



PROGRESS YOURSELF



16-19 Course Guide
2013-14

 **EMPLOYMENT**  **BUSINESS**  **UNIVERSITY**

TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE WILL GET YOU THERE

“Close collaboration with employers has led to good mentoring, internships and bursaries for learners.”

Ofsted Report May 2012

94% FEEL SAFE AT COLLEGE

Student Survey 2012

96% ENJOY THE DIVERSE STUDENT COMMUNITY

Student Survey 2012

REASONS TO CHOOSE US



“The college has improved learners’ outcomes consistently for the past three years.”

Ofsted Report May 2012

86% FEEL VALUED AS STUDENTS

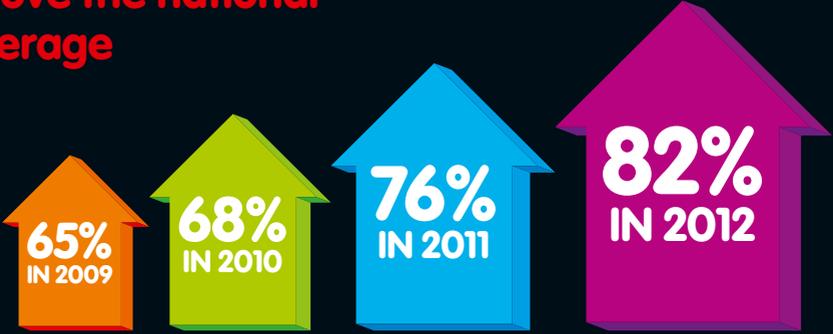
Student Survey 2012

“Strong partnerships with several universities exist and a high proportion of learners progress to Higher Education.”

Ofsted Report May 2012

The number of Tower Hamlets College students progressing to university continues to be between 7-14% above the national average

805 students from the borough of Tower Hamlets progressed to university in 2012. 43% were Tower Hamlets College students



OUR SUCCESS RATE

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS

92% ARE HAPPY AT COLLEGE

Student Survey 2012

“Many develop good employability skills that help them to gain jobs. A large number of eligible learners go on to university.”

Ofsted Report May 2012

We offer internships and industry mentoring schemes to help get you further up the career ladder

94% ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR COURSE OF STUDY

Student Survey 2012

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STUDIED: LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

PROGRESSED TO: KPMG ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME, NOW STUDYING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WITH CHINESE AT UNIVERSITY, WITH ONE YEAR ABROAD IN CHINA



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PREVIOUS SCHOOL: GEORGE GREEN'S SCHOOL

STUDIED: A LEVEL MATHS, ACCOUNTING AND ICT

PROGRESSED TO: KPMG ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



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PREVIOUS SCHOOL: OVERSEAS

STUDIED: LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

PROGRESSED TO: ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, TO STUDY GRAPHICS & MAGAZINE DESIGN



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PREVIOUS SCHOOL: ISLINGTON GREEN SCHOOL

STUDIED: LEVEL 2 CYCLE MECHANICS

PROGRESSED TO: EMPLOYMENT AT BIKEWORKS



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PREVIOUS SCHOOL: LANGDON PARK

STUDIED: A LEVEL MATHS, FURTHER MATHS, PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

PROGRESSED TO: KING'S COLLEGE LONDON TO STUDY A FOUR-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE IN MATHS



David Mzioued

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: PHOENIX SCHOOL

STUDIED: LEVEL 1 NVQ IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

PROGRESSED TO: LEVEL 2 NVQ IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Course Advisers give advice and guidance on college courses to external applicants and existing students. They attend external school and community events and are available at Open Evenings, 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 course work. 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.



ADVICE & SUPPORT



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

“The staff are really friendly and helpful.”

“The ALS team helped me to pass my course.”



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

“The Learning Zone has everything you need to study. There’s always someone to help you if you’re struggling.”

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 Simmons & Simmons, 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.



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.

On top of this, lots of our lecturers come from industry, so they know first-hand exactly what you need to do to get a job at the end of your education, whether that is straight from college, or after a university degree.

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. Our students can receive mentoring and revision classes from Queen Mary, University of London, as well as taster days, master classes and progression agreements from London South Bank University, help with personal statements and advice on finance from the University of East London. These steps helped to ensure that 77% of our students who applied to university in 2012 got in – well above the national average of 70% in 2011!

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. Careers advice for students over 19 is provided by our National Careers Service Advisers.

We can help you write your CV or personal statement, and you can come and talk to one of our careers advisers if you are stuck with making those important decisions about what to do next. There's also the Higher Education Fair, where you can find out about university courses, and we arrange visits to Open Days at various universities. If you are looking at going straight into employment then you can take advantage of the interview practice we offer, or use our job board to help you find what you are looking for.

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 who decide to go to university study a range of subjects including Medicine, Law, Architecture, Computer Science, Economics, Fine Art, History, International Politics, Mathematics, Medical Genetics and Mechanical Engineering. Students choose to head to universities such as Cambridge University, The University of Warwick, Lancaster University, Imperial College London, City University, The University of East Anglia and The University of Arts London.



CAREERS & UNIVERSITY

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.



OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Student Life

College life is about getting fantastic grades, but it is also about making some great friends, getting involved in extra-curricular activities, and being ready to go on to the world of work or university.

Virtual Learning Environment

Our virtual learning environment, Moodle, allows all our learners to access their work from anywhere. This means you can access your personal learning information and monitor your progress at your convenience. You can also contact your teachers online if you've got any worries when you are out of the classroom. Access the student intranet to find out about activities happening at College, university Open Days, potential volunteering opportunities and work experience placements.

Places to let off steam

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.

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'.

Students' Union, volunteering and getting involved

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.

College is what you make it!

If you are outgoing, personable and want to tell others about Tower Hamlets College, then you might want to be a Student Ambassador. You will volunteer at events like Open Evenings, chatting to prospective students and helping out staff. You will gain valuable work experience and skills that can be added to your CV, assist you with your university application or help you into work.

Our Enrichment Team facilitates trips throughout the year, such as museum visits and cinema trips. There are lots of internal activities from talent shows to debates, charity days to Fashion shows.



STUDENT CULTURE



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2012



“OUR ANNUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS EVENING IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN THE COLLEGE’S CALENDAR. OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS OUR STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME AMAZING RESULTS. FOR MANY, THE JOURNEY HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY ONE. THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS EVENING IS A CELEBRATION OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF THE SACRIFICES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.”

MICHAEL FARLEY, PRINCIPAL



“IT FEELS AMAZING TO WIN THIS AWARD, AND I’M A LITTLE OVERWHELMED. I’M CURRENTLY WORKING AS A CHEF DE PARTIE, AND I’M DETERMINED TO PURSUE MY DREAM TO BE A CHEF.”

**JUSTINE GONZALES,
WINNER OF THE CATERING & HOSPITALITY STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**



“I FELT HONoured TO BE ABle TO SHARe THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SO MANY GREAT AND TALENTED INDIVIDUALS.”

