

School Leaver Guide

2024-25



KendalCollege



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Come & say hello

Meet our staff & students, explore our facilities & see if Kendal College is for you.

Open Evenings
4.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 16th November 2023
Monday 11th December 2023
Thursday 22nd February 2024
Tuesday 16th April 2024

Book your place at kendal.ac.uk/visit

Your future starts today

Take the leap, apply now!

I am delighted that you are thinking about coming to Kendal College for the next phase of your education.

We are a modern and forward-thinking college offering a variety of qualifications, and just by considering Kendal College as a place to study, you have already taken the first step towards a bright future. We have a lot to offer, so I am sure you will find a course that interests you and the information you need, to make the next important decision of your educational journey.

There is a learning culture here at Kendal College that is evident wherever you go; we are an aspirational college and expect our learners to perform above their potential. We support all of our learners to achieve the qualifications they need, alongside the development of academic, vocational and technical skills that employers and universities are looking for.

I take great pride in the fact that we offer innovative and engaging courses which are delivered in state-of-the-art learning facilities. Our superb facilities are matched by our team of staff. You will be taught by experts who are highly qualified, professional and friendly, and are passionate about their subject and teaching.

Kendal College is a fantastic place to learn and study, with a distinctive, prestigious and high-quality curriculum offer. We are a college that learners and staff want to come to each day, and where you will enjoy being part of a vibrant community. You'll be expected to work hard, but we are sure that you will have fun along the way.

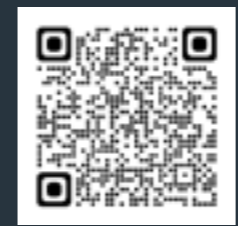
I'd like to take this opportunity to personally wish you success and enjoyment in whatever you choose. Good luck & very best wishes.

Kelvin Nash, Principal | @kendalprincipal

Full-time courses

Find the course you are interested in and complete the online application form at kendal.ac.uk/ft-courses.

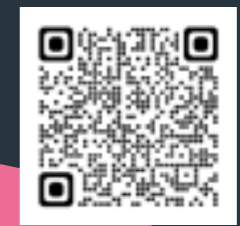
We advise you to apply as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.



Apprenticeships

Join our Talent Pool at kendal.ac.uk/talent.

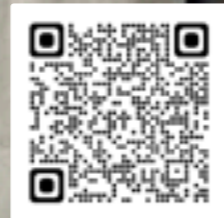
The application process for apprenticeship jobs is different for each business. We can give you information, advice and guidance to help you find opportunities and make a successful application.





"I started on the Level 1 college course, and I'm now working as a Sous Chef, instructing and teaching other people in a Michelin starred restaurant. I gained loads of experience when I was at the college. Having the restaurant on-site was great practice & I learned all about the working environment through work placements. The tutors are the best. I was really well supported by them and still keep in touch with them now."

Nial Frith
Sous Chef
The Forest Side, One Michelin Star



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Our campuses

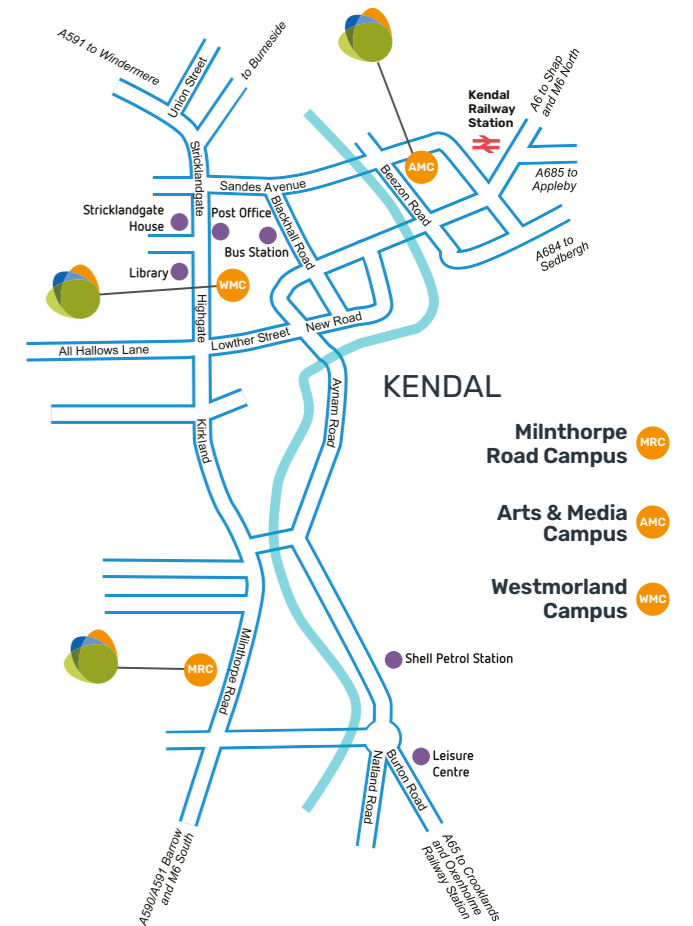
Welcome to our three campuses, our Milnthorpe Road Campus, Arts & Media Campus and new Westmorland Campus!

Each campus has its own distinct feel & culture, showcased on the following pages.

Our open evenings & campus tours run throughout the year, and offer a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the facilities and atmosphere of each campus.

Our YouTube and student-led TikTok accounts are also a great way to see what day-to-day student life is like.

As a Kendal College student you are welcome to use the facilities in all three of our campuses.



Watch our
YouTube Playlist!

For detailed campus maps, addresses and a virtual tour, see: kendal.ac.uk/find

Arts & Media Campus



"I enjoyed going into college every day. The staff were very knowledgeable and great at encouraging students to be creative and open-minded; it was a great environment to work in. We visited high spec recording studios in Leeds and London and had various guest speakers who shared their experiences in the music industry. I always found these talks to be insightful, interesting and inspiring."

Jamie Walker, Music Alumni



A vibrant & creative campus near the town centre, offering a range of courses within art & design, games & concept art, music, performing arts, theatre & event technology and film production.

The Allen Building

The Allen Building is the hub of the Arts & Media Campus. It contains classrooms, workshops, Mac suites, a recording studio, sound booths, digital art suites, and more! It is also where the reception, Student Services, Learning Services and the café are based.

The Box

The Box is a stunning, dedicated performance venue, famous for its 'twisted cube' slate construction. A state-of-the-art theatre, it provides a fantastic learning space for performing arts, music and theatre & event technology students.

Kendal Museum

Run by the College, it is one of the oldest museums in the country and houses a fascinating collection.

The Wildman Gallery & Studios

The £2.9m Wildman Street Gallery & Studios includes a gallery space, a textile and photography studio, specialist workshops, dance studios, theatrical & technical space, and a landscaped courtyard space for outdoor performances.



"Being a part of Kendal College was the best decision I made. It has helped me in so many ways, from building up my career to forming great friendships! College is such a friendly and safe environment; every staff member is so kind and welcoming. The number of new skills we learn every day is amazing. Don't be shy, apply yourself and great things will come your way".

Hannah Elvy, Theatre & Event Technology Alumni

Milnthorpe Road Campus

"I liked the flexibility of the course, working in small groups and being treated as individuals. The tutors are kind, welcoming and open to questions. The teaching is visual and tailored to what you are interested in doing. I was a Student Ambassador and Class Representative - college gives you solid skills that help you to progress in life, no matter what you want to do afterwards."

Toby Ryland, Health & Social Care Alumni



T Level Engineering & Construction Block, officially opened September 2023

A £3.4 million state-of-the-art investment in training the engineers and construction workers of the future. Facilities include CNC and 3D printing workshops, an electrical lab, and a maker space facility to enable students to turn their ideas into reality.



The Milnthorpe Road Campus is conveniently located to the south of Kendal and is just a 15-minute walk into town. The campus offers a wide variety of courses, as well as professional public facilities for the community to enjoy.

We are constantly evolving, providing our students with state-of-the-art environments to learn in and be inspired. With the introduction of T Levels, we have built a new £3.4 million T Level Engineering & Construction Block, located adjacent to our £2.2m Engineering & Science Centre.

We have created two new Health Suites, including a clinical care environment to replicate real-life settings. In recent years, we revamped our café, installed new hybrid and electrical automotive workshops, and opened a newly refurbished animal rescue centre.

The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre is the information hub of the college and has a range of printed and online materials to aid your studies. The Learning Centre, Network Team and Student Experience & Progression Team are based here. They can support you with assignments, research, IT skills, work placements, careers, and job/university applications.

House of Hair & Beauty

The House of Hair & Beauty is our professional hair and beauty training centre. As a student, you will receive 25% off hairdressing services & beauty treatments and 10% off any products.

The Restaurant

The Restaurant is our fine dining restaurant, open to the public for lunches Tuesday-Thursday and evening meals on Wednesdays.

The Café

In the Café, you will find comfy sofas and a large balcony with views of Kendal Castle. Students are welcome to bring their own packed lunch or purchase food from the café.

Westmorland Campus



"We get to spend lots of time at the new Westmorland Campus, which is in a great location for travel & food and has spacious classrooms to work in. The tutors and facilities have been amazing. It has been great working with like-minded people, encouraging me to progress as much as possible and preparing me for the workplace and challenges I may face in the future."

Daisy Walton, Film Production Student



Welcome to our new Westmorland Campus, on the second floor of the Westmorland Shopping Centre.

During 2023/24, our Westmorland Campus will expand to be the home of many of our full-time students. The campus has a vibrant, bright, town centre feel and provides easy access to Kendal shops, bus routes and the train station.

We are currently creating well-equipped new classrooms and study spaces, and the new open central precinct will provide social and study areas, as well as being a fantastic venue for college-wide events.

The campus will also offer a range of support services available to all students, including student experience officers, careers, learning services, safeguarding and wellbeing.

Our refurbishment of the centre is creating a new, mature cafe-style campus, that would be the envy of many universities!

"The Westmorland Campus is bright, comfortable and a lovely place to learn and spend time with friends from the course. Kendal College has given me the confidence and inspiration I needed to kickstart my dream career. Without the tutors at Kendal College, I wouldn't be the person I am today. They have provided me with the resources to overcome the obstacles in front of me, making way for a bright future."

Annie Tinkler, Film Production Student



Student life

“The tutors and the vast opportunities available within Kendal College altered my perspective to education and I become much more of a developed individual in general. The whole atmosphere and vibe of the college is great and truly allows you to exceed if you put the effort in.”

Harrison Brooks, Business Alumni & Student Governor



At college, you are treated like an adult. There are no bells, no uniform, and you have the freedom & flexibility to manage your time outside of lessons.

There are also lots of opportunities & perks of being a student at Kendal!

Student discounts

As a student at college, you can access a range of exclusive discounts, for example:

totum.com
studentbeans.com
myunidays.com

Clubs and societies

Get the most from college life and enhance your skills and CV by choosing from our wide range of extracurricular clubs and societies. The activities may boost your brain, move your muscles or sharpen your skills. These include:

- Cooking on a budget
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Five-a-side football
 - FPV drone club
 - Outdoor adventure
 - Origami & mindfulness
 - Sewing club
 - Yoga for beginners
- and many more!

Become a Student Ambassador

Work with our Marketing Team to support open evenings, school events, social media & a variety of other marketing activities, for example, film projects, printed guides & PR. Full support & training is provided, and work can be tailored to your interests & availability.

Become a Class Rep or Student Governor

Kendal College is YOUR college and your views, and ideas are valued. We recruit Class Reps who meet with management termly and Student Governors, who sit on the Board of Governors, the college's highest decision-making body.

IT software & support

We use Microsoft Office 365 at Kendal College. Once you start your studies, you can download and install the entire Office suite on up to five devices.

