিন পরিস্থিতির সম্মুখীন হতে এবং যুক্তরাজ্যের জীবন সম্পর্কে জ্ঞানের বিকাশ ঘটাতে

- অঙ্ক, কর্মনিযুক্তি সক্ষমতা এবং আই.টি সহ অন্যান্য মৌলিক দক্ষতা উন্নত করতে

এখানে শিক্ষকেরা খুবই বন্ধুভাবাপন্ন, আপনার শেখার জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় সব বিষয়ে আপনাকে সহায়তা দেবেন। আমরা অনেকগুলি পর্যায়ে পাঠক্রম প্রদান করি এবং আপনি যাতে সঠিক পর্যায়ে শুরু করতে পারেন সেই জন্য আপনার মূল্যায়ন করব।

16-18 ESOL (anglų kalba kalbantiems kitomis kalbomis)

Lithuanian

Išklausę mūsų ESOL kursų galėsite:

- lavinti savo anglų kalbos žinias, tinkamas jūsų darbe, kad įgytumėte savo darbui reikalingų įgūdžių ir galimybę siekti geresnės karjeros ateityje perspektyvas;
- įgyti anglų kalbos kvalifikaciją, pripažįstamą darbdavių ir akademinų institucijų visoje šalyje ir pasaulyje;
- siekti akademinio arba profesinio aukštesniojo ar aukštojo išsilavinimo;
- sužinoti, kaip elgtis kasdieninėse situacijose ir įgyti daugiau žinių apie gyvenimą Jungtinėje Karalystėje;
- įgyti daugiau pagrindinių įgūdžių kitose srityse, pavyzdžiui, matematikoje, gebėjime įsidarbinti ir informacinėse technologijose.

Mūsų dėstytojai labai draugiški, jie visuomet padės jums visose mokymosi srityse. Mes siūlome daug skirtingų lygių ir prieš paskirdami jus į tinkamo lygio kursus, jūsų žinias atitinkamai įvertinsime.

16-18 ESOL (Angielski Jako Język Obcy)

Polish

Nasze kursy ESOL pozwolą Ci na:

- Rozwinięcie swoich umiejętności w zakresie zawodowego języka angielskiego, aby zwiększyć szanse na znalezienie zatrudnienia w ciekawym zawodzie
- Osiągnięcie uprawnień językowych uznawanych przez pracodawców oraz instytucje naukowe w kraju i zagranicą
- Podjęcie kursów akademickich lub zawodowych w ramach kształcenia dalszego lub wyższego
- Nabycie umiejętności radzenia sobie w sytuacjach codziennych
- i poszerzenie wiedzy o życiu w Wielkiej Brytanii
- Ulepszenie innych kluczowych umiejętności, takich jak matematyka, informatyka i zdolność do bycia zatrudnionym

Nasi nauczyciele są bardzo sympatyczni i udzielają pomocy we wszystkich aspektach nauki, w tym: w mowie i rozumieniu, czytaniu i pisaniu, słownictwie, interpunkcji i gramatyce. Istnieją różne poziomy nauki i kursanci poddawani są sprawdzianom poziomu znajomości języka i przydzielani na odpowiedni dla nich poziom kursu.

16-18 ESOL (Inglês para Falantes de Outras Línguas)

Portuguese

Os nossos cursos ESOL permitem que:

- Desenvolva as suas competências de inglês adequadas ao local de trabalho para aumentar as suas perspectivas de trabalho e empregabilidade
- Atinja uma qualificação de inglês reconhecida por entidades empregadoras e instituições académicas a nível nacional e internacional
- Progrida para um curso académico ou vocacional em formação contínua ou superior

- Lide com situações quotidianas e desenvolva conhecimentos sobre a vida no Reino Unido
- Melhore outras competências, incluindo matemática, empregabilidade e tecnologias da informação

Os professores são muito simpáticos, apoiando-o em tudo aquilo de que necessita. Oferecemos diversos níveis de aprendizagem, sendo que será avaliado para que comece no nível correto.

16-18 ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Somali

Koorsooyinkayaga ESOL waxay kuu sahlayaan inaad:

- Horumariso aqoontaada Ingriisiga ee ku haboon goobta shaqada si aad kor ugu qaado fursadaada shaqada iyo kor u qaadida shaqo helidaada
- Inaad hesho shahaado Ingriisi ah oo ay aqoonsan yihiin kuliyadaha culuunta ee wadanka gudahiisa iyo dibadiisa.
- Kor ugu socoto si aad u qaadato koorso culuum ama waxbarsho khaas ah oo sii socota ama Culuunta Sare

- Si aad ula qabsato xaalda maalint kasta iyo aad kor ugu qaado cilmiga nolosha Boqortooyada Ingriiska
- Kor u qaado aqoonta muhiimka ah ee kale, marka lagu daro xisaabta, shaqaalaynta iyo IT-ga

Macalimiinta halkan jooga waa qaar soo dhaweyn badan, adiga kaa caawin doona wax kasta oo aad u baahan tahay inad barato. Waxaanu bixinaa heerar kala duwan iyadoo aanu kugu qiimeyn doono si aan u hubino inaad heerka kugu haboon ka bilowdo.