MARK HUNTER MBE,
OLYMPIC GOLD AND SILVER
MEDALLIST 2008 AND 2012
AND GUEST SPEAKER

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

	ENTRY LEVEL	LEVEL 1
IF YOU HAVE GOT...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FEW OR NO GCSE PASSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEVERAL GCSES AT GRADES E TO G
YOU COULD STUDY...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMMES WITH PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT• FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BTEC INTRODUCTORY AWARD/CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA• NVQ1/VRQ1• FOUNDATION DIPLOMA WITH PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT• FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS
FOR HOW LONG?	1 YEAR	1 YEAR
PROGRESSION	PROGRESS TO LEVEL 1	EMPLOYMENT OR PROGRESS TO LEVEL 2 COURSE OR APPRENTICESHIP



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

WE OFFER COURSES AT ALL LEVELS:

- Foundation Learning (Entry and Level 1)
- Intermediate (Level 2)
- Advanced (Level 3)

LEVEL 2

- 4 OR MORE GCSEs AT GRADE D (OR EQUIVALENT)
- LEVEL 1 BTEC DIPLOMA AT PASS
- NVQ1/VRQ1

- LEVEL 2 BTEC DIPLOMA
- NVQ2/VRQ2
- HIGHER DIPLOMA
- APPRENTICESHIP
- YOU MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO RE-SIT GCSE MATHS AND ENGLISH

1 YEAR

EMPLOYMENT OR PROGRESS TO LEVEL 3 COURSE OR APPRENTICESHIP

LEVEL 3

- 5 OR MORE GCSEs AT GRADE A* TO C
- LEVEL 2 BTEC DIPLOMA AT MERIT OR DISTINCTION
- NVQ2/VRQ2

- A LEVELS
- APPLIED AS/A2 LEVELS
- LEVEL 3 BTEC DIPLOMA/ EXTENDED DIPLOMA
- APPRENTICESHIP
- NVQ3/VRQ3

2 YEARS

UNIVERSITY OR EMPLOYMENT

YOU SHOULD NEVER CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WITHOUT GETTING SOME ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FIRST. YOU CAN SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR COURSE ADVISERS AT TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE! CALL 020 7510 7777 OR BOOK AN APPOINTMENT. YOU CAN ALSO SEE YOUR HEAD OF YEAR, SCHOOL CAREERS COORDINATOR OR CAREERS ADVISER.

The details in this booklet were correct at the time of going to print and we aim to provide accurate and relevant information to inform your choices. However, changes to provision since the printing of this prospectus may occur so please check details via www.tower.ac.uk

We offer a wide selection of A Levels, with 30 different 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.

For exceptional students, with predicted grades of A and A*, you will be able to apply for our Ascent Programme, which includes the opportunity to study professional qualifications linked to your chosen career and undertake internships or work experience.

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 of 70% in 2011. 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. Turn to page 9 for more information on Careers and University.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AS/A2 LEVELS

TO STUDY AS/A2 LEVELS AT TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE YOU NEED AT LEAST 5 GCSES AT GRADE A*-C, WITH AT LEAST A C IN ENGLISH AND MATHS AND A B IN A WRITTEN SUBJECT.

Some AS/A2 Levels have further requirements. Please see individual courses for details of these.

All applicants will be invited to an interview at Tower Hamlets College, to ensure we place you on the right programme of study.



A LEVEL COURSES

A Level Accounting

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Financial accounting – preparing accounts for traders, companies and clubs
- Management accounting – making decisions to improve business performance, using tools like budgets and break-even analysis
- Social accounting – looking at how business decisions affect employees, local communities, the environment and the economy

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship or employment in the business and finance sector
- Self-employment
- University to study Business, Accounting

Did you know...?

You can take professional qualifications such as AAT in addition to your A Levels to improve your employability? Turn to page 30 to find out more

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?

- Understanding laws governing businesses, their financial procedures and business analysis
- Case studies on existing organisations, investigating the ways in which they plan short to long-term activity

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship or employment in the business and finance sector
- Self-employment
- University to study Business, Management, Administration

A Level Chemistry

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Organic Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry

Specific Entry Requirements

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

What could I do next?

- University to study Chemistry, Medicine, Pharmaceutical science

Would you like a career in medicine?

Turn to page 27 to find out more about our STEM Baccalaureate

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Communication & Culture

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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**

Length: 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
- 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?

- Internship, apprenticeship or employment in the IT or computing sector
- Self-employment
- University to study a degree in Computing, Networking, Computer Science

A Level Design & Technology: Product Design

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Portfolio of creative skills in Graphics or Resistant Materials
- Design and Technology in Practice
- Designing for the Future
- Commercial Design

Specific Entry Requirements

- A* - C grade in GCSE Science
- Grade B or above in Art or Design Technology GCSE
- You will be required to bring a portfolio of creative work with you to interview

What could I do next?

- University to study Engineering, Product Design, Materials Science, Architecture, Graphic Design
- There is a shortage of designers and engineers in many areas so there are lots of opportunities

NEW FOR
2013/14

Interested in
components, diodes
and amplifiers?

Check out A Level Electronics,
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A Level Economics

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Theory of supply and demand
- How wealth is created and price levels
- How and why governments intervene in the economy
- Economic development of China, India and Bangladesh
- UK Government's economic policies

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths, plus a Grade B in one written subject

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship or employment in the business and finance sector
- Self-employment
- University to study Economics, Business, Management

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Electronics

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2



What will I study?

- All the key components that go into electronic design
- Capacitors, diodes, transducers, logic gates, amplifiers
- Design and make an electronic solution to a real life problem

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths and at least once science subject

What could I do next?

- Your A Level in electronics will be a great start for further education in electronic, computer or software engineering. You could specialise in areas like robotics or communications

A Level English Language & Literature

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Modern literature e.g. plays, novels and poetry
- Issue of identity applied to gender, race, class, culture
- A2 Level includes the study of a Shakespeare play

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- University to study English Literature, Classical studies, Media
- Possible careers include journalism, law, civil service

A Level Government & Politics

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- National and international politics, conflicts and instabilities
- The UK uncodified constitution and the different layers of Government within it
- The global economy and the politics and institutions within it such as UN, NATO, EU and IMF

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

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



E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Graphic Design

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

Graphic Design is one of London's most sought-after skills for the creative industries. On this course you will develop creative ideas from concept to finished design, including:

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

Graphic Design is one of London's most sought-after skills for the creative industries.

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Graphics

What could I do next?

- University to study Art, Design, Graphics
- Gain employment in the design industry

A Level History

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

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

A Level Applied ICT (Single Award)

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Microsoft Office problem solving tools
- Macromedia Dreamweaver to build websites
- Using ICT to communicate
- How organisations use ICT

Two thirds of assessment is through coursework

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship or employment or even self-employment in the IT or computing sector
- University to study a degree in Computing, Networking, ICT including Web Design

New for 2013!

We're offering you brand new A Level options this year to give you lots more choice, including:

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Mandarin page 23

Philosophy page 24

Portuguese page 25

Product Design page 20

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E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Mandarin Chinese

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2



What will I study?