Tutor support

Every full-time student has a personal tutor and apprentices have a dedicated facilitator. They will deliver regular tutorial and progression sessions and meet with you individually to review your progress and set targets. You will also be supported by the wider course tutor team, and they will liaise with your parents/guardians (if you give consent) to help you achieve your study goals.

Your wellbeing

Your wellbeing and health are important to us. We offer 1-1 appointments and a dedicated wellbeing website. The appointments are person-centred and offer a chance to discuss your situation in a non-judgemental environment. Support is offered with a focus on safety planning, advocacy, and empowering problem-solving. More information is available at kendal.ac.uk/wellbeing

Learning Services

We provide a wrap-around service, from application to qualification, for students with a range of disabilities or learning differences such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, a physical or sensory impairment or a mental health need that impacts your learning.

Learning Services is also the first point of contact for learners who have an Education Health and Care Plan and for learners who require exam access arrangements or other reasonable adjustments to remove barriers to learning.

Contact the Learning Services Team at kendal.ac.uk/learning-services

English & Maths

If you don't yet have a GCSE grade 9-4 in English or Maths, then these classes will be part of your study programme. Our experienced tutors will work with you to improve our skills and achieve higher grades, supporting your future progression to employment or other courses.

Add an A-Level & Core Maths

It may be possible to study an A-Level or Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) alongside your course. Our A-Level subjects are listed on page 18. Core Maths focuses on applying mathematics to solve relevant everyday problems and will prepare you for the mathematical demands of higher-level courses and employment.

Opportunities to consider after Year 11



A-Levels

- Full-time (3–5 days) studied over two years
- Up to four A-Level subjects can be studied as a cluster, or one A-Level could be combined with a professional & technical course
- Academic and pastoral support to reach your full potential
- Level 3 qualifications
- Progression to university, apprenticeships or employment
- See page 17 for information about A-Levels at KC Sixth

Apprenticeships

- A job with training
- Earn a wage and receive paid holidays
- Highly valued by employers
- Available at no cost to the apprentice
- Level 2 to Level 5 training
- Opportunities to progress to higher apprenticeships and degree-level study
- See page 23 and 29 onwards for information about apprenticeships

Professional and technical courses

- Full-time (3–5 days) studied over one or two years
- Study subjects related to a general career area e.g. engineering, sport, film
- Combine academic learning with practical experience
- Level 1 to Level 3 courses
- The Level 3, two-year courses, are equivalent to 3 A-Levels
- T Levels, BTECs, NCFE and City & Guilds qualifications
- Progression to university, apprenticeships or employment
- See page 27 for T Level information and 29 onwards for all professional & technical courses

Useful careers websites

Your bright future

yourbrightfuture.kendal.ac.uk

Everything we do at college is focused on developing your skills & experience for your future employment and/or further study. The 'Your Bright Future' website includes information about all the opportunities available, how to make a decision and an online jobs board.

Start Profile

cumbria.startprofile.com

Explore your skills & interests, consider suggested careers, and find relevant courses, apprenticeships and jobs close to where you live.

Careerpilot

careerpilot.org.uk

Specific careers information and tools for 11–19 year olds.

Prospects

prospects.ac.uk

Insights into different job sectors, advice on applying for university and example CVs.

National Careers Website

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

This site includes a range of job profiles, employability tools and careers advice.

Apprenticeships

apprenticeships.gov.uk

Earn while you learn with an apprenticeship.

Volunteering

cumbriacvs.org.uk/volunteering

lancastercvs.org.uk/volunteer-centre

Volunteering is a great way to discover what you like & don't like doing. It also gives you valuable work experience for your CV. If you can't find what you are looking for, contact employers directly.



"Being a Student Ambassador at college helped me to develop confidence in my ability to carry out important roles. I'm now working as a Senior Lab Technician. I really enjoy the process that goes into preparing for the practical lessons and every day here is varied. A lot of the organisational skills I learnt at college have transferred over to being a working professional."

Helen Lecky-Thompson
Senior Lab Technician, Science & Food Technology
John Ruskin School
Health & Social Care Alumni



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"I thought I'd never be able to do anything like this and now here I am. I have built professional skills and confidence. The whole experience has been great!"

Annie Cawley
Clinical Support Worker
Morecambe Bay NHS Health Trust
Supported Internship Alumni
DFN Project SEARCH Graduate



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Understanding levels

We offer qualifications from Entry Level to Level 7

Please see the individual course information on the website for entry requirements.

For full-time courses, if you haven't any previous experience of a technical area e.g. motor vehicle, hairdressing etc, you may need to start on a Level 1 or 2 course to gain the basic practical skills first.

For apprenticeships, the appropriate level of training relates to the job role & responsibilities.

Entry Level

Courses are normally suitable for people who want to build up their personal and study skills, and are a good stepping stone to a Level 1 course.



Level 1

Courses are normally suitable for people who have gained 2 GCSEs at grade 1 and above or who want to study a practical or skills based course.

Level 2

Courses are normally suitable for people who have gained 4 GCSEs at grade 3 and above or who want to study a practical/skills based course. Level 2 courses are equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above.

The T Level Foundation programme is designed to prepare you for your chosen T Level. They will enable you to develop your English and Maths, practical, technical and study skills, and provide work experience to help you excel in your T Level.

Level 3

Courses are normally suitable for people who have either completed a Level 2 practical/skills-based course and want to progress or have gained 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above and want a course with some academic learning e.g. A-Levels, T Levels or a Professional & Technical course that is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

Levels 4, 5, 6 & 7

Courses are degree-level and postgraduate courses. Students will need to have completed a Level 3 qualification to progress on to the Level 4 courses.



KC Sixth

A-Levels at Kendal College



At KC Sixth, we promote a culture of high academic standards and performance, promoting commitment, independence and personal growth. We strive to inspire and enable all A-Level learners to achieve their full potential.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers will guide you through your academic programme, offering three interactive and inspiring lessons per subject per week, as well as 'curiosity activities' and regular assessment and feedback to enable you to achieve.

We offer a wide range of A-Levels and offer pathways which include science, law, humanities, social sciences and maths, alongside the flexibility to choose and tailor your own programme.

You can choose up to four subjects as part of your study programme, and this will also include tutorials and study groups to ensure that your timetable is individualised to the programme you have chosen.

There are also additional opportunities available to A-Level learners, including a trip to London before the Christmas holidays and the opportunity to complete the Gold or Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

As part of being a KC Sixth A-Level learner, you will have regular contact time with our Academic Mentor and KC Sixth Curriculum Lead to support your progress and achievement; the aim of this is to help you succeed to the very best of your ability. Our department also works closely with the Learning Services and Wellbeing Team.

Our students progress to a range of universities and apprenticeship employers. You'll be guided through each step, from exploring all the options, making a UCAS or job application, to writing a personal statement and preparing for interview.

"I studied 3 A-Levels, English Language, History and Sociology. Now I am in my second year of Journalism Studies at Sheffield Hallam University. I've most enjoyed doing the Multimedia Journalism module and I like the chance to interview bands and get involved in TED Talks. I would like to get an apprenticeship either at the BBC or ITV."

Gabe Burt, A-Levels Alumni

Subjects available

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Further Maths
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology



A-Level students typically choose three subjects and those with very high entry qualifications may apply to study four.

An Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and/or Core Maths may be undertaken as part of your A-Level studies to help showcase your academic skills for university applications.

An A-Level can also be combined with some Professional & Technical courses (equivalent to four A-Levels). Please apply for the course and enquire about the additional A-Level at interview.

CHOOSE FROM 20 A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

GO YOUR OWN WAY WITH FLEXIBLE SUBJECT CHOICES

5 PATHWAYS TO GUIDE YOU TO YOUR DESIRED FUTURE

ACADEMIC MENTORING THROUGHOUT YOUR STUDY

CHOOSE TO ADD A FOURTH A-LEVEL AND EXTENDED PROJECT OR CORE MATHS TO MAKE YOUR CV STAND OUT

“There is a strong sense of community, and the teachers are welcoming and friendly. You have the freedom to pursue the pathways to the education you want. The pastoral side is also excellent; for example, the support for students with mental health issues.”

Jack Hill, A-Levels Alumni

Life in KC Sixth

A typical day

At college your timetable is designed specifically for A-Level study. You will have 3 lessons per subject per week, typically for 1 ½ hours, enabling you to explore topics in-depth and make the step up from GCSE confidently. Depending on the subjects, you may have time between lessons, giving you the opportunity to keep up-to-date with out of class study.

Academic mentoring and progress reviews

Your academic mentor will work with you regularly to support your study. They are your guide through successful A-Level study. You will also meet the college's KC Sixth Curriculum Lead to have an honest appraisal of your progress which will help you improve and reach your goals.

Pastoral support

There may be things that affect your ability to study whilst you are at college. Your academic mentor will be the first person you can talk to, but from there we can direct you to more specialist services as required. We will offer to support you so that you can stay focused on your study.

Student support

There are opportunities for study support during the timetabled sessions.



Target grades

All A-Level students will be set target grades that are based on their GCSE results. These target grades will be reviewed as part of the academic review process, and subject advice and guidance will be provided to support your progress and achievement.

Assessment

We believe students need to know exactly where they stand regarding their academic progress. We have assessment points throughout the year that will give you and the team around you a clear picture, and allow you and them to plan the next steps.

Our culture

No bells: first name terms with all staff; independent study; shared public areas with staff and other students; zero tolerance of bullying and other behaviour that interrupts study.

“I am in my final year at Lancaster University studying Biochemistry. College enabled me to develop my confidence in my academic ability to manage my time and practical skills.”

Joseph Campbell, A-Levels Alumni



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Many of our students go on to higher-level study, attaining degrees in a wide range of subject areas. Others progress directly into employment, higher-level apprenticeships or spend time travelling during a gap year.

Our courses and approach will expand your skills in creative problem solving, attention to detail, communication, teamwork, and leadership. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.



"I'm studied Psychology A-Level alongside the full-time Forensic & Criminal Investigation course. I wanted to gain a deeper understanding of how the mind works and why it works the way it does. It's a lot of work but the tutors are really understanding and supportive."

Katie Oldcorn, A-Levels Alumni

Previous students have progressed to the following universities:

Aberystwyth University - Celtic Studies

Cardiff University - Biological Sciences (Zoology)

Cardiff University - English Literature

Glasgow Caledonian University - International Fashion Branding

Lancaster University - Biochemistry

Lancaster University - Law

Lancaster University - Psychology & Linguistics

Lancaster University - Sociology

Leeds Beckett University - International Relations with Human Rights

Liverpool Hope University - Law

Liverpool John Moores University - Business Management

Manchester Metropolitan University - English & Creative Writing

Newcastle University - Linguistics

Northumbria University - History

Nottingham Trent University - Fashion Marketing & Branding

UCFB - Football Coaching & Management

UCFB - International Football Business

University of Birmingham - Aerospace Engineering

University of Chester - Geography

University of Cumbria - Law



"As A-Level students, we were encouraged to take the initiative over our learning. A-Levels are difficult, but with the support and guidance from tutors and additional support staff, you can achieve."

Betsy George, A-Levels Alumni



"Studying at Kendal College is so refreshing. Your lessons are person-focused and relaxed. You have breaks to get food, it's an adult environment. It really helps with studying."

Dillon Bolger, A-Levels Alumni



Our A-Level Guide, available on our website, includes more information about our subjects and life at KC Sixth.

kendal.ac.uk/kcsixth

@kendalsixth



Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a job with training. There has never been a better time to consider a career as an apprentice. We work with over 400 employers who are keen to invest in people and provide on-the-job training.

Key benefits of being an apprentice include gaining job-specific skills, working alongside experienced staff, earning a salary, getting paid holidays, and receiving training to enhance your career.