GCSE COURSES

English and Maths are really important for all jobs and GCSEs at grades C or above are essential for most university courses. If you do not achieve grade C or above in your Maths or English GCSE when you are at school, you can retake them alongside your BTEC or other qualification at Tower Hamlets College.

Taking GCSEs in a year requires hard work and commitment, but our lecturers, who also teach A Levels, know how to help you get the best grades possible. Many students who study GCSE English and/or Maths alongside their BTEC or other qualification go on to university.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Literature including Shakespeare, poetry, prose and broadsheet articles
- Written coursework and oral assignments
- Spelling, grammar, punctuation and essay planning

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade D in English GCSE
- You can only study this course alongside another qualification

What could I do next?

- Grade C in GCSE English is a requirement of many jobs and most university courses

GCSE MATHS

Progression: **E** **B** **U** • Level: **2** • Duration: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Algebra
- Data Handling
- Fractions, decimals and ratios
- Shape, space and measures

Specific Entry Requirements:

- Grade D in Maths GCSE. If you have a lower grade we suggest you take our pre-GCSE Maths course
- You can only study this course alongside another qualification

What could I do next?

- Grade C in GCSE Maths is a requirement of many jobs and most university courses

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to study whilst also gaining practical skills on the job. At Tower Hamlets College we have numerous employment opportunities in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

You come into College either half or one day a week, depending on your particular apprenticeship framework requirement, and the remainder of your apprenticeship is assessed at your placement.

Apprentices are employed for at least a year and many are offered to stay on in employment when they have completed their Level 2 or 3 apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are real job vacancies with specific person and job requirements that must be met. Each apprenticeship is unique. Commitment and employability skills are always required. All eligible candidates that progress through to application stage will need to have a successful college and employer interview.

All of our apprenticeships are handled by our dedicated apprenticeship team at TowerSkills.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply?

You can apply online at www.tower.ac.uk or complete a paper application and return it to us Freepost. Places on courses fill up fast, so we recommend you apply before May 2014.

I don't know what course to study next

We have careers and course advisers on site – if you need some advice, our contact details are at the bottom of this page. Email your question or phone us to book an appointment.

Am I eligible for any allowances?

There is a hardship fund for emergency situations. The College has a 16–19 Bursary to support some students with the financial costs of learning. For more information, ask to talk to a Student Adviser. This year our students were given a £20 'Study Starter' payment and students resident in Tower Hamlets received the Mayor's Education Award.

What happens after I apply?

You will be invited to an interview at the College or, in some cases, at your school. You will need to bring with you a reference from your school, written confirmation of your predicted grades and your Progress File or NRA. Some courses also require you to bring a portfolio of work to interview. You will be sent a leaflet about preparing for your interview – please read this carefully.

What happens during enrolment?

Once you have your school results in August, you will be invited into College to enrol. Please ensure you are around at this time.

I have a disability, will that affect my application?

Definitely not. We encourage everyone who has a learning difficulty and/or disability (such as dyslexia, sensory or physical impairment) to let us know as soon as possible. That way we can give you the relevant support from the beginning to make sure you get the best grades you can.

READY TO APPLY?

Go to our website www.tower.ac.uk
The application is simple, and you can
always use our Live Chat facility if you
need to speak to someone.

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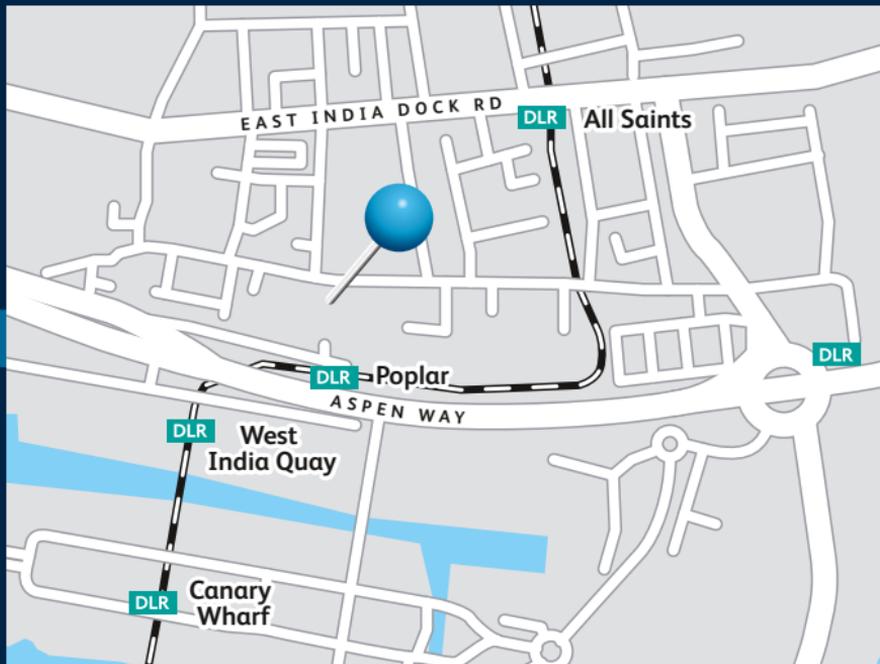
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