- Food, diet and health
- Travel and tourism
- Chinese festivals
- Education and employment

Specific Entry Requirements

- There are no specific entry requirements, but knowledge of a language other than English would be an advantage. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

- Employment in the UK and abroad using your language skills
- Degree courses in Mandarin Chinese as a single subject, jointly with another language or with Business, International Relations and others

A Level Maths

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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 Maths, Business, Computing, Operations Research
- Possible careers include roles within engineering, economics, science or business sectors

A Level Maths: Further Maths

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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
- Must be studied alongside AS Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study Engineering, Physics, Economics, Actuarial Science
- Possible careers include engineering, economics, science or business sectors

A Level Maths: Statistics

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Statistical processes and representations of the world
- Interpret and comment on data

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study Maths, Economics or Biology
- Possible careers include economics, psychologist, biologist or careers that require data analysis

Would you like a career in engineering or astrophysics? ?

Turn to page 27 to find out about our STEM Baccalaureate

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Media Studies

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Develop a comprehensive awareness of media and broadcast language and communication
- Media and broadcast language and communication
- Investigate and explore media forms such as film, print journalism, television, radio, internet and e-media
- Practical workshops to create your own media production e.g. promotional trailer, website, viral

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade C or above in GCSE Media would be preferable

What could I do next?

- University to study Media, Journalism, Advertising
- Possible careers include roles within media and film industries, journalism, marketing and advertising

Interested
in signs, symbolism
and typography?

Take a look at A Level
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A Level Philosophy

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- How do we know things are true if we don't experience them ourselves?
- Why should I be governed?
- Is there a divine being?

Specific Entry Requirements

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

What could I do next?

- This course develops your skills and knowledge across a range of areas so you could progress to study a degree in History, Maths, Business, Computing, Medicine and many others

A Level Photography

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Traditional/digital cameras, black-and-white printing, processing and manipulation using Photoshop
- Composition and lighting techniques to enhance images
- History of photography to develop appreciation of its role in contemporary society

Specific Entry Requirements

- You will be required to bring portfolio evidence to interview

What could I do next?

- University to develop photography skills even further
- Possible careers include photojournalism, portrait, wedding, commercial, fashion or fine arts photography
- Freelance photography, run your own business

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Physics

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Force and motion
- Astronomy and the cosmos
- Quantum physics
- Medical physics (use of x-rays and ultrasound)
- Design and undertake experiments

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE Maths and grade BB or above in Double Science
- You must also study AS Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study Science, Maths, Medicine, Engineering
- Possible careers include engineering, medical physics, research and development

Think you could be the next Plato, Freud or Descartes?

If you find yourself saying "I think therefore I am" then A Level Philosophy could be a good choice for you. Take a look at page 24 to find out more

A Level Portuguese

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Portuguese. You will cover topics including:

- Aspects of daily life
- Leisure and entertainment
- Communication and Media
- Education and training

Specific Entry Requirements

- There are no specific entry requirements, but knowledge of a language other than English would be an advantage. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

- Employment in the UK and abroad using your language skills
- Degree courses in Portuguese as a single subject, with another language or with Economics, Latin American Studies and others

A Level Psychology

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2

What will I study?

- Cognitive psychology (memory)
- Physiological psychology (stress)
- Individual differences (abnormality)
- Social psychology (conformity and obedience)
- Developmental psychology (attachments)

Specific Entry Requirements

- Grade B or above in GCSE English

What could I do next?

- University to continue training as a psychologist
- Careers include educational, forensic, counselling or health psychologies, teaching, social work

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

A Level Religious Studies

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

- University to study Religion, Theology or Humanities Subjects

A Level Russian

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 1 year AS, 1 year A2



What will I study?

Speaking, listening, reading and writing in Russian. You will cover topics including:

- Youth, culture and concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- Travel, tourism and environmental issues
- Education and employment

Specific Entry Requirements

There are no specific entry requirements, but knowledge of a language other than English would be an advantage. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

- Employment in the UK and abroad using your language skills
- Degree courses in Russian as a single subject, with another language or with History, Politics, Film Studies and others

A Level Sociology

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 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. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

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

Are you considering a career as a translator?

We also offer A Levels in Mandarin Chinese (page 23), Portuguese (page 24) and Russian (page 26)

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

STEM Baccalaureate - Maths and Sciences

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: **2 years**

What is a STEM Baccalaureate?

- STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- A Level programme for ambitious, hardworking high achievers who want to get into the best universities

What will I study?

- Choice of two pathways: Engineering pathway or Bio-Medical pathway
- Attend seminars and lectures from world class scientists
- Receive mentoring from science professionals

Engineering (Physical Sciences) Pathway:

Core subjects: Mathematics and Physics
+ Choice of 2 subjects from: Chemistry or Further Maths
Computing, Business, Economics, Biology, Design & Technology and possibly some others

Bio-Medical Pathway:

Core subjects: Biology and Chemistry
+ Choice of 1 subject from: Statistics or Mathematics
+ Choice of 1 subject from: Physics, Psychology, History, English, Sociology, Design & Technology and possibly some others

Entry Requirements

- Grade A and A* in 5 or more GCSE subjects, including at least 2 sciences and maths
- Minimum of B grades in all other subjects
- You must study courses from the pathway choices listed above
- You will have an interview

What could I do next?

- Students on the STEM Baccalaureate can take the STEP exam for entry into Mathematics degrees at the top universities
- You could apply for universities such as Imperial College London, Cambridge, University College London and Warwick
- Possible careers include medicine, dentistry, chemical or mechanical engineering, aeronautical engineering, architecture, pharmaceutical science, astrophysics

A Level World Development

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: **1 year AS, 1 year A2**

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What will I study?

- The relationship between development, people, and their environment
- The nature of poverty and inequality
- You will also develop your own skills and judgements about world development issues
- Opportunities to work with charities involved in development issues

Specific Entry Requirements

- There are no specific entry requirements, but an interest in Economics, Geography, History, Politics or Sociology would be an advantage. Please see page 18 for general entry requirements

What could I do next?

- This course develops your skills and knowledge across a range of areas so you could progress to study a degree in Economics, Politics, Geography and a range of other areas or progress to employment

Do you have ambitions to become an engineer?

Our new A Levels in Product Design (page 20) and Electronics (page 21) might be the right choices for you