Apprenticeships are open to people of all ages; from 16-year-old school leavers to working-age professionals who want to progress in their workplace, change their career, or as an alternative to paying for a degree.

Apprentices receive regular monitoring and support from our dedicated and experienced team of specialist trainers. Apprenticeships are offered from Level 2 to Level 5 (degree-level study).

“UHMB NHS Foundation Trust works with Kendal College as one of its main providers of apprenticeship programmes. The ongoing and highly successful relationship has enabled us to support staff to complete training in business, hospitality, engineering, management, healthcare and plumbing. All our apprenticeship jobs are advertised on the NHS Jobs website.”

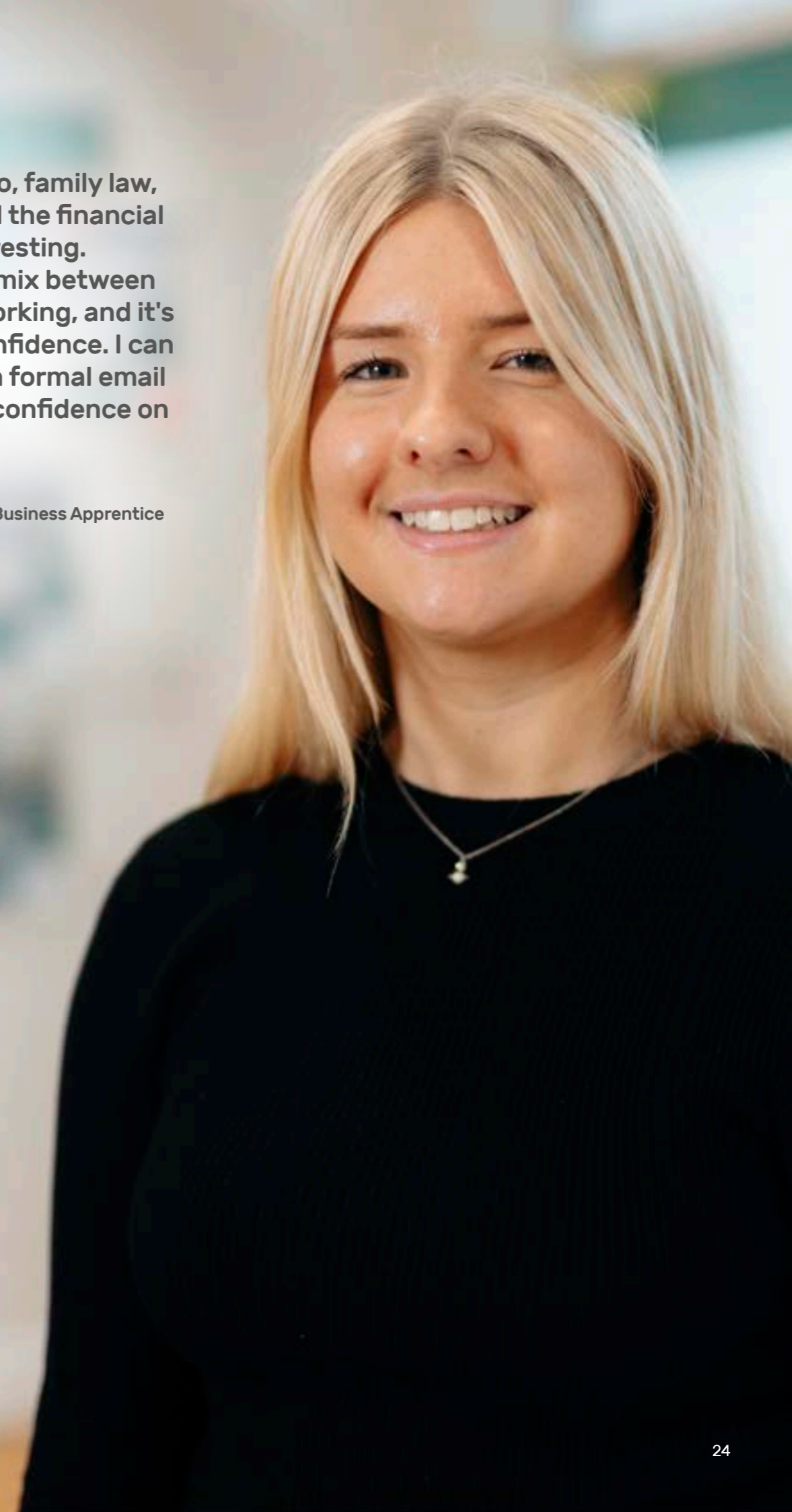
Kate Casey
Head of Learning & OD
UHMB NHS Foundation Trust

Apprenticeships available

- Accounting (AAT)
- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Bicycle Mechanics
- Business Administration
- Childcare Teaching, Learning & Assessment
- Computing
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Electrical Installation & Maintenance
- Engineering
- Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Therapy
- Healthcare Science
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality
- Human Resources
- Motor Vehicle
- Pharmacy
- Plumbing & Gas
- Property Maintenance
- Outdoor Activity Instructor
- Team Leading & Management

“There's lots to do, family law, criminal law and the financial side, it's all interesting. There is a good mix between studying and working, and it's boosting my confidence. I can now construct a formal email and have more confidence on the phone.”

Kiera Airey
Office Administrator & Business Apprentice
Arnold Greenwood



"There are all sorts of work that we can do, anything from plumbing and bathroom fittings to servicing boilers and fires. I felt like college set me up very well for the position I'm in now. I was very well supported by my tutors at college where I developed soldering, pipe bending and other skills. Day-to-day I'm meeting new people and helping them with their problems which is very rewarding. If I could give any advice to people looking to get engineering qualifications, I'd say work hard and you'll get there."

Adam Baxter
Gas & Plumbing Apprentice
Cumbria Gas



Finding an apprenticeship

The right apprenticeship for you will depend on your skills, interests and experience. You can't study an apprenticeship without being employed first, but we can help and advise you with this.

- Read our Guide to Apprenticeships and register with our Talent Pool at kendal.ac.uk/talent
- Create an account on the national website and search for vacancies at gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Go to apprenticeships.gov.uk for more information about apprenticeships and nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk for careers and employability advice.
- Contact local businesses directly with a CV and cover letter, and try to speak to the manager in person if you can.
- Ask employers if you can volunteer to gain work experience – this will make a good impression and you will be the first to know when other

"Working at Gilkes as an apprentice has allowed me to learn and earn. While conducting my apprenticeship, the company has put me through numerous courses, enabling me to build up a qualifications portfolio, for example, the HNC in Engineering at the college. I have the opportunity to learn both in the classroom and in an exciting real working environment with various people with years of experience in different aspects of engineering. This has really helped me develop my practical skills and knowledge."

Jack Gardner
Engineering Apprentice
Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd



"I've met so many amazing colleagues, worked with some incredible customers and made so many fantastic memories to hold on to! The lessons I have learnt, and the knowledge I have gained, will stay with me through this amazing journey. If you are considering working in this area, I would highly recommend working for Oaklea, they fight for a brighter future for everyone involved."

Emily Cook
Apprentice Lifestyle Coordinator
The Oaklea Trust



Our Student Guide to Apprenticeships, available on our website, includes more information about finding an apprenticeship and making a successful application.

kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

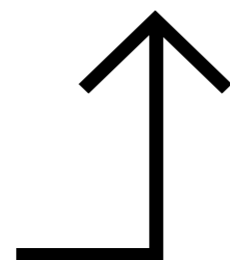
WELCOME
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL

T-LEVELS |  Kendal College

WE ARE
OFFERING
T LEVELS IN:

- AGRICULTURE**
- ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**
- CONSTRUCTION**
- EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS**
- ENGINEERING**
- FINANCE**
- HAIR & BEAUTY**
- HEALTH**
- MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION**
- MEDIA, BROADCAST & PRODUCTION**
- SCIENCE**
- TEXTILES & FASHION**

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

The 2-year qualification brings classroom and work placement together, on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers.

T-LEVELS |  Kendal College

80%
CLASSROOM

20%
WORKPLACE

80% of your time will be in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement to equip you with the knowledge and skills companies are looking for.

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

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

For more information, visit:
gov.uk/dfes/t-levels
kendal.ac.uk/t-levels





Agriculture



This department is a fast-growing department offering a range of full-time and apprenticeship-based courses in land-based studies and agriculture. We have agricultural courses running from both Kendal College and Wigton.

Our students undertake their practical lessons at a range of farms throughout Cumbria. This means they can experience a wide variety of different farming methods, breeds and machinery and are exposed to the most up-to-date industry standards and practices.

Agriculture is a vibrant industry and vital for food production and environment management. British farmers produce more than 60% of the food eaten in the UK (Defra).

As one of our students, you will benefit from hands-on practical experience and taught sessions in the classroom with our highly experienced tutors. This will allow you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you need to become excellent in practice and highly employable.

Why study with us?

► A specialist teaching team

Our tutors are specialists in many areas of agriculture, ranging from sheep, beef and dairy to machinery, crop production and management.

► Up-to-date knowledge and skills

Cumbria, Lancashire, and Yorkshire have diverse land-based sectors. Our programmes will teach you modern techniques for productivity and business methods that will allow you to embrace the opportunities that will arise in the years to come. The national Future Farming and Countryside Programme is one of the most significant industry changes in any sector in the UK. It includes a range of environmental land management schemes, including sustainable farming, nature recovery and landscape recovery. Our courses and apprenticeships will give you the skills and experiences to access these new grants and incentives.

► Our partnerships

We work with a wide range of industry partners. We use an extensive network of local employers to give you a diverse, relevant set of experiences. This isn't just tied to one place or type of location, so we can ensure you receive the training you need to be ready for what faces you after you leave college.



The government is spending £600 million on farm-based innovation over the next three years (Gov.uk 2022).

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

There are a variety of progression options for agricultural students to consider.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, adaptability, proactive networking, and business management. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

After your course, you could progress directly into employment either in farm management, or alternatively with agri-businesses in the supply chain or quality assurance in the agriculture industry.

You may wish to continue your studies and progress on to another college course, or study for a degree in agriculture, animal science or crop management, or perhaps environmental sustainability or business management. Last year, our apprentices progressed onto Harper Adams University to study Agriculture with Animal Science, and Newcastle University to study Agriculture.

There are also higher-level apprenticeship options, including a Level 4 Assistant Farm Manager apprenticeship, which is currently being developed - watch this space!

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Land-Based Studies

Level 1 (1 year)

Agriculture, Land Management & Production, T Level

Pathway: Livestock Production
Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

You may also be interested in

- Animal Care – page 31
- Business – page 37
- Construction – page 39
- Engineering – page 45

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

General Farm Worker

Level 2

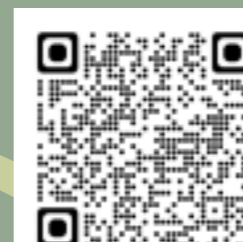
Livestock Unit Technician

Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

“Our learners see a variety of farming systems through our extensive range of local farmer partners. They experience best practice in action.”

Dan Stamper, Head of Faculty





Animal Care



We are one of the first colleges in the UK to have an Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre alongside our teaching department.

Why study with us?

► **Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre (lovingly known as the 'ARC')**
Facilities include an intensive care and treatment room, with industry-standard surgical equipment and digital x-ray facilities, providing the highest level of care for wildlife and the best possible learning environment for students.

We also have an exotics room with various species, including a bearded dragon, tree frogs, snakes and tortoises (to name a few!) and a mammals room housing rabbits, guinea pigs and degus.

► **Experienced, passionate tutors**
Our teaching team includes veterinary surgeons, conservationists, marine biologists and animal care professionals. Our Marine Biologist, Sarah Neill, works with British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) to provide rescue and care support to local

seals. She was the only woman in the UK selected to join the Sedna Epic expedition to the High Arctic in 2022. The team have also recently achieved a Bronze Award for the Hedgehog Friendly Campus scheme!

