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NSCG**

Welcom

to the start of your future.

Where you're headed, anything is possible. And as the only college in the region with an OFSTED Outstanding rating, you couldn't choose a better place to start. From here you can go anywhere, be anything, do anything. With the resources we provide, the inspiring standards of teaching on offer and the results our students are achieving, you can sow the seeds of a remarkable future. Now all you have to do, is begin.

I'm delighted that you are thinking of making NSCG your college. As Staffordshire's leading college and one of the highest performing further education colleges in the country, we have a long established reputation for delivering excellent education and training.

Our talented staff team will go that extra mile to support you as you begin your adventure at NSCG. They have your success as their number one priority and their aim is to ensure you achieve to your full potential.

Our unrivalled range of 16-18 courses will give you plenty of options to choose from and our extra-curricular enrichment activities and first-class facilities are designed with you in mind.

NSCG Stafford has been transformed in recent years, and in case you hadn't noticed the changing landscape of Earl Street and Broad Street during the past 18 months - our £28M Skills and Innovation Centre is now open! See page 11 for details.

During your time with us you'll be exposed to new possibilities to ensure you leave us

equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to continue on your pathway to the career of your dreams.

As the Principal of NSCG, I am immensely proud of our learners and the contribution they make to our college community, and beyond. Our 'Class of 2023' achieved record breaking results, with exceptional high grades in A Level, T Level and BTEC subjects which resulted in 97% of students progressing to top universities, securing great jobs and amazing apprenticeship opportunities.

I very much look forward to meeting you at one of our Open Events. In the meantime, please remember that from the moment you join us, our focus is on you and your experience and I'm sure you'll have lots of fun along the way!

Your progress, your results, your journey
- it all begins at NSCG.



Craig Hodgson
Principal & Chief
Executive, NSCG

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Why NSCG?

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COLLEGE



Our results, your SUCCESS.

The NSCG class of 2023 have smashed the national trend to pick up record breaking results!

We were exceptionally proud of our students who've shown resilience, drive, determination and ambition to secure these incredible results.

1,222 students completed an A Level qualification with a...

99.1%
A Level pass rate

84% of A Level entries achieved A* - C grades.

59% of A Level entries achieved A* - B grades.



Lottie Brown studied Criminology (A*), History (A) and Psychology (B), securing a place at the University of Birmingham to study Psychology.

1,249 students completed a BTEC Extended Diploma with a...

98.4%
pass rate

47% of BTEC Extended Diploma students achieved high grades of DDD or above (equivalent to three 'A' grades at A Level).



Emily Hogan studied History (A), Law (A) and Psychology (A) securing a place at the University of Liverpool to study Law with French.



Ashli Giles studied Education & Early Years T Level (Distinction*), securing a place at the University of Chester to study Creative Writing & English Literature.



Alfie Hogg studied BTEC Applied Science (D*D*D*) securing a place at Aberystwyth University to study Zoology.

Ofsted Outstanding

A celebratory scene with large illuminated letters spelling 'OUTSTANDING' in the background. A person is clapping in the foreground, and there is a large, glowing yellow sphere. The scene is filled with confetti and warm lighting.

We're Outstand

“ The report praised us for our “positive, stimulating and safe learning environment”, “highly motivated staff and students” with “exemplary behaviour and attitudes to learning”. ”



Read
our full
Ofsted
report:



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At our last Ofsted inspection in 2019 Ofsted inspectors rated us as outstanding in all their inspection criteria;

- NSCG provides an Outstanding learning experience.
- NSCG is a top-performing, vibrant, thriving college.
- Students develop the knowledge to be successful.
- NSCG has exceptional links with employers.
- Staff set challenging distinction-level assignments.
- Students gain the specific knowledge and skills employers demand.
- Students develop confidence, resilience and wellbeing.

Campus Highlights

The future

What a great place



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to start.

Day One at NSCG. There's a lot to take in. And right from the start, you'll know you're going to belong.

Because it's the facilities that we wrap around your education, that really make you feel at home. We're constantly updating and evolving our campuses, to deliver inspirational experiences and truly exceptional learning environments.