E Employment **B** Business **U** University

General entry requirements for A Level courses can be found on page 18

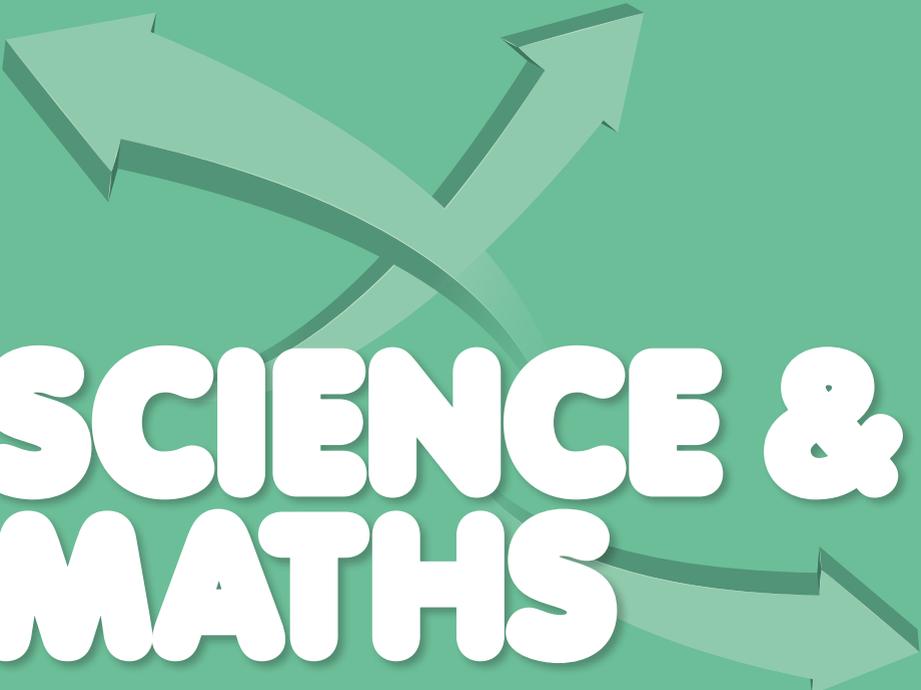
Science and Maths qualifications open doors to fascinating careers such as medicine, engineering, pharmacology, ballistics, meteorology and chiropody. Lots of students go on to be science teachers, events managers, food technicians, mechanics and psychologists too.

If you are predicted to get As and A*s in your GCSEs, you should consider the STEM Baccalaureate (page 27). 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 WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AS A LEVELS?

BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY:
PRODUCT DESIGN
ELECTRONICS
MATHS
FURTHER MATHS
STATISTICS
PHYSICS
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING & MATHS (STEM)
BACCALAUREATE

Turn to our A Level section on page 18 to find out more



SCIENCE & MATHS

Introductory BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

This Diploma provides a basic introduction to study and work in the field of Science.

Entry Requirements

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade E, to include GCSE English and Maths at grade E

What could I do next?

- Progress on to the Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

Did you know...?

There are over 100 careers that directly involve science disciplines and many more where transferable skills from science are highly sought.

Did you know...?

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

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: ③ ② ①

Level ③

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

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

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs grade A* - C
- Grade C or above in GCSE English and Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study a degree e.g. Biochemical, Health or Medicinal Sciences
- Employment

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Applied Science

Progression: Level ③ ②

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

Scientists work in industry, the health service, government establishments, research and educational institutions. This Diploma is designed to introduce you to work in the sector or prepare you for further study.

Entry Requirements

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade D or higher, including GCSE Maths, English and Science

What could I do next?

- Progress on to the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science

With Canary Wharf just a few minutes' walk away, there are plenty of employment opportunities for Tower Hamlets College students. Business, Finance and Computing have a good track record of supplying students as either interns or staff to companies such as KPMG, 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.

Progression to university is also strong. Last year 77% of Level 3 students at Tower Hamlets College gained a place at university against a national average of 70%.

The Faculty has developed professional qualifications for gifted and talented students, who wish to take an additional qualification alongside their A Levels or BTEC. These include AAT (professional accounting) Certificate in Financial Services, PC Maintenance and CISCO (professional computing & networking).

DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AS A LEVELS?

ACCOUNTING
BUSINESS
COMPUTING
ECONOMICS
APPLIED ICT

Turn to our A Level section on page 18 to find out more



BUSINESS, FINANCE & COMPUTING



Did you know...?

You can take a professional qualification alongside your BTEC to improve your employability.

Entry Level BTEC Award in Business

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Introduction to Business Administration
- Award in Work Skills
- Certificate in Personal and Social Development
- Opportunity to undertake qualifications in Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements for this programme
- Your levels of literacy may be assessed

What could I do next?

- You can progress to a level 1 course

Level 1 BTEC Diploma in Business

Progression: ② ③

Level: ①

Length: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding of business
- Investigate different types of companies and their activities
- How to work out business costs and profit
- Good customer service
- Opportunity to undertake qualifications in Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade A* - E including English and Maths GCSEs
- Or a Full Level E3 vocational qualification plus Functional English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Business course in the College
- Apprenticeship within the business and administration sector

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Business

Progression: ③ ④

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Running a successful business
- Finance, Law, Marketing & Customer Service

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grades A* - D including English and Maths GCSEs
- Or a Full Level 1 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade (where graded), plus Level 1 Functional English and Maths

What could I do next?

- Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business
- Business Administration apprenticeship

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business

Progression: ③ ④ U

Level: ③

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- Business roles including administration, finance, law
- Business Environment, Resources and Ethics
- Marketing and Business Communication and Creative Product Promotion
- Business Accounting and International Trade
- Recruitment and Selection

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs grades A* - C including English and Maths GCSEs
- Or a Full Level 2 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade, plus Level 2 Functional English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship, employment or even self-employment in business and finance
- University to study a degree in Business, Accounting, Finance or Administration

Did you know...?

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

Level 1 Diploma in Digital Applications

Progression: ② ③

Level: ①

Length: 1 Year

What will I study?

- Using ICT
- Multimedia
- Graphics
- ICT and Enterprise

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade A* - E including English and Maths GCSEs

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: ③ ④

Level: ②

Length: 1 Year

What will I study?

This qualification is developed to keep pace with the fast changing IT sector and is for candidates who:

- Wish to install and support ICT systems
- Want career progression within the industry
- Want to work as systems support professionals

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs at grade D or above, including English and Maths

What could I do next?

- Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT at Level 3
- Apprenticeship in IT Support
- Employment as a junior technician

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in IT

Progression: ③ ④

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Communicating and working in the IT industry
- Computer and database systems
- Website development
- Spread sheet modelling
- Multimedia design

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade D and above, including English and Maths
- Or a full Level 2 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade, plus Level 1 Functional English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT
- Apprenticeship within the IT and computing sector

Did you know...?

You can choose a mentor from a big city firm to help you with your CV and progression to University or employment?
Turn to page 8 for more information.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in IT

Progression: ④ ⑤ ⑥

Level: ③

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- The potential of technology
- Managing technology systems and creating solutions
- Multimedia and digital projects
- Communication and employability skills
- Computer systems, networks and animation
- Digital graphics and multimedia design
- eCommerce

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs A* - C including Maths and English
- Or a Full Level 2 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade, plus Level 2 Functional English and Maths qualifications

What could I do next?

- Internship, apprenticeship, employment or even self-employment in the IT or computing sector
- University to study a degree in Computing, Networking, Information Communication Technology

Tower Hamlets College has recently completed building state-of-the-art workshops for Technical Skills training, which will help to prepare students for work in the industry. The department includes Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Cycle Mechanics, Electrical Installation and Construction courses, 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. All these are important elements to help you become part of the Tower Hamlets College Vocation Nation.



TECHNICAL SKILLS

Entry Level Construction Multiskills Award

Progression: **1**

Level: **E**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Basic carpentry and joinery
- Basic plumbing
- Basic electrical installation

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 1 Multiskills, where you can focus on your chosen trade

Level 1 Construction Multiskills Award

Progression: **2**

Level: **1**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Specialise your skills learnt at entry level

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 Building Services or a trade-specific course such as carpentry, bricklaying or plumbing
- Future employment opportunities include constructing new buildings, road systems, airports

Did you know...?