- **Academic & industry partners**
We work with the University of Cumbria, the RSPCA inspectorate and wildlife hospitals, local veterinary practices and conservation organisations at both local and national levels. These links provide our students with work placements, insightful guest speakers and up-to-date industry knowledge.
- **Inspiring trips & visits**
As well as various local visits, you will have the opportunity to take part in international trips – last year's students went to Ecuador, Eswatini and South Africa!



The workforce is projected to grow by 11.6% to by 2027, creating 8,700 jobs. (LMI For All).

"I studied both a BTEC and A-Level, and I cannot fault the teaching and support I received. The teachers were always happy to help if I didn't understand something or if I needed help with my university application. I'm now studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol."

Emma Thexton, Animal Management Alumni

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Employment and apprentice opportunities include veterinary nursing, laboratory and ecological work, or pursuing animal-related roles in the police, retail and agricultural industries. Our students have progressed to various higher-level courses after college, including zoology, marine biology, ecology and veterinary medicine at university.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, persistence & commitment, organisation & attention to detail, and flexibility & patience in academic research. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment, for example with South Lakes Safari Zoo, started apprenticeships in a range of animal related fields, progressed onto our degree-programmes, and gained the following university places:

- Harper Adams University - Veterinary Bioscience,
- Anglia Ruskin University - Zoology,
- University of Salford - Wildlife Conservation with Zoo Biology,
- Manchester Metropolitan University - Animal Behaviour & Conservation,
- University of Plymouth - Ocean Science & Marine Conservation,
- Liverpool John Moores University - Animal Behaviour,
- University of Cumbria - Animal Conservation Science



Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Animal Care

Level 1 and Level 2 (1 year)

Animal Management, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth - page 17
- Agriculture - page 29
- Sciences & Forensics - page 65

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- Dog Groomer, Level 2
- Welfare Assistant, Level 2
- Keeper & Aquarist, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- Wildlife Conservation & Rehabilitation, Foundation Degree



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Art & Design



Art & design is the launch pad for a wide range of career paths and professional destinations, from fine artists to textile and product designers, photographers, illustrators and animators to graphic and fashion designers. Our qualifications allow students to achieve places at top universities and progress into employment within the creative industry.

Why study with us?

► Vibrant spaces

We teach all the latest skills and techniques in vibrant, exciting spaces. The £2.9m Wildman Street Studio and Allen Building include a professional gallery, multidisciplinary creative spaces, a photography dark room, print and ceramic studios and a metal and wood workshop.

“You might start this course thinking that you want to do photography and end up doing 3D animation and virtual augmented reality. You just don’t know what you’ll be introduced to. The course gives you a lot of input with your development and practice.”

Graham Day, Art & Design Alumni

► Professional tutors

Our passionate teaching team includes a professional graphic designer, a photographer who works for BBC publications, a fashion and textile specialist, a professional fine artist, a product and design specialist, a moderator for the University of Arts London and a ceramics and craft specialist.

► Build your portfolio for future success

Our students have long-standing success in skills shows and competitions, exhibiting alongside world-class artists at the Abbot Hall Gallery, Blackwell Arts and Crafts and Brewery Arts Centre

Students progress to top universities, including The London College of Fashion, The Royal School of Needlework Hampton Court, University of Arts London, Manchester Metropolitan University, Northumbria University and Glasgow School of Art.



In 2021, the creative industries employed 2.3 million people, a 49% increase since 2011 (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Art & Design

T Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Photography, Graphics & Film

Level 2 (1 year)

Art & Design

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Art & Design Foundation

Pre-degree course (1 year)

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

Textiles & Fashion, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Film Production – page 47
- Games & Concept Art – page 51



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students exhibit alongside world-class artists and have progressed to top universities.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, persistence & commitment, organisation & attention to detail, and flexibility & patience in academic research. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Previous students have progressed to:

Illustration at Edinburgh University, Designer for Arianna Bespoke Jewellery company, Photography at Falmouth University, Practising artists, exhibiting in high profile galleries as far as St Ives, Graphic Design at Northumbria University, Fashion Buyer at Asos, Hand Embroidery at Royal College of Needlework, Hampton Court, Travelling around South America, Makeup and Prosthetics at University of the Arts London, Product Design at Sheffield Hallam University, Fashion Design at London College of Fashion, Therapeutic Psychology at University of Roehampton, Digital Marketing Apprentice



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Barbering & Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy



Start your career in a versatile, ever-changing industry!

Why study with us?

► House of Hair & Beauty

The House of Hair & Beauty is our professional hair, barbering and beauty training centre. Our salons are open to the general public and will give you hands-on practical experience in a range of treatments.

The department has four training salons with excellent facilities and equipment to match the industry.

► Professional tutors

Our highly skilled teaching team keeps abreast of the latest trends, passing on emerging themes and techniques to their students.

Many of the teaching team still work in the industry and have fantastic links with highly recognised manufacturers and international companies, for example, Wella, GHD, Cloud Nine, Crystal Clear and Bespoke Aroma.

► Strong employer links

We work with over 40 local employers across the hair, barbering & beauty sector who have considerable experience working in the industry.

As part of your course, you will be supported to gain work experience in a salon, barber's shop or spa. This will help further develop your confidence and experience in different settings.

Leading experts in hair and beauty come to the college to teach special classes and give exciting demonstrations, for example Daniel Gray, Cat's Creations, Wella, Low Wood Bay and Centre Parks Aqua Sana.

The college is well respected for training professionals proficient in using industry-standard equipment and understanding the day-to-day running of a busy salon environment.

► Inspiring trips

The department organises various trips to enhance learning and understanding of the many opportunities available, such as Wella Manchester, Edinburgh, Paris and Barcelona.

► Competitions

You will have the opportunity to participate in regional and national competitions, as the department is a well-established member of the AHT (Association of Hairdressers & Therapists).



63% of people working in the industry are self-employed (NHBF).

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Many of our students have gone on to work for major employers in the travel and tourism trade, including Center Parcs, luxury hotel groups, and cruise ship operators, as well as in local salons or renting chairs on a self-employed basis. It is also possible to progress to higher-level study in areas like salon management and advanced treatments.

Our courses will expand your skills in customer service, maths & English, enterprise, client care, health & safety, and mental health awareness. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities. For example, after gaining further confidence in building relationships with people, one of our recent alumni has now progressed on to a career in midwifery.



Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Hair & Beauty Therapy

Level 1 (1 year)

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Barbering

Level 2 (1 year)

Hairdressing

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

All the above courses are 1 year.

Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Therapy, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Business – page 37

Apprenticeships

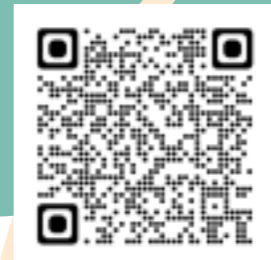
Paid employment with training

- Hair Professional, Level 2
- Hair Professional (Barbering), Level 2

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

"I'm creative and like interacting with people, so barbering was perfect for me. The teaching style was hands-on, so you could learn from your mistakes. I'm now working in barbering and hope to have my own shop in the future."

Juraj Smigovsky, Barbering Alumni



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Business



Explore the range of diverse departments that work together to form a successful business. You will benefit from the industry experience of our expert tutors, who have had successful careers in human resources, marketing, finance, retail and management.

Why study with us?

► Strong employer links

Our business department boasts strong links with some of the top-performing businesses in the local area. The curriculum has been designed to utilise the knowledge of these employers and how they can benefit our students. Continuing with the theme of employer engagement, the courses we offer have been designed by educators alongside UK businesses to provide learners with the skills required within the workforce. On our T Level programme, learners participate in an Employer Set Project, mirrored to real work-life tasks that may be required of them as duties within employment.

► Work placement

One benefit to our T Level course is the industry placement that our students are involved in. The course requires that all students experience 45 days, 20% of the course, with local employers. This allows our students to apply the knowledge they have developed from lecturers to real-life practical experiences. On our level 2 course, students will also complete a unit based around work placements and developing skills required by employers.

► Real-life application

We aim to provide our students with the tools they need to gain meaningful employment once they have progressed to the next step in their career path. Networking, practising skills and applying knowledge to placement prepares students for this progression. We do this through departmental trips to visit successful businesses, observing them in action, and guest speakers who visit us in college to share their knowledge and advice. Students have particularly enjoyed our 'Dragon's Den' task over the last few years, which involved pitching some fantastic start-up business ideas and a cash prize for the winning pitch!

► Developing skills

We have a strong focus on skill development and bridging the employability skill gap that has been identified by employers. We encourage our students to work on communication, organisational, time management, and presentation skills. We cover business context, business behaviours, finance, people, marketing principles and project management.



In a recent Cumbria survey, 63% of businesses reported skills gaps – of the skills mentioned, 42% were advanced IT or software skills, followed by management skills (34%) (Cumbria LEP).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Business

T Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Management & Administration, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Finance, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

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It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- Accounts or Finance Assistant (AAT), Level 2
- Business Administrator, Level 3
- HR Support, Level 3
- Team Leader or Supervisor, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- Business, HNC/D

“A business qualification can take students anywhere and opens up a world of possibilities; from climbing the ladder in the corporate world to using the skills learned on the course to start up their own business. Financial and business education gives students practical and valuable skills in whatever employment area they choose to follow.”

Beverley Davis,
Business Lecturer



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

A business course is a perfect stepping-stone to careers and degree courses in various business-related topics such as marketing, HR, finance and law. Studying alongside maths can also open doors to jobs related to finance and accounting.

Our courses will expand your skills in critical reasoning & problem solving, curiosity & creativity, collaboration & teamwork, leadership & project management, and organisation & time management. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment, for example with Netherwood Spa and Hadwin Motors, started apprenticeships with Deloitte and BAE Systems, progressed onto our HNC/D Business course, and gained the following university places:

- Durham University - Business & Management,
- Lancaster University - Management & Information Technology,
- University of Salford - Business Management with Marketing,
- University of Sheffield - Business Management,
- Manchester Metropolitan University - Human Resource Management





Construction



Employment prospects within construction are highly varied. There are thousands of jobs under one umbrella! You could be working in an office designing & pricing electrical systems, delivering contract work on an oil platform or wind farm, creating bespoke furniture for private clients, building homes, connecting home theatre systems, installing thermal heat pumps for a commercial company, running your own business, or anything in-between!

Why study with us?

► State-of-the-art facilities

Our new £3.4 million T Level Engineering & Construction Block includes a renewable centre and electrotechnical suite, providing world-class facilities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be at the forefront of exciting new technologies and developments. Our additional workshops in the Construction Centre provide our students with industry-standard facilities and equipment.

"I am a gas engineer for Cumbria Gas. I like the variety of my job as it gets my mind working. During my time at college, I developed a lot of skills. It made me see that if I put my mind to most things, I can accomplish them."

Byron Bell, Plumbing Alumni

► Meaningful work placements

We work with various employers across the sector to offer meaningful work placements to all our students.

In 2021/2022, EQUANS welcomed our full-time students onto their £15m extra care scheme in Oxenholme. Students gained first-hand experience building 80 apartments and 24 bungalows on a busy site.

► Experienced specialist tutors

Our teams of tutors have decades of combined teaching experience with backgrounds across a range of construction specialisms – examples detailed on the following pages!

Go Construct

Providing information around careers in construction www.goconstruct.org



The construction industry is forecast to grow by 14.1% to reach £166,765m in 2022.