Many bricklayers run their own businesses, so our courses include English, Maths and ICT to give you the business skills you may need for the future.

Level 1 Bricklaying

Progression: **2** **E**

Level: **1**

Length: 1 year

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What will I study?

The Level 1 Certificate in Basic Construction Skills – Bricklaying will give you an introduction to the uses of brick in construction, including:

- Stretcher bond walling
- Block walling
- Cavity walling
- Timber frames in brick work

You will also study English, Maths and ICT

Entry Requirements

- You need to have studied a technical subject
- You must attend an interview with the course tutor

What could I do next?

- Progress to more advanced qualifications or an apprenticeship that can lead to a career in construction as a carpenter

Did you know...?

Timber frame construction is the fastest growing method of building in the UK. On our Level 1 Carpentry course, you'll find out why!

Level 1 Carpentry

Progression: **2** **E**

Level: **1**

Length: 1 year

NEW FOR
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What will I study?

The Level 1 Certificate in Basic Construction Skills – Carpentry and Joinery provides an introduction to uses of wood in construction, including:

- Flooring
- Doors
- Windows
- Roof beams (rafters)

You will also study English, Maths and ICT

Entry Requirements

- You need to have studied a technical subject
- You must attend an interview with the course tutor

What could I do next?

- More advanced qualifications or an apprenticeship that can lead to a career in construction as a carpenter

Level 2 Building Services

Progression: ② ③ ④

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Design, installation, operation and monitoring skills needed for a career in Building Services
- Other necessary skills including Maths and English

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 aspirations
- You must have proven maths ability
- Electricians must have perfect colour vision
- You will need to be a good communicator, physically fit, confident and a good problem solver

What could I do next?

- Progress to a trade-specific Level 2 course such as Plumbing
- Train on an apprenticeship
- Employment opportunities include Plumbing, Gas and Electricity, Heating and Ventilation, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineering

Level 2 Plumbing

Progression: ③ ④

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

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

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

Entry Requirements

- Grade D or above in GCSE Science or Technology or a vocational qualification at Level 1 or above

What could I do next?

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



Entry Level & Level 1 Cycle Mechanics & Engineering

Progression: ① ②

Level: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

This course is currently the only full time course in Cycle Mechanics and Engineering in London. You will study:

- Health & Safety, Workshop Practice and Safety Standards
- Removal and replacement of saddles, brake blocks, wheels, gear systems

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 course
- Future employment opportunities include working in the Cycle Industry, Maintenance, Sales and Retail, Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Public Transport and Manufacturing

Level 2 Cycle Mechanics & Engineering

Progression: ③

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

This course is currently the only full time course in Cycle Mechanics and Engineering in London. You will study:

- Health & Safety, Workshop Practice and Safety Standards
- Removal and replacement of saddles, brake blocks, wheels, gear systems

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship
- Future employment opportunities include working in the Cycle Industry, Maintenance, Sales and Retail, Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Public Transport and Manufacturing

Entry Level Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Engine operating principles, fuel and exhaust systems, spark and ignition, cooling, lubrication, transmission, wheels and tyres, brakes, steering and suspension
- Learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment
- English, Maths and ICT

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 aspirations
- You must demonstrate that you are keen to study and will attend all your classes

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 1 course

Level 1 Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- As Entry Level, plus general maintenance and removal and replacement of vehicle units
- Learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment
- English, Maths and ICT

Entry Requirements

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

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 course

Level 2 Motor Vehicle Technology

Progression: ③

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

As Level 1, plus:

- More advanced engine operating principles
- Routine maintenance, removal and replacement of vehicle units
- Diagnosis and rectification of vehicle faults
- Learn safe and correct workshop procedures and how to use specialist tools and equipment

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship
- Gain training or employment within any industry that involves mechanical tasks, including Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Public Transport and Manufacturing

Did you know...?

We have partnership links with motor vehicle companies so you get hands-on experience working on cars such as the Volkswagen Golf

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.



CATERING & HOSPITALITY

Introductory Diploma in Professional Cookery

Progression: **E 2**

Level: **1**

Length: 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

Entry Requirements

- Several GCSEs grade E – G

What could I do next?

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

NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Hospitality Services

Progression: **E 3**

Level: **2**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Health & Safety
- Creating a Positive Impression
- Working within a Team
- Food Safety – preparation, storage, handling, serving
- Table and Counter Service
- Planning a Menu & Producing Dishes
- Kitchen Operations

Entry Requirements

- 4 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 Level 3 course
- Employment in catering, hospitality, leisure and tourism

Did you know...?

Level 2 learners are placed in restaurants around central London – Hush, The Millennium Hotel in Mayfair and The Maxwell group, to name a few!

Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery

Progression: **E B U**

Level: **3**

Length: 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

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
- Progress to further catering or chef training at a higher level

Did you know...?

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

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.



HAIR & BEAUTY



Did you know..?

We offer realistic working environments in our Hair and Beauty salons. All services are carried out in a professional manner by staff that have worked in the industry.

Diploma in & Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector (City & Guilds)

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 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

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
- Level 2 Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy Course

Level 2 Beauty Therapy (City & Guilds)

Progression: ③ ⑤

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

Mandatory Units:

- Health & Safety
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Facial Therapy
- Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments
- Waxing

Optional units include:

- Application of Make-Up
- Ear Piercing
- Create an Image Based on a Theme

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 3 course, which will ensure you have the skills for employment

Level 2 Diploma in Hair & Media Make-Up (City & Guilds)

Progression: ③ ⑤

Level: ②

Length: 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

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 Level 3 Diploma in Media Make-Up course which will ensure you have the skills for employment.

Level 3 Beauty Therapy (City & Guilds)

Progression: ⑤ ⑥ ⑩

Level: ③

Length: 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

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

Did you know...?

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

Level 3 Diploma in Body & Spa Therapy (City & Guilds)

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: **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

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

NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing (City & Guilds)

Progression: **3 E**

Level: **2**

Length: **1 year**

What will I study?

- Cutting, colouring, perming and styling
- Client Consultation
- Shampooing/conditioning the Hair and Scalp
- Health & Safety in the salon
- Promoting Products and Services

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
- Employment

Level 3 Hairdressing (City & Guilds)

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: **1 year**

What will I study?

- Health & Safety
- Consultation Techniques
- Cutting, styling, colouring and dressing women's hair
- Cutting men's hair
- Bridal Hair
- Colour Correction

Entry Requirements

- At least 1 GCSE grade A* - C
- You will need to buy 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
- Continue study at Higher Education level e.g. Teaching qualification

Did you know...?

The Level 3 Hairdressing students were runners up in the Wella colouring competition 2012.

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.



HEALTH & CHILDCARE



Did you know...?

Our Health & Social Care students have a compulsory work placement on level 2 and 3 which helps you put theory into practise. These placements are in a variety of settings.

Did you know...?

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

Introduction to Childcare

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Introduction to working with children
- English, Maths and ICT skills

Entry Requirements

- Several GCSEs at grades F-G
- 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 Level 1 course

Diploma in Caring for Children

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Care and support of children
- Physical, social, emotional and intellectual development
- Nutrition and Health and Safety
- Practical training, role-play, educational visits
- English, Maths and ICT skills

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade E, must include Maths and English
- A desire to work with children and the ability to secure a clear CRB Enhanced Disclosure check

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 course

Did you know...?

95% of our Childcare learners either progressed to a relevant vocational degree or gained employment.

Level 2 Diploma in Childcare & Education

Progression: ③

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Communication and professional skills
- Theory of play, child development, health and safety, childhood health issues and working with children and parents and inclusion
- Legislation and social policy
- Early Years and national curriculum
- Safeguarding
- English and Maths skills
- Three days at College, two days in practical placement

Entry Requirements

- 4 or more GCSEs at grade D, must include Maths and English
- Students will be required to apply for a CRB check as part of the induction process

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education
- Employment e.g. Nursery Assistant in nurseries and crèches, Welfare Assistant in schools and private nanny positions

Level 3 Diploma in Childcare & Education

Progression: ③ ④ U

Level: ③

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- Child development, health and safety, child observations, cultural diversity and inclusion
- Legislation and social policy
- Early Years and national curriculum
- Safeguarding
- Three days at College, two days in practical placement

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade A* - C
- GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above
- Students will be required to apply for a CRB check as part of the induction process

What could I do next?

- Employment e.g. Early Years Practitioner, Special Educational Needs support worker, nanny, home-based child carer
- HND Advanced Level 4 Early Years course
- University to study a degree e.g. Primary Education, Teaching, Nursing, Paediatrics

Introduction to Health & Social Care

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Introduction to working in Health and Social Care Sector
- Maths, English, ICT and Work Skills awards

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 1 course

Did you know...?

All Health & Social Care programmes are assessed through coursework. The professional lecturing and support team will enable you to reach your potential.

Level 1 Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Communication in Health and Social Care
- Meeting the needs of different service users
- Creative activities for children and adults
- Maths, English, ICT and Work Skills awards

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 course
- A level 1 can be a good start to any young person to develop skills for working life

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: ③

Level: ②

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Roles and responsibilities of care workers
- Individual development and care needs of people
- Communication skills
- Health, safety and hygiene
- You will be taught by vocationally trained staff
- You will have work placements to train you to work in the sector and gain vital skills for employment

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade D, including Maths and English

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 3 course
- Employment in the Health and Social Care sector as a support assistant in a wide variety of jobs. You can work with children, elderly people or people with disabilities

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

Progression: ③ ③ U

Level: ③

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

Extended diplomas are designed to provide specialist work-related qualifications in a range of different sectors. They give you the knowledge and skills needed to progress to employment or university. They cover:

- Effective communication
- Health and Safety
- Anatomy and physiology
- Care and needs associated with all service users
- Investigate national and local policies related to sociology, psychology

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade A* - C, including English and Maths

What could I do next?

- University to study a degree e.g. nursing, social work, health visitor, probation service occupational therapy, speech therapy, youth offending
- Employment in social services, NHS, Public sector services

Are you interested in a career in sports coaching? Do you want to develop a career in an exciting growth industry? Would you like a nationally recognised qualification which could help your employment prospects?

A New Course

Tower Hamlets College and Tower Hamlets Urban Adventure Base are planning an exciting new course, starting in September 2013. It is aimed at young people who are interested in gaining a qualification (whilst getting hands-on experience) which would prepare them for new career opportunities within the industry.

The Outdoor Adventure Activity business has shown huge growth in the last few years and is continuing to prove popular despite the recession. This course is intended to provide a useful qualification to young people with career aspirations in sport, leading to real job opportunities as Adventure Activity Instructors.



ADVENTURE SPORTS



Adventure Sports

Progression: **B** **B** **U**

Level: **2**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

On the BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Adventure Sports, you will study nutrition, anatomy and sports studies, specialisms in orienteering, rock climbing, mountain biking, sailing, kayaking and archery. You will also learn how to lead and coach.

From this course you may progress directly to employment in a sports, outward bound or adventure sports centre, as an employee or a coach (you must take the additional coaching qualification).

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grades A* - D including English and Maths GCSEs
- Or a Full Level 1 vocational qualification at Merit or Distinction Grade (where graded), plus Level 1 Functional English and Maths

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 3 Sports course
- Entry Level role as a coach, fitness instructor or sports/leisure employee

Did you know...?

This is a unique programme! Only this programme allows you to qualify at Level 2 in Adventure Sports and combine your BTEC with nationally-recognised coaching qualifications.

B Employment **B** Business **U** University

Are you aiming for a career within the emergency services or armed forces?

The Public Services are a huge part of our society. Not a day goes by without hundreds of people being helped by someone from the Police Force, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Armed Forces, Territorial Army or other service.

Many people don't know how to get into these careers, but this course is designed to equip you for a career in this field. You will learn the necessary skills and insight that you will need in a Public Services job.

Learning will be varied and creative with an emphasis on practical skills, teamwork and fitness. You should come with a reasonable level of fitness and be able to deal with strict codes of discipline.



PUBLIC SERVICE



Public Service

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level: **3**

Length: **2 years**

What will I study?

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Public Service covers:

- Government, Policies and Public Service
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Citizenship and Diversity
- The role of uniformed services
- Outdoor activities
- Crime and society

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade C or above including English
- Experience of working in a team

What could I do next?

- Uniformed public services such as Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force.
- Careers in social work and local government

Did you know...?

Getting involved in the activities run through the Students' Union will make you a strong applicant for careers in public services

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.



CREATIVE ARTS



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: ③

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Photoshop and other design software
- The internet, advertising and the media
- Traditional and digital design techniques
- You will also develop your English, Maths and Computing skills

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 aspirations

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 1 course in Art & Design or Creative Computing & Media Production

Level 1 Diploma in Art & Design

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Develop your drawing and painting skills
- Produce your own digital art work using Apple Mac Computers and software
- Design and make three dimensional objects using specialist equipment
- Create your own project using materials and techniques of your choosing
- You will also develop your English, Maths and Computing skills

Entry Requirements

- Several GCSEs at grade E and above

What could I do next?

- Progress to Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design or Creative Computing

Level 1 Diploma in Creative Computing & Media Production

Progression: ②

Level: ①

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Develop Photoshop skills using Apple Macs to create and manipulate images
- Produce and edit your own video with customised soundtrack
- Design characters and plot your own computer games
- Respond to a brief to create a project of your own choosing

Entry Requirements

- Several GCSEs at grade E and above

What could I do next?

- Progress to one of the Level 2 Diplomas in Multimedia, Design, Video & Computing
- Progress to an Apprenticeship

Did you know...?

We have a Design Support Apprenticeship programme! Students are employed as trainee Web Designers, Advertising and Magazine Designers, Interior or Print Designers at London-based Design companies for 4 days a week as well as undertaking 1 day of study. Turn to page 70.

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Art & Design

Progression: **E**

Level: **2**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Drawing, painting and print techniques
- Textiles and surface design
- 3D Model making
- Desktop Publishing and Graphics
- Use professional software Photoshop, InDesign
- Learn how make your own Blog to promote your work

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade D or above, including Art, English and Maths, or a BTEC Introductory Diploma including Functional Skills
- You will need to bring a portfolio of your work to interview
- An awareness of contemporary practice in your area of interest and an ability to discuss this at interview

What could I do next?