Construction

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Construction Skills

Level 1 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Property Maintenance Operative**, Level 2

Plumbing

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Plumbing

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician**, Level 3
- **Gas Engineering Operative**, Level 3

Electrical

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Electrical Installations

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Installation Electrician & Maintenance Electrician**, Level 3

Carpentry & Joinery

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Carpentry & Joinery

Level 1 and Level 2 (1 year)

Onsite Construction, T Level

Pathway: **Carpentry & Joinery**

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Carpentry & Joinery (architectural joiner/site carpenter)**, Level 2
- **Craft Carpentry & Joinery (architectural joiner/site carpenter)**, Level 3

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

For more information about apprenticeships, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

It may also be possible to add an A-Level to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Engineering – page 45
- Theatre & Event Technology – page 69

"We're developing a new renewable centre, which is going to give our students a fantastic introduction into how we can achieve the carbon neutral goals. In the centre we'll have heat pump technology, hybrid technology, solar thermal, photovoltaic and rainwater harvesting - there are so many exciting things that are going to happen."

Stuart Lovell, Curriculum Lead for Plumbing, Heating & Gas



Our specialist carpentry & joinery workshops have high-quality Format-4 Felder woodworking machinery, including spindle moulders, mortice & tenoning machines, CNC, dimension saws and more. You have space to explore a range of trade knowledge and hone your craft skills.

Construction Skills

This course is a great introduction to construction. It will develop your knowledge and skills in plumbing, electrical, brickwork and joinery.



Technical Services: Electrical & Plumbing

Technical Services covers all aspects of technology around electrical, plumbing, environmental technologies, heating and gas work.

Students from these courses will be involved in designing, installing, maintaining and testing all aspects of technical services in the built environment. This work can be as small as repairing a leaky tap or faulty socket to installing the complete heating or electrical system for a hospital or large factory. As energy costs increase, employment in this area looks to grow even further, ensuring a secure and exciting career for years to come.

Our plumbing and heating team has comprehensive industry experience, born from working on commercial, industrial, and domestic sites for many

Site Carpentry

A site carpenter (known locally as joiners) works with timber to create a variety of building structures, from commercial to domestic projects. Our courses will develop your skills in hand & power tools, hanging doors, skirting & architraves, roofing, walls, flooring, and introductions to installation work of kitchens, windows and staircases.

Architectural Joinery (Bench)

Architectural joiners (known locally as bench joiners) make workshop timber-based products to be delivered or installed on-site. Our courses will develop your knowledge of technical drawing, marking, and manufacturing objects such as furniture, doors, windows, and staircases.

You will have a fantastic opportunity to learn the safe and correct way to use hand & power tools and our workshop machinery.

We have strong local links to site carpentry and architectural joinery companies, internationally qualified furniture-making experience, and degree-qualified designers. Our tutors have worked on some truly amazing projects, from domestic to commercial works, events, conservation and museums.

years. Contracts with Best Western Hotels, NHS commercial plant rooms, and schools throughout the Northwest, delivering industry training for manufacturers, plus contributions to development and research in environmental technologies.

Our electrical team has over 100 years of site experience between them! They have been involved in large and small commercial, industrial and domestic systems, for example, working on the Millennium Dome, Euro Hub, Manchester Airport and many others.

This experience will give you invaluable insight into the industry and the many career pathways to choose from.

The construction industry accounts for approximately 3 million jobs, 10% of total UK employment, and is expected to grow by 14.1% to reach £166,765m in 2022 and £227,627.2m by 2026 (Designing Buildings & GlobeNewswire).

The built environment is transitioning towards increased digitalisation, sustainable construction and automated production, assembly and delivery. Sustainable construction involves changing the traditionally used material and rethinking waste and energy consumption. This is in response to government strategies and increased awareness around cost, efficiency, and health and safety benefits.

The government's target to decarbonise all sectors of the UK economy and meet their net-zero targets by 2050 is expected to drive further sustainability innovation and growth in the industry.



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our courses will expand your teamwork, communication, organisation, time management, and problem solving skills. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our courses enable our students to progress onto apprenticeships and employment with a wide range of industries, and set up their own businesses. Our new T Level course enables students to progress to a related higher-level apprenticeship or course of study at a higher level.

Previous students have progressed to: HNC degree courses with James Cropper Plc, Apprenticeships at BAE Systems, They run businesses large and small, Trainee manager at Morrisons, Groundworker, Keel University - Engineering Degree, Music teacher & Folk band, Electrical Technician at college, Compete in WorldSkills competitions, Take their skills & qualifications abroad to gain further valuable experience.

“We work with contractors passionate about supporting young people to develop the skills needed in the industry. Students gain experience in all areas of the build. They are given the opportunity to work with different trades, helping them decide on their future career path and understand how a project comes together. Being on a real construction site and working with people with different backgrounds, ages and ethnicities helps develop their confidence and skills.”

Ian Reynolds
Chartered Construction Manager
EQUANS

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Education & Early Years



Our tutors are all education & early years professionals with extensive experience working in primary schools, early years settings and international schools.

Why study with us?

- ▶ **Develop your professional industry skills**
Our full-time courses include work placements with Ofsted-rated Good or Outstanding organisations, which model good practice. You will work in various preschool, nursery, and primary school settings for two days a week. This allows you to put the theory of child development into practice, for example, when planning & implementing activities or observing a child's progress.

You will gain detailed knowledge of the national curriculum and develop your confidence and communication skills working with children and professional practitioners. This will prepare you well for university or higher-level study in the workplace.
- ▶ **Excellent links with academic and sector partners**
As well as your work placement, you will benefit from guest speakers from local universities, Schools Direct and Children's Services, and visits to outdoor learning and Montessori settings. The department also organises an annual international trip to Krakow in Poland.

- ▶ **Up-to-date industry knowledge**
Our tutors understand the sector, current thinking and modern developments. You will learn about forest schools, phonics and planning in the moment (to name just a few!)
- ▶ **Gain a licence to practice**
On completion of Level 3, you will gain Early Years Educator (EYE) status giving you a licence to practice. This means you can become a teaching assistant in a school or a nursery practitioner without additional training.
- ▶ **A new interactive facility at the Westmorland Centre**
We are developing a new real working environment with state-of-the-art technology, where local children will visit us for activity sessions – watch this space!



The teaching & educational professions are projected to grow by 9.4% over the period to 2027, creating 21,600 jobs.

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Education & Early Years

T Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Education & Early Years, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

Currently based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus, but preparing to move to the Westmorland Campus (watch this space!).

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You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Health & Social Care – page 53
- Sciences & Forensics – page 65

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Early Years Practitioner**, Level 2
- **Early Years Educator**, Level 3
- **Teaching Assistant**, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Children, Young People & their Services**, Foundation Degree
- **Children, Schools & Families**, BA (Hons)

“I originally wanted to go to Kendal to study A-Levels, as there was a stigma around vocational courses not being as academic, but this was wildly untrue. With this course, I could go to university and gain my QTS. I gained experience through placements and now have a license to practice. Being a qualified teaching assistant when I left college meant that I could take a gap year and work in the field I enjoyed before going to university.”

Lily Chadwick, Education & Early Years Alumni



YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE

Our training equips students with the necessary skills and experience to progress their careers and gain employment.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & leadership, organisation & time management, staying calm in challenging situations, and academic research & writing. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

The Early Years Educator (EYE) status enables our students to gain direct employment in a wide range of preschool, nursery, and primary school settings.

Our full-time level 3 students move on to a wide range of higher-level courses, including our Foundation Degree in Children, Schools & Families.

Previous students have progressed to:
University of Salford - Occupational Therapy, Leeds
Trinity University - Primary Education, Working with Children, Young People & Families, Edge Hill
University - Primary Education with QTS, University of Cumbria - Primary & Early Years Education, University of Surrey - Nursing Studies, Liverpool
John Moores University - Primary Education



Engineering



Our new £3.4 million T Level Engineering & Construction Block includes CNC and 3D printing machines, an electrical lab, and a maker space facility to enable students to turn their ideas into reality.

The additional workshops house numerous manual lathes, welding & fabrication bays and project-related technologies and equipment.

Why study with us?

► **A teaching team with a diverse background**
The engineering team has a diverse background of industrial and academic knowledge to support your career direction. This includes experience in aeronautical and turbine manufacturing at Rolls-Royce, mechanical audio acoustic at Primasonics, electrical engineering in the Royal Engineers, mechanical design at Don-Bur commercial vehicles, and a senior research associate at Lancaster University who researched lithium technology for Tesla!

► **Develop your technical skills in our professional facilities**
You will have access to CAD software to visualise something in a 3D space and then manufacture a prototype on the 3D printers. Our Precious Plastics

shredder and moulds enable you to turn plastic waste into new products, for example, building materials for the construction industry. Your skills in design and manufacturing will be developed, as well as your digital and project management skills.

► **Employer partnerships**
The department has strong links with local businesses that rely on the college to meet their current and future business needs. The team organise guest speakers and trips to engineering firms in the UK and abroad, and you will complete valuable work placements to develop your knowledge.

► **Inspiring work placement opportunities**
Our T Level programmes include a 45-day placement, enabling you to put the academic theory into practice and gain a deeper understanding of this exciting and ever-changing industry.

Anord Mardix will be offering various work placement opportunities across their business, where you will build relationships and networks in the industry, and gain insights into the many career pathways available.



The UK Engineering sector employs approximately 5.5 million people about 18% of all UK employment (ENG).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Engineering Technology

T Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control, T Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Design & Development for Engineering & Manufacturing, T Level

Pathway: Mechanical Engineering

Pathway: Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

For more information about T Levels see page 27.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Motor Vehicle – page 57

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician, Level 3
- Engineering Design & Draughtsperson, Level 3
- Engineering Fitter, Level 3
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician, Level 4

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Many of our students go on to higher-level study, attaining degrees in mechatronics, energy, motorsports, and aeronautics. Just as many secure apprenticeships with local and national employers, including Gilkes, Anord Mardix and BAE Systems, or go on to study our Higher National Certificate (HNC).

Our courses will expand your skills in creative problem solving, attention to detail, analytical skills, communication, teamwork, and leadership. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Previous students have progressed to:
Leeds Beckett University - Quantity Surveying,
Lancaster University - Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Manchester Metropolitan University - Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Nottingham - Engineering & Physical Sciences, Electrical Engineering, University of Portsmouth - Mechanical Engineering, Teesside University, Middlesbrough - Aerospace Engineering, Nottingham Trent University - Mechanical Engineering



Our students move on to various universities, film schools, freelance jobs and industry training schemes, including BT and the BBC Screen Skills, and set up their own production companies. Alumni films have been selected, screened and won awards at national film festivals.

Our courses will expand your skills in creativity, artistic vision, storytelling ability, analytical frame of mind, programming teamwork, and communication. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Previous students have progressed to:
 University for the Creative Arts - Animation, BBC - News Producer & Broadcast Producer, UCEN Manchester - Film & TV Production, The Crown and His Dark Materials - Digital Image Technician, University of the Arts London - Film & Television, Naik Media - Editor, Film on the Brain - Business Owners, Leeds Beckett University - Filmmaking, Kendal Mountain Festival - Content Producer, University of Westminster, London - Film, Oxford Media Factory - Videographer, BIMM Institute - Film Business & Production, Hawkshead Brewery - Marketing, University of Sunderland - Digital Imaging, BT - Broadcast Engineer, University of Salford - Post-Production & VFX, Photographer for Rene La Vice



Film Production

Our courses are fast, fun, practical and engaging, with students constantly challenged to develop the skills they'll need for a career in the growing digital media sector. Whether you want to be a director, editor, writer, cinematographer, sound designer or any of the hundreds of jobs available, we'll give you the space to learn your craft and the crews to bring your stories to life.

Why study with us?