- Progress to one of the Level 3 courses in Art and Design, Multimedia and Animation

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Media & Multi Media

Progression: **E**

Level: **2**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

- Investigate media products and audiences
- Film and edit techniques to make your own films
- Sound design for film and radio
- Animations using drawings and computer generated images
- Graphic design for print and web
- Learn to use professional software including Photoshop, Logic Pro and Final Cut Pro

Entry Requirements

- At least 4 GCSEs grade D or above, including English and Maths, or a BTEC Introductory Diploma including Functional Skills
- You will need to bring to the interview examples of your work such as films you have made, or sound tracks created and show a keen interest in the area

What could I do next?

- Progress to a Level 3 course in Film & TV Production, Animation & Motion Graphics, Computer Game Design

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Animation, Games Design & Motion Graphics

Progression: **E B U**

Level **3**

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- Animation and 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
- Animation and special effects for the film Industries
- Professional software Maya, Photoshop, Illustrator, Director and InDesign

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs grade C or above including English Language or a BTEC Level 2 Media, or Art and Design with Functional Skills
- You will need to present a portfolio of drawing, painting, printmaking and sketching at interview

What could I do next?

- University to study animation, games design and motion graphics
- Design Support Apprenticeship

Did you know...?

We have links with universities that offer our students summer programmes, which has enabled them to have a taster of specialist Degree courses at Ravensbourne, Central St Martin's and London College of Communications.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design

Progression:   

Level 

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- Graphics, printmaking, papermaking and illustration
- Fine art, painting and drawing
- Interior, spatial, surface, product, textile and digital design
- Fashion and Knit design
- Ceramics, jewellery, bookbinding and packaging

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Maths or a BTEC Level 2 Art and Design with Functional Skills
- You will need to bring a portfolio of art and design work to interview

What could I do next?

- University to study a degree in Fine Art, Graphic Design, Architecture, Textiles and Eco Design, Surface Design, Fashion Design
- Design Support Apprenticeship

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Film & TV Production

Progression:   

Level 

Length: 2 years

What will I study?

- Practical and theoretical concepts of digital filmmaking, video production, factual and music video production
- Scriptwriting and project management skills
- Broadcast and print advertising design skills
- Access broadcast quality equipment e.g. Sony digital video cameras, vision mixers, green screen, sound kits
- Professional software such as Photoshop, Illustrator, Final Cut Pro and Logic Pro

Entry Requirements

- At least 5 GCSEs grade C or above including English Language or a BTEC Level 2 Media, or Art and Design with Functional Skills
- You will need to bring a portfolio of written work to interview

What could I do next?

- University to study a degree e.g. Film and TV Production, Editing, Journalism, Marketing, Video Technology, Media, Film Studies, Publishing and Sound Design
- Design Support Apprenticeship

Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design

Progression:   

Level 

Length: 1 year

This is a post-A Level course that is specifically aimed at students who have a background in arts-based subjects and who wish to build a portfolio for University entry.

What will I study?

- Fine Art, Printmaking & Ceramics
- Lens Based Media
- Textile Design & Fashion Design
- Surface Pattern
- Contextual Studies
- 3 Dimensional Studies
- Time-Based Media Studies
- Graphic Design & Illustration

Entry Requirements

- At least 2 A levels or a BTEC Level 3 vocational course in a creative subject plus English Language and Maths at a grade C or above
- You will need to bring a portfolio of art and design work to interview

What could I do next?

- University to study a degree in Fine Art, Graphic Design, Architecture, Textiles and Eco Design, Surface Design, Fashion Design

CREATIVE ARTS: SHOWCASE



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.



FOUNDATION LEARNING



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)

Level: E

Length: 1 Year part time (usually one day a week)

Suitable for: Students in their last year of Secondary School, thinking about coming to study a course at College. We may be able to arrange a link course with your school, and agree what the course will include e.g. an introduction to College, ceramics, and multi-skills.

What will I study?

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

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 7614
- 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: E

Length: 1 – 3 years

Suitable for: 16 – 24 year olds

What will I study?

- Out in the Community
- Develop independence, communication, work and social skills
- Maths, Literacy and ICT
- Cookery, Art, Textiles
- Enterprise (running a business)

Tutorial support and extra help will be available and transport can be arranged for you to come to College if you already have transport to school

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 4 Independence

Progression: 1

Level: E

Length: 1 year

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What will I study?

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

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 4 Work

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 to 2 years

Suitable for: 16 – 24 year olds

What will I study?

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

Entry Requirements

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

What could I do next?

- On completion of Skills 4 Work, you may progress on to another course in the College, or you may start training or supported work

Transition 2 Work

Progression: ①

Level: ③

Length: 1 year part-time

Suitable for: students leaving Move On and Introduction to Skills for Work

What will I study?

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

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

Foundation Pathways

Progression: ① ②

Level: Entry to Level ①

Length: 1 year

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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

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



ESOL

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

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.

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)

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।

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)

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, skrybės 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 srities žinias.

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)

Jeśli język angielski nie jest Twoim językiem rodzimym, 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.

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 pisananiu, 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)

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.

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)

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 nolasha wadanka Boqortooyada Ingriiska.

Waxa aad baran doontaa aqoonta ku hadalka, akhriska iyo qoraalka, kalmadaha, hakad 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.

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 nolasha 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.

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

GCSE English Language

Progression: **E** **B** **U**

Level: **2**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

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

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**

Length: 1 year

What will I study?

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

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 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.



APPRENTICESHIPS



Business Administration

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

Qualifications achieved:

- NVQ Certificate in Business and Administration
- Certificate in Principles of Business and Administration
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Minute taking
- Administrative systems
- Meeting customers and clients
- ICT in an office environment

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however employers are looking to attract applicants who have a keen interest in administration

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

Customer Service

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

Qualifications achieved:

- NVQ Certificate in Customer Service
- Certificate in Principles of Customer Service
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Dealing with customer enquiries, handling complaints and offering advice

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however employers are looking to attract applicants who have a keen interest in Customer Service

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

Construction Operative

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2**

Length: 18 months

Qualifications achieved:

- Level 2 Construction Diploma in Construction Operations
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Construction Operations
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT
- Employment Responsibilities and Rights, CSCS Card (Basic Site Skills)

What will I study?

- Construction Technology, including:
 - Basic building methods
 - Building elements and materials

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however employers are looking to attract applicants who have a keen interest in construction work

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

NEW FOR
2013/14

Design Support

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

Qualifications achieved:

- NVQ Certificate in Design Support
- Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Art and Design
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Using ideas to explore, develop and produce art and design
- Building an art and design portfolio
- Working in the art and design industry
- Working with graphics

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however employers are looking to attract applicants who have a keen interest in the design industry

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

NEW FOR
2013/14

Clinical Healthcare Support

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

NEW FOR
2013/14

Qualifications achieved:

- Level 2 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support
- Functional Skills in English and Maths

What will I study?

- Implement person centred approaches in Health and Social Care
- The principles of infection prevention and control
- The role of the health and social care worker

Entry Requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however employers are looking to attract applicants who show enthusiasm for working in the health sector and have basic literacy, numeracy and computer skills

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

IT Application Specialist

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

Qualifications achieved:

- Diploma in IT User Skills (ITQ)
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Create and amend formatted spreadsheets
- Maintain websites
- Use the internet to exchange information

Entry Requirements

The majority of IT Application Specialist roles require apprentices:

- To be proactive, fast learners
- Who are able to work independently and as part of a team

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

IT, Software, Web & Telecoms Professionals

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

NEW FOR
2013/14

Qualifications achieved:

- Diploma in Professional Competence for IT & Telecoms Professionals
- Award in ICT Systems and Principles
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Maintaining equipment and systems
- Installing and configuring ICT equipment and operating systems
- Testing ICT systems
- ICT systems monitoring and operation

Entry Requirements

Candidates must:

- Be able to analyse and solve problems
- Have an interest in hardware and software
- Enjoy working to deadlines and under pressure

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment

Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools

Progression: **B** **B**

Level: **2** **3**

Length: 12 – 14 months

Qualifications achieved:

- Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT

What will I study?

- Handling day-to-day classroom activities
- Supervising arts and crafts
- Reading to the class
- Assisting with lesson preparation

Entry Requirements

Candidates must have:

- An interest and comment to working with children and/or young people
- Some experience of working with children and young people

What could I do next?

- Progress to a higher level Apprenticeship and/or employment



COURSES AT A GLANCE

Below is the list of courses available. For full details please go to our website.

ACCOUNTING	3 2
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ADMINISTRATION	A
ART AND DESIGN	3 E 1 2 3
BIOLOGY	3
BRICKLAYING	1
BUILDING SERVICES	2
BUSINESS	3 E 1 2 3 A
CATERING	1 2 3
CARPENTRY	1
CHEMISTRY	3
CHILDCARE/EARLY YEARS	E 1 2 3
COMMUNICATION & CULTURE	3
COMPUTING	3 2
CONSTRUCTION MULTISKILLS	E 1 A
CUSTOMER SERVICE	A
CYCLE MECHANICS	E 1 2
ECONOMICS	3
ELECTRONICS	3

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKBASED VRQ/ITEQ/NVQ

E = Entry 1 = Level 1 2 = Level 2 3 = Level 3

6 = GCSEs

3 = A LEVELS

A = APPRENTICESHIPS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE	G 3
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	3
ENGLISH LITERATURE	3
ESOL (ESOL can be studied alongside many courses. Please talk to a Course Adviser.)	
FOUNDATION LEARNING	E 1
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
GRAPHIC DESIGN	3 E 1 2 3 A
HAIR AND BEAUTY	1 2 3
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	E 1 2 3 A
HISTORY	3
ICT	3 E 1 2 3 A
MANDARIN CHINESE	3
MATHS	G 3
MATHS (FURTHER MATHS)	3
MEDIA	E 1 2 3 3
MOTOR VEHICLES	E 1 2
MULTIMEDIA	E 1 2 3
PHILOSOPHY	3
PHOTOGRAPHY	3 3
PHYSICS	3
PLUMBING	2
PORTUGUESE	3
PSYCHOLOGY	3
PUBLIC SERVICE	3
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	3
RUSSIAN	3
SCIENCE	3 1 2 3
SOCIOLOGY	3
STATISTICS	3
TEACHING ASSISTANT	A
WORLD DEVELOPMENT	3

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This publication is also available in large print and other formats. Please contact the marketing department on 020 7510 7563 if you require this service.

How do I apply?

You can apply online at www.tower.ac.uk/applycourse or complete a hard copy application and return to us. Places on courses fill up fast, so we recommend you apply before May 2013.

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.

Do I have to pay to come to College?

All students under 19 who have been resident in the UK for three years or more receive free tuition and entry into exams. Some courses will require you to pay for kit, books, uniform or materials, and if you go on any trips you may be asked to make a contribution.

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. At this stage you may want to change what course you would like to study depending on your results. There will be people to help and ensure you enrol on the right course.

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.



HOW TO APPLY

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE



Note from Management & Governors

Thank you for considering Tower Hamlets College as your chosen place of study. It is an exciting time to join us, as in our 11/12 academic year we recorded our best ever success rate of 82% and we are continually improving our students' successes. Find out more by attending one of our Open Events or chat to our friendly Course Advisers.

Note to Parents/Guardians/Carers

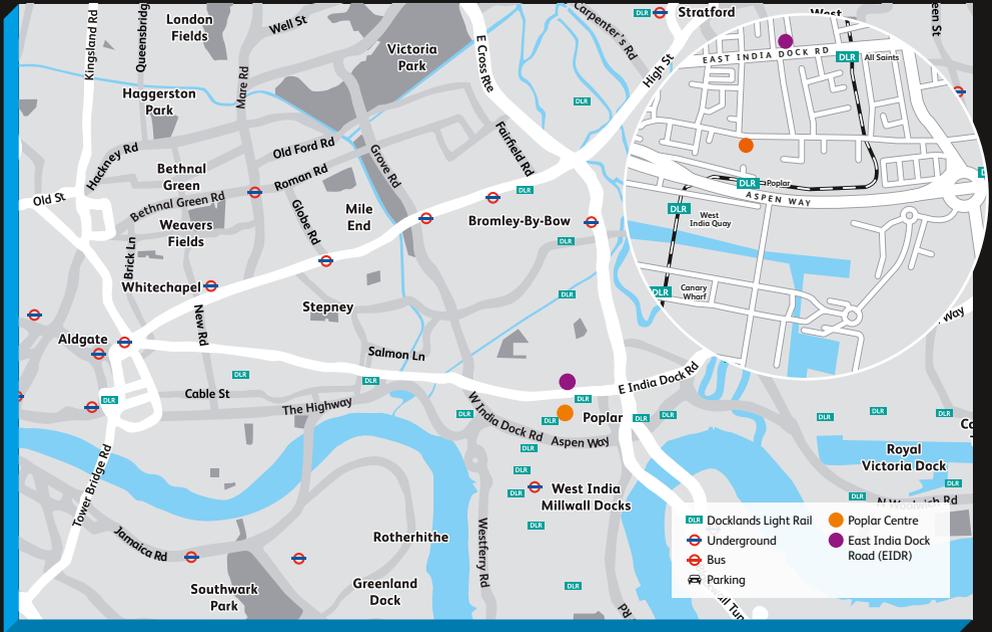
We think it is important to create a strong link between parents, students and the College, in order to ensure the success of students.

Once your child has started College, we will invite you in for a Parents' Induction and give you an information pack detailing all you need to know.

We will also hold Parents' Evenings throughout the academic year and encourage you to attend these to meet tutors and discuss your son's/daughter's progress.

We expect 100% attendance from all students, and hope that you will support us to achieve this.

HOW TO FIND US



Tower Hamlets College, Poplar High Street, London E14 0AF

🚏 Bus routes: 15, 115, D6, D7, 277, 309, 108

🚇 DLR Docklands Light Rail (DLR): Poplar (5 mins)

🅇🅓 Limited Meter Parking

OPEN EVENTS

SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 11AM – 3PM

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 5PM – 7PM

SATURDAY 18 MAY 11AM – 3PM



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