- ▶ **Highly practical learning**
 Learning is delivered through demonstrations, presentations, film screenings, and group and class discussions, but mainly through practical filmmaking and working in crews.
- ▶ **Develop your skills & knowledge**
 You'll learn the fundamental processes used in all film production, with group productions developing skills in planning, writing, producing, using industry standard cameras and sound equipment, editing, post-production and presentation. You will gain a grounding in the core principles of cinematic storytelling, experience working in crews, understanding production roles and develop an industry specialism.

On top of these vocational skills, you'll learn how to work to a brief, research, analyse, schedule and evaluate your projects. You'll gain experience in teamwork, problem solving and negotiating solutions. You will be treated as a filmmaker from day one, making a variety of work that challenges you to discover a voice of your own.

- ▶ **Professional teaching team**
 Every member of our teaching team has extensive professional experience and backgrounds in camera, sound production, script writing and production; all remain active in the film industry.
- ▶ **Strong external partnerships**
 The film department has strong partnerships with the Brewery Arts Centre, Manchester Film School, Kendal Torchlight Carnival, Lakes International Comic Arts Festival, Kendal Mountain Festival, Signal Film & Media, and many other local businesses. As well as being involved in live community projects, you will also gain relevant work experience, hear from a range of guest speakers and take part in trips to Aesthetica Film Festival York, London residentials and Manchester.



Increased growth means there will be a need for an estimated 20,770 additional full-time film production employees in the UK by 2025 (BFI).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Film Production

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

This course is awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

Media Broadcast & Production, T Level

Pathway: Content Creation & Production

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

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- Art & Design - page 33
- Music - page 59
- Theatre & Event Technology - page 69

“Having worked across talent development for the BFI, BBC, Lighthouse and independent filmmakers, I love helping students to develop their unique perspective and skills - and to find their place in the industry.”

Becca Ellson, Film Production Lecturer



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Foundation Learning



Our Foundation Learning courses prepare students for future work or further study. They will develop your confidence, resilience, decision-making and independence skills.

Vocational Studies

The Vocational Studies programme is a flexible one-year programme which can be extended to two years. Class sizes are small, and support is available during lessons, breaks, and lunchtime.

The programme develops your personal and employability skills. You will experience real-life situations on various trips, for example, travelling on the bus, making purchases and organising events. You will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different vocational areas throughout the year, such as hair and beauty, catering, land-based, and construction.

You need to demonstrate that you are working at Entry Level 3/GCSE Level 1 (or above) in Maths and English, and you will be invited to attend two taster sessions. You and your parent/s or guardian/s will then be invited to participate in an interview and asked to bring your Educational and Health Care Plan if you have one.

Supported Internships

Kendal College is excited to offer two different supported internship programmes. The programmes are specifically aimed at young people aged 17-25 with an EHCP who are ready to make the transition from education and aspire to paid employment.

DFN Project SEARCH

Within the NHS Supported Internship, you will work in 3 different NHS departments, 5 days a week, with the support of a work-based tutor and job coach, and an NHS mentor. You will rotate through three skill-building opportunities in a variety of different settings to broaden your skills and knowledge. These workplace rotations will be matched to follow your career aspirations and interests.

Right2Work

This programme is for 3 days a week and is a more bespoke offer within other organisations. Right2Work will support you to identify your skills and interests and match you with relevant work opportunities. College staff will provide on-the-job intern training support throughout the year.

You will also work towards a Level 1 Certificate in Employability Skills and you will continue to develop your literacy and numeracy skills.

The entry requirements for both programmes are Level 1 or Entry Level 3. The internship places are also subject to an interview and assessment day. Your place must be commissioned by the local authority, and you must be highly motivated and have a desire to secure a job after the programme finishes.

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Vocational Studies

Level 1 (1 year)
Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

Supported Internships

Practice and learn essential skills in a real working environment

DFN Project SEARCH

1 year
Based at the NHS

Right2Work

1 year
Based at various providers

"It's really helping me to get the job skills I will need for my future."

Finn Ramsey, DFN Project SEARCH Student



"I am now working for the NHS. I really understood my first pay slip because we had covered tax and national insurance within the employability skills curriculum when I was an intern."

Becca Fell, DFN Project SEARCH Graduate



YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE

Our courses will expand your communication, teamwork, time management, organisation and English & maths skills. This will support you in moving on to employment and/or to other courses in the college.

In the last few years, our Vocational Studies students have progressed to a range of full-time vocational courses, including hospitality, art & design, animal care and the supported internship. They have also gained employment in the local community, health & social care, and retail.

Successful completion of the internship is likely to lead to paid employment with the NHS or other placement providers. Nationally 5.1% of young people with a learning difference gain employment, but 75% of those supported by DFN Project SEARCH and Kendal College secure paid roles after graduation.



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Games & Concept Art



Games & Concept Art is the place to be if your interests lie in creating stories, characters and worlds.

The course provides students with a fully equipped PC suite and Wacom drawing tablets. Tasks will be given that allow students to explore their creativity and apply it to challenges and mini-briefs. These will push them to strive for professionalism and are built around expectations within the industry. Furthermore, group-based creative endeavours allow students to experience what it is like to operate as part of an innovative team. This will allow leaders to emerge and communication skills to flourish. The team has a wealth of complementary experience. Tom Barton provides illustrative and 3D modelling expertise, whilst Stephanie Fulke focuses on design strategy and technology platforms to help visualise students' ideas.

“After freelancing in the industry for 6 years, for clients both big and small, I’ve learned a thing or two about a thing or two. I hope to get students inspired and excited about this industry and its potential as well as their own.”

Tom Barton, Games & Concept Art Lecturer

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Games & Concept Art

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

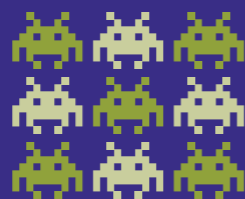
Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

This course is awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Art & Design – page 33
- Film Production – page 47



The UK's video game industry grew to £7bn in 2022 and is the 6th largest games industry in the world (IBISWorld & Newzoo).

Why study with us?

► Develop your creative decisions & skills

Games & Concept Art focuses on creating characters, props and environments with 2D and 3D modelling software to aid storytelling and create experiences via various media. Throughout the course, you will explore how your research, subject understanding and creative decisions making influence the development of professional work.

► Project-based learning

There will be opportunities to work on client briefs to demonstrate technical and creative skills in producing a complete project. For each project, you are encouraged to follow the creative process to properly structure your approach to creative conceptual thinking and problem solving work, replicating industry. This starts with a foundation of solid research, followed by simple ideation / sketching of initial ideas before seeking feedback to re-evaluate the outcome and develop it further.

► Understand the latest trends & developments

You will participate in lively discussions about new gaming technology and media campaigns. You will also review the latest developments within the sectors as they are released. You will regularly benefit from opportunities to meet industry specialists from the gaming industry, for example, through events organised in collaboration with Lakes International Comic Art Festival. You will gain a first-hand understanding of the industry and understand how professional creatives think and rationalise their work.

► Vibrant spaces & specialist software

We teach all the latest skills and techniques in vibrant, exciting spaces, which include industry-standard software and equipment within specialist creative art workshops. Students can access specialised studios, dedicated Mac suites, and Wacom drawing tablets. You will be taught to use various digital software, such as Adobe Creative Suite, Blender and Augmented Reality applications.

► A variety of trips & visits

To help learning and make better connections for progression routes, the department organises various trips and talks about the industry. The course links with local universities and events, such as the University of Cumbria, Lakes International Comic Art Festival, the Manchester UCAS Fair, and organises an annual trip to Liverpool.



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

This course leads to employment in the sector or higher-level study. You could potentially move to a career in level design, concept or character art, game design or any degree-level course linked to games development.

Our courses will expand your skills in creativity, artistic vision, storytelling ability, analytical frame of mind, programming teamwork, and communication. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.



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Health & Social Care



Our courses provide a practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background, giving you the knowledge, confidence and skills you need to prepare for university and employment.

Why study with us?

► Experienced, professional tutors

Our teaching team includes a mental health nurse, psychology specialist, health promotion specialist and registered care managers.

► Our partnerships with the sector

We have strong partnerships with a wide range of industry and academic organisations, including the NHS, University of Cumbria, Oaklea Trust, HC One Care company, Cumbria County Council and Pearl Care. Our links with employers give you valuable insights into the sector and first-hand experience through guest speakers, visits, trips and work placements.

Our Level 2 students have two weeks of placement to prepare them for progressing to the Level 3 courses.

Our T Level students gain direct clinical and ward experience with the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. They work in at least two nursing wards, for example, medical

assessments, gynaecology, operating theatre, paediatrics, and dementia. The course will enable you to progress to all areas of nursing, including mental health, paramedics, and midwifery.

Our Health & Social Care level 3 students have placement one day per week in various settings. This supports you in deciding your future career pathway, for example, in nursing, health care, social work or youth work.

► Dedicated Health Suites

You will have access to two Health Suites within the college. These simulated health environments replicate real-life care settings, enhancing your practical development. Our facilities include a clinical care environment featuring a replica ward area with simulation mannequins. The suites also have a clinical treatment/therapy area and a seating area simulating a consulting room.



The government aims to recruit 50,000 new nurses in England by 2024/25 to fully recover from the coronavirus pandemic (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Health

T Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Health, T Level

Level 3 (2 years)

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Education & Early Years – page 43
- Sciences & Forensics – page 65

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Adult Care**, Level 2
- **Lead Adult Care Worker**, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students progress to various degree programmes, higher-level apprenticeships and full-time employment. Lancaster University, Kings College London and Northumbria University are just some of the destinations of our former students. They are now studying subjects including psychology, social work and all strands of nursing.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, commitment & compassion, organisation, flexibility & patience, and academic research & referencing. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment with the NHS and gained a variety of university places, including:

University of Birmingham – Adult Nursing, Liverpool John Moores University – Midwifery, Edge Hill University – Child Nursing, Psychology, University of Sunderland – Paramedic Science & Out of Hospital Care, University of Cumbria – Outdoor Adventure & Environmental Studies, Manchester Metropolitan University – Adult Nursing, Northumbria University, Newcastle – Nursing Science, University of Central Lancashire – Paramedic Science, Lancaster University – Psychology, University of Chester – Mental Health Nursing, Northumbria University, Newcastle – Nursing Science, Health, Education & Social Care

“I am currently studying BSc Honours Paramedic Science at Sheffield Hallam University. I decided that I want to become a paramedic due to my experience working in the hospital.”

Martha Garnett, Health & Social Care Alumni





Hospitality & Catering



The college has an unrivalled reputation for delivering some of the UK's most talented chefs, managers, and industry professionals. Situated in one of the country's most popular tourist destinations, students have no shortage of opportunities to gain experience in first-class hospitality businesses.

Why study with us?

► Highly trained staff

Our highly experienced tutors have worked as head chefs & sommeliers across the country, including Michelin-starred and AA Red Rosette restaurants. They have a dedication and passion for the job that is second to none.

"I'm usually a shy person, but this course made me come out of my shell more. The tutors are great. I love their sense of humour, and there's a really friendly vibe in the kitchen."

Remy Ayres, Hospitality & Catering Alumni

► Modern kitchens with up-to-date technology

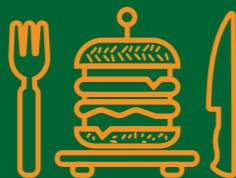
The department has 'world-class' facilities, including a fully electric kitchen, induction hobs and a state-of-the-art TV and camera system to enhance teaching.

► Well-established professional restaurant

You will gain experience in the college café and The Restaurant, which is open to the public for lunch and dinner, serving modern fine-dining cuisine. The team regularly hosts and supports prestigious events at the college, such as The Cumbria Food Awards.

► Excellent industry links

The department has strong partnerships with various employers, including Simon Rogan, Forest Side and English Lakes Hotels. Work placements, 'surprise' guest chef events, and international trips will expose you to current industry standards and expand your awareness of modern food and drink service trends. This will develop your confidence and expertise to carry forward your future careers.



The hospitality industry is the UK's 4th largest industry. 1 in 6 new jobs created are in hospitality, and 170,000 new chefs will be required in the UK by 2027 (LMI For All) (Careerpilot).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Bakery

Level 2 (1 year)

Food & Beverage Service

Level 2 (1 year)

Professional Cookery

Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3

All the above courses are 1 year.

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It may be possible to add an A-Level to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Business – page 37

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Commis Chef**, Level 2
- **Production Chef**, Level 2
- **Hospitality Team Member**, Level 2
- **Chef de Partie**, Level 3
- **Hospitality Supervisor**, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

"I've established the Simon Rogan Academy as a way of doing something positive, and because Kendal College share the same values and requirements for excellence that I do. I want to show people that choosing a career in hospitality is an exciting prospect, one that can literally take them anywhere in the world. It's an incredibly rewarding industry, you are surrounded by people who are passionate and creative in everything they do, and you can't help but be inspired."

Simon Rogan
Michelin-Starred Restaurateur

"Kendal College, home to one of the most influential cooking courses in the country."

Jay Raynor
Journalist & Food Critic

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students have progressed to a wide range of roles in some of the most prestigious venues in the country, including Forest Side Hotel, L'Enclume and The Samling Hotel.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, customer service, commitment & passion, organisation, and flexibility. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Previous students have progressed to: **Development Chef at Tesco, Teaching qualifications, Working in cafes, hotels & larger establishments, Personal Chef in a private yacht, Outside catering businesses, Front of House L'Enclume, Front of House Hand & Flowers (Tom Kerridge), Head Chef at Dallam School, Setting up their own business, Local Chocolatier, Artisan Market Bakers, Pastry Chef in a Spanish 3 Michelin Star Restaurant, Sous Chef in a Spanish 3 Michelin Star restaurant, Chef and Front of House jobs with Simon Rogan and his restaurant group, Private chefs on yachts, Food development for a national award company**



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Motor Vehicle



Our facilities & garage are equipped with everything a main dealership might have, including the latest diagnostic computer equipment, new post lifts with shaker plates for MOT checks, and a hybrid technical board.

Why study with us?

► Electric & hybrid technology

The college has recently purchased an electric Nissan Leaf and hybrid Honda Civic, and has specialist tools and equipment to maintain electric vehicles.

As automotive technology evolves, and customers look for sustainable driving options with enhanced features, you will learn the skills required to be at the forefront of this dynamic industry.

► Daily, real-life experiences in our garage

The garage provides a range of vehicle maintenance services, thus giving you real-life

experiences and daily challenges to expand your learning and development. Laptops are built into the toolboxes, enabling you to assess technical data, take measurements, monitor filling capacities and view circuit diagrams.

► Experienced tutors

Our teaching team has worked in the automotive industry for Renault, Volvo, BMW and Volkswagen, to name but a few!

► Links with local employers

The department has strong links with local employers and support students to gain relevant experience through work placements.



The industry has expanded over the last 5 years, with revenue anticipated to reach £28.3bn by 2022) (IBISWorld).

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students progress on to employment with national and international car dealerships, as well as successfully running their own garages and working abroad.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork, problem solving, attention to detail, communication, customer service, and professionalism. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & training providers.

“I was very nervous and anxious when I started, but it’s the best decision I have ever made! Everyone made me feel so comfortable and respected me, and I enjoyed every bit of it. I now have an apprenticeship with Land Rover.”

Bethany Walshaw, Motor Vehicle Apprentice

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Vehicle Maintenance

Level 1 (1 year)

Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 (1 year)

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It may be possible to add an A-Level to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Construction – page 39
- Engineering – page 45

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- Autocare Technician, Level 2
- Bicycle Mechanic, Level 2
- Motor Vehicle & Maintenance, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

“I was an apprentice straight from school, so I can really relate to the vocational study route in practical careers such as this one. A hands-on learning experience is immensely valuable and we are fortunate to have such fantastic facilities and equipment at the college to prepare our students for the exciting next steps in their careers.”

Craig Brook, Motor Vehicle Lecturer





Music

Our Music Department offers courses that perfectly balance music performance and production. Whether you are an instrumentalist, vocalist, songwriter or producer, our experienced and industry-trained lecturers will help you to take your work to the next level.

Why study with us?

- ▶ **We offer two exciting pathways of study**
A performance route and a production route, both of which interlink and involve collaboration. Combined study is also an option.
- ▶ **Dedicated performance & production facilities**
Our music facilities are the best in Cumbria, allowing for a wide range of practical learning. We have a dedicated Live Venue space, a professional recording studio with industry-standard equipment, a Mac Suite for Digital Music Production and well-equipped rehearsal booths for band practices.
- ▶ **Industry relevant projects**
Our specially designed curriculum is finely tuned and will prepare you for University entry and employment within the music industry. Subjects include instrumental and vocal skills, studio recording, live performance skills, composition, digital music production, practical theory skills and critical listening.

- ▶ **Practical learning**
We understand that everybody learns differently, and our teaching styles reflect this. You will be involved in performance workshops, studio sessions, 1:1 tutorials, research and evaluation classes, practical and theoretical sessions and band rehearsals. Each learner has access to an individual workstation for digital music production, and you will eventually produce a portfolio of work to support your academic studies.
- ▶ **Live performance experience**
You will be able to perform at professional live music venues, including the Brewery Arts Centre, Ruskins and our in-house performance facilities. We have also performed at venues in Liverpool, Newcastle and Manchester and organised field trips to professional concerts. You will be actively supported to work with local musicians on industry-led projects such as Podcasts and recording sessions, as well as opportunities for involvement in local events and festivals such as Kendal Calling and Kendal Torchlight.

In 2021, the music industry provided 145,000 full-time jobs, a 14% rise from the previous year (UK Music).

"I have performed gigs all over the UK at professional venues and festivals such as Glastonbury, Kendal Calling and Edinburgh Fringe. I have recorded and produced music for a number of local artists, as well as my own bands and side projects. Teaching at Kendal College allows me to share my experience and practical knowledge with the next generation of musicians."

Wayne Scurrah, Music Lecturer

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Music Performance & Production

Level 2 (1 year)

Music Performance & Production

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

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"After college, I gained a 1st class degree studying Music Management at LIPA and secured work at Polydor Records (Universal Music Group) as part of the A&R team. I am now Assistant Manager to Paloma Faith and Nicole Scherzinger at Lateral Management in London. My time at Kendal College was incredible, and if I could, I would do it all over again!"

Nicole Fallowfield, Music Alumni



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

After completing these courses, students continue their studies at universities, conservatoires, and Higher Education accredited recording studios. They also gain direct employment in various industries. The many transferable skills gained from completing our courses, such as IT skills, teamwork, creativity and marketing, make our students competitive when applying for jobs and universities.

Previous students have progressed to: Royal Northern College of Music, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, BIMM (British & Irish Modern Music Institute), Spirit Studios Manchester, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal Calling, Self-Employment as Peripatetic Instrument Teachers, employment in the Music Industry as Musicians, Promoters, Managers and Sound Engineers.



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Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department is widely respected throughout the country for the professional quality of the work students present and the range of industry experiences offered. It has a strong record of propelling students into creative careers, not only as performers but also into the opportunities studying performing arts opens up.

We make no excuses for having some of the highest success rates in the country and for supporting students to follow their dreams...

Why study with us?

Our tutors are industry-trained professionals who have worked extensively as actors, dancers, choreographers, and theatremakers.

Using our experience, we will develop your performance skills in acting, dance, and musical theatre through challenging and innovative projects. Examples of areas you will cover include 'Scare Night,' full-scale plays, musical theatre shows, and acting for TV & films.

► Professional performance spaces for your training

The department has professional performance and rehearsal spaces from the £4.2m Box Theatre & Wildman / Museum Studios and works with various partnerships venues, including Kendal Town Hall, The Brewery Arts and The Old Laundry Theatre. Students are encouraged to book spaces outside of classes to continue to rehearse.

► Work experience opportunities

We work with organisations such as Kendal Torchlight, where, for example, you are trained as street performers and carnival dancers. You will also work with local primary schools as workshop leaders in acting, dance, and puppetry and with Rachel Ashton Apprentice Actors, where you may experience touring with a company whilst being paid.

► Practical training with academic challenge

The performance elements of your course are vital to developing your skills and knowledge for the industry; academic development is also part of this as you learn to reflect, analyse, and apply your learning through the progression of each Industry focused unit. Your digital literacy will be developed as we work with electronic portfolios, WordPress, Instagram and TikTok throughout projects.



The creative industries sector is growing more than 5x faster than the national economy. UK's creative industries contribute almost £13m to the UK economy every hour (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Performing Arts

Acting, Dance & Musical Theatre pathways
Level 2 (1 year)

Performing Arts

Acting, Dance & Musical Theatre pathways
Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

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Higher education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- Professional Diploma in Performance, Level 4 (1 year) Intensive Actor Training



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

After completing these courses, our students progress to leading conservatoires and universities, training, or employment in various industries. You are not limited to a performer's career, as the skills and knowledge gained open you up to a wide variety of career routes. Our courses will expand your skills in creativity & imagination, adaptability under pressure, organisation skills and planning skills in academic preparation for university. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

You can also completely change direction into nursing, forensic science, arts marketing, event & venue management, drama therapy and teaching as examples of some of our student's progression routes.

Former students now work as characters, dancers, and events managers at Disney Paris, Florida and Singapore. They've also gone on to work as front-of-house management for The Lion King, various casting and talent agencies, drama teachers, children's coaches, choreographers and, of course, actors on stage and screen. Other students are working as drama & dance therapists; in community theatre, touring with Theatre for Young Adults and creating their own work.

Previous students have progressed to:

- Trinity Laban – Professional Dance & Musical Theatre,
- Royal Scottish Conservatoire – Musical Theatre, East 15
- Acting & Physical Theatre, Leeds Beckett University
- Adult Nursing, Glasgow University-Paediatric Nursing,
- Liverpool Hope-Forensic Science, Circa Media Bristol – Circus School, Arts Ed – Acting, Rose Bruford
- Costume Design and Making, London Contemporary – Dance, Salford – Journalism

"You get to do what you love and there are amazing facilities. Everyone is friendly, and we could all come to each other if we needed support or help. There is not a moment when you're bored. If you are still unsure whether to come to Kendal College or not, I would highly recommend you do!"

Sieberen Granger, Performing Arts Alumni



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Uniformed Services



The uniformed services help aid and protect the public. The main work areas are the police, fire & rescue, paramedics, and armed forces. If you are interested in a career in these areas, responding to emergencies, or progressing to degree-level study, this is for you!

Why study with us?

► Hands-on experience

The department works with many different uniformed services, enabling you to gain hands-on experience with the work conducted by these vital services and put what you learn into practice.

You will gain fire service and major incident training, work with the MOD Police and Royal Navy, complete assault courses with the Army and compete with other colleges.

► Specialist tutors

Your course tutors include a serving member of the British Army Reserve with a specialism for physical training and a strength and conditioning coach with the Kendal Rugby Club first team.

► Prepare for your future career

The courses are designed to be mentally and physically demanding in preparation for your chosen career in uniformed services. You will be given support and training to prepare for specific fitness tests and learn how to cope with the pressures of working in these services.

You will develop the skills and values required, for example, honesty, a positive mindset, discipline, integrity and commitment. You will also have opportunities to lead a team and be confident in doing so.

All students wear a uniform, so you can become familiar and feel proud of them.

Every day will be different, diverse and exciting!



The Army has around 140 different types of jobs (Careerpilot & Statista).

“Using current training methods alongside hands-on experience from a variety of protective services, you will develop the key skills for your chosen service. Do you want a course that’s different every day, and will challenge you to be at your best? If the answer is yes, click APPLY on our website!”

Guy Heath, Lecturer

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Uniformed Services

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 17
- Animal Care – page 31
- Health & Social Care – page 53
- Sciences & Forensics – page 65
- Sport & Outdoor Adventure – page 67

“You’re trusted to be independent and treated like an adult. I’m thinking of joining the fire service or marines, and we’re advised on the different training needed for each service. We’re taught about discipline, having a healthy mind & body, and we’re out every day, often at Kendal Rugby Club. We are pushed outside of our comfort zone, with various drills, developing our team building & communication skills.”

Ben Parker, Uniformed Services Student



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Following this course, you may pursue a career in the Police, Armed Forces, Fire & Rescue, Prison Service or other uniformed services. The level 3 course can also lead to study at a degree level in areas including (but not limited to) policing, emergency planning, disaster management, sociology, criminology, and outdoor adventure.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork & communication, problem solving, leadership, discipline, and physical fitness. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our recent students have progressed directly into employment and gained the following university places.

University of Central Lancashire - Nursing, Lancaster University - Criminology, University of Cumbria - Professional Policing, Liverpool John Moores University - Policing



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Sciences & Forensics



We are the only college in Cumbria & North Lancashire that offers specific courses in Biomedical Science and Forensics & Criminal Investigation.

Often a stepping stone to university, our Biomedical Science students progress to degrees in biology, radiography, pharmaceuticals, biomedicine, paramedical science, chemical engineering, midwifery and nursing.

If you are interested in working with criminals, our Forensic & Criminal Investigation course is for you! It will prepare you for a career in the police (including detectives), forensic psychologists, criminologists, CSIs and criminal investigators. You will also gain the science skills and academic knowledge to lead onto various other degrees, including nursing, politics or philosophy (to name just a few!)

Why study with us?

Partnerships with industry & universities
We have strong partnerships with a wide range of industry and academic organisations, including the NHS, Cumbria Police and Nutricare, and various universities, including Lancaster University, Liverpool John Moores, University of Cumbria and UCLan. Our links with employers will give you valuable insights into the sector through guest speakers, visits and work placements, preparing you well for university or employment.

- Purpose-built laboratories**
Our students benefit from learning in purpose-built scientific laboratories with the latest equipment and facilities. Biomedical Science students develop practical laboratory skills that will be vital for their future. Forensic & Criminal Investigation students study psychological profiling and the most groundbreaking forensic techniques.
- Inspiring trips & travel opportunities**
A big part of the Kendal College experience is the chance to benefit from away days, research trips and overseas travel opportunities to enhance learning. There will never be a dull moment with international trips to Krakow, mock crime scenes in UK forests, and visiting law courts to see how trials work!
- Experienced & passionate tutors**
Our dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team includes forensic teachers with a background in youth offending and forensic anthropology, and science teachers with a background in biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science and working with the NHS.



Starting salaries for science sector jobs can be as much as £32,000 (Careerpilot).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Biomedical Science

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Forensic & Criminal Investigation

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Science, T Level

Pathway: Laboratory Sciences

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth - page 17
- Education & Early Years - page 43
- Health & Social Care - page 53
- Uniformed Services - page 63

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Pharmacy Technician**, Level 3
- **Healthcare Science Associate**, Level 4

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our courses will expand your skills in problem solving, practical investigation, resilience, self-motivation, independent learning, organisation, and time management. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers & universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment, started apprenticeships in policing, pharmacy and funeral services, and gained a variety of university places, including:

University of Chester - Psychology, Northumbria University, Newcastle - Criminology & Forensic Science, Psychology with Criminology, Liverpool John Moores University - Forensic Psychology & Criminal Justice, University of Chester - Community Policing and Criminal Investigation, Newcastle University - Archaeology, Lancaster University - Criminology, University of Central Lancashire - Forensic Science & Criminal Investigation, Leeds Beckett University - Sports & Exercise Therapy, Edge Hill University - Nursing, University of Nottingham - Biochemistry

“I’m studying Ethics, Philosophy & Religion at the University of Lancaster. During my time at college, I developed my own way of learning and taking in information, articulating my thoughts. Kendal College gave me the confidence and space to develop my own style of learning. I am seeking a role in mental health, potentially going for a master’s in counselling and psychotherapy.”

Christopher Wadson,
Forensic & Criminal Investigation Alumni



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Sport & Outdoor Adventure



Where better to learn than in the stunning natural adventure playground of the Lake District? Surrounded by possibilities and with excellent links with local specialist facilities, there are hands-on challenges at every corner.

Why study with us?

▶ Inspiring, practical environments

An outdoor adventure practical day could be walking the highest mountain in England, canoeing the longest lake or climbing one of the iconic rock faces in the Langdales Valley in the heart of the Lake District. Our sports students benefit from using the best facilities for the sport being studied. For example, we have strong partnerships with Carus Green Golf Club, Kendal Squash Club, Kendal Rugby Club and local gyms.

▶ The practical/theory mix

The practical sessions are underpinned by theoretical knowledge. You will develop your skills and techniques whilst understanding the theory behind them.

▶ Tracking the trends

We keep up-to-date with the latest trends and developments in the industry. For example, we have introduced canyoning and paddleboarding into our outdoor adventure course due to the increasing consumer demand in these areas.

▶ Gain additional qualifications

Our Level 3 outdoor students are offered the opportunity to gain additional qualifications, e.g. First Aid, British Canoeing Performance Awards and Leaders Awards.

▶ Local, national & international experiences

Various trips and visits are organised throughout the year to broaden your experiences in the sector. For example, day visits to St George's Park, National Cycling Centre and Institute of Sport in Manchester, and trips to North Wales, Isle of Skye, Morocco and Barcelona.

▶ Professional, experienced tutors

The teaching team includes outdoor instructors who have worked as freelancers for a range of providers and led expeditions to Thailand, Morocco and throughout Europe. Our sports tutors have experience in sports rehabilitation, injury management, football coaching, lifestyle consultation and fitness club management.



An estimated 192,700 people will be employed in sport and fitness occupations in 2022 (Statista).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Sport

Level 2 (1 year)

Sport

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Outdoor Adventure

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 23
- Education & Early Years – page 43
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Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Outdoor Activity Instructor**, Level 3

For more information, see page 23 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Outdoor Adventure**, HNC/D

"I coach tennis and chose this course because I wanted to experience different and unique sports like jujitsu and lacrosse and gain top-level teaching from specialist staff, to then adapt and use this knowledge for my tennis career. College is different from what I expected. You're treated like a grown-up and you're in charge of your own learning, which gives you more independence and allows you to learn in a professional environment."

Issy Younger, Sport Student



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

The sport and fitness industry consists of organisations providing sports clubs, leisure centres, fitness, sports analysis, sports rehabilitation and injuries and personal training. The sector focuses on improving physical and mental well-being and developing skills, techniques, and tactics within sport.

Previous students have progressed to: **Senior Instructor at Tower Wood, BA Law at Newcastle University, Forestry employment with the National Trust, BA Outdoor Adventure Leadership and Management at University of Worcester, Football Scholarship in America, Sports Therapy at Edge Hill University, Ski Instructor in the French Alps, Personal Trainers (after competing the Level 3 Personal Training), Apprenticeship with Pulse Fitness, Travelling around South America**



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Theatre & Event Technology



Our courses will introduce you to all aspects of production for live performance such as: dance shows, festivals, corporate events, music gigs, musical and theatre shows. You will develop the necessary skills to work in this exciting and ever-changing industry.

Why study with us?

► Dedicated performance spaces

The department utilises the £4.2m dedicated performance spaces of The Box and Wildman Street Studios, which boast top of the range technical equipment specially designed to host theatre and events.

► Practical learning

Students learn in a creative, hands-on environment and are given a grounding in the five core disciplines: lighting (including design), projection (including design), scenic construction & set design, sound (studio & live), stage management.

► Experience supporting a variety of events

You will support internal Performing Arts events e.g., Scare at Halloween, children's theatre, and our full-scale end of year musicals, as well as a variety of community events. Students are at the forefront of our productions. You will explore and experiment with your ideas and see them transform into a public performance or event.

► Industry-trained teaching staff

Our teaching staff are well experienced in the industry and have strong partnerships with the Brewery Arts Centre, The Forum Barrow, Kendal Torchlight, Kendal Town Hall, Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts and Backstage Academy.



The UK's events industry is estimated to be worth £70bn, accounting for over 50% of the UK visitor economy (BVEP).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Theatre & Event Technology

Level 2 (1 year)

Theatre & Event Technology

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

Media Broadcast & Production, T Level

Pathway: Events & Venues Technician

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T Levels.

It may be possible to add an A-Level or Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Art & Design – page 33
- Construction – page 39
- Film Production – page 47

“Applying for Kendal College was one of my best decisions. The course opened my eyes to the many avenues you can go down in the industry. Even though I started college strongly leaning toward sound, I ended up leaning more toward the set building & props side of things. I can't recommend Kendal College enough! The tutors and staff are all friendly and supportive! You can make new friends, new memories and really let your creative side flourish!”

Adam Cox, Theatre & Event Technology Alumni



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Studying Theatre & Event Technology can be a direct training route to employment as an event & venue technician or a sound & lighting engineer. Recent students have progressed to lighting roles for Strictly Come Dancing and The Voice, a props master on the West End, Kendal Calling roles, festival managers, artist liaisons, event technicians, and sound on Disney Cruises.

The transferable skills gained in creativity, leadership, IT and budgeting will also make you highly adaptable & attractive to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to leading conservatoires and universities to train further in lighting, sound, set design, and stage management. Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Guildhall, Royal Central, and Backstage Academy, to name a few, are examples of recent student destinations.

Students have also diversified into estates management, paramedics, IT managers, and primary school teachers!



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FAQs

What transport is available to get to college?

The college works with Stagecoach to offer discounted bus passes to students, and runs a number of dedicated services in Lancashire, Eden and South Lakeland. There is financial support for students living in low-income households or experiencing financial hardship. We can also provide you with information and advice about other options, such as car sharing and local council transport. The car parks are free to college students and cycle bays are also available. For more information see: kendal.ac.uk/transport

Are there any course fees?

Full-time courses and apprenticeships are free to students aged 16-18. You need to be 18 or under on 31st August of the relevant academic year. For example, if you wish to start a full-time course in September 2024, you will need to be 18 or under on 31/08/2024.

What kit & equipment will I need?

Some courses may require you to purchase equipment for your course. More information will be given when you apply and are offered a place. If you have any questions about a specific course, please contact us.

What are the options for lunch?

Our cafés offer a range of homemade food and cater for all dietary needs. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring a packed lunch or go off campus.

Can I get help with the costs of coming to college?

Financial support is available to students in low-income households or in financial hardship. We administer a government Bursary Fund to support students, which can help pay for things like transport, equipment, trips, emergency living costs and other expenses.

The Care to Learn scheme provides childcare support to young parents, enabling them to access education.

The Residential Support Scheme provides financial help with residential costs (e.g. rent) for eligible students living away from home because their full-time Level 2 or Level 3 qualification is not available locally. For more information see: kendal.ac.uk/money

What are your access arrangements?

We're committed to ensuring that students with disabilities can access all parts of the college. Both campuses have lift access, disabled facilities and designated disabled parking spaces. If you have any access needs, please disclose your requirements as soon as possible to ensure the right level of support is in place for you to enjoy your time at Kendal College.

How do you work with parents, guardians & carers?

We believe that maintaining close and professional relationships with parents, guardians and carers is key to the success of our students. Parents, guardians and carers can request access to information about attendance, targets and progress (if student consent has been given). Progress Evenings are also held to review overall performance and allow any potential problems or concerns to be discussed.