Discover more at one of upcoming Open Events or contact our Schools Liaison Team for a 1-2-1 tour. Wherever you want to be in the future, you're going to have a great time getting there.

Take
our
virtual
tour:



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Sixth Form Centre

Over the past few years, we've invested over £42 million into our facilities (including our new Skills & Innovation centre, see the next page for full details), so you'll be studying in state-of-the-art learning environments and making use of cool social spaces.

In addition, our Sixth Form Centre boasts impressive biology, chemistry, physics and engineering laboratories, IT suites and a LEGO® Education Innovation Studio together with a number of general seminar rooms and a well-resourced Learning Zone.

Library

Ramp up your studies with access to the latest tech, software and digital support that's designed to take your learning to a whole new level. It's the perfect place to study between lessons, packed with computers, more than 18,000 books, magazines and newspapers, as well as a range of online resources that can be accessed from home to assist your studies.

Costa and Food Hall

Grab a Costa from our Coffee Lounge where we serve all of your favourite Costa drinks and snacks! If you want something a little more hearty to eat, check out the Food Hall.

Academy of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

If you've got some free time between lessons you can treat yourself in our campus salon. Unwind and enjoy a bit of 'me time' by getting a relaxing facial, manicure or a fresh skin fade! Our top class hairdressing & beauty therapy academies offer a wide range of services.

Now open

Skills & Innovation Centre

Say 'hello' to our brand new, multi-million pound Skills & Innovation Centre.

Our state-of-the-art facility opened its doors and welcomed its first students in September 2023. This huge, 8,000 sq feet, 3-storey centre is the home of leading-edge IT labs, construction and engineering workshops, with hybrid vehicle technology facilities. The centre also has a 4-court sports hall, gym and 300-seat auditorium.



Find out more at:



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Institute of Technology (IoT)

A bid led by NSCG and backed by key employer partners Dell, Hitachi Energy, MOOG, Siemens and St. Modwen Logistics has secured a brand new multi-million pound Institute of Technology (IoT). Opening in 2025, the IoT will provide employer-focused higher level courses to equip learners with the advanced skills needed to quickly move into exciting jobs in engineering, construction, design and digital.

We're here for you.

We want you to have a happy and successful time with us, so your wellbeing is our top priority. We are committed to being there for you every step of the way.

Student Services Team

Our incredible Student Services team can help remove any barriers that are getting between you and your learning. Whether you're eligible for in-class support, need financial advice and assistance or you just need someone to talk to about a query or personal issue, we're here for you.

Individual Learning Plan

To track your progress, we've developed leading-edge tools to help you complete an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) that you and your tutors can use to set targets and monitor your progress.

Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor will be on hand to support you, a friendly member of staff who will be your 'go to' person to encourage you to meet your deadlines, smash your targets and push you to exceed at every step.

Student Wellbeing Officers

If you're struggling with anything either in college or in your personal life, don't worry. Your course will have a named Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer who will be a familiar face to give expert advice and support to ensure you stay on top of your studies.

Student Mentors

Student Mentors are second/third year students who are here to support first year students with their transition to college life. Mentors can support you by helping to make friends and taking part in activities.

If you would like a mentor speak to your Personal Tutor or come to Student Services.





Equality & Diversity For All

NSCG is an inclusive college, committed to equality, diversity and the promotion of British Values in everything we do.

We believe that everyone has something to contribute to college life, which enriches the wider college experience and we recognise and celebrate our whole community and the ways in which a mixture of ages, genders, sexualities, religions, abilities and cultures can work, learn and be successful together.

If you have specific learning difficulties, or a disability, you can access the support of our Additional Learning Support Team, who will provide tailored support to make sure you can achieve to the best of your ability.

Our campus is accessible and disability friendly, and we support the sunflower lanyard scheme for those with invisible disabilities.

Money Matters

There are two types of financial support available: College Maintenance Allowance (CMA) and Vulnerable Student Bursary (VSB). Both allowances include support for food, travel and essential course costs. Our student Finance Team can offer help and assistance on finding out what you could be entitled to.

You're in safe hands!

Find the help you're looking for at nscg.ac.uk/support or email help.stafford@nscg.ac.uk

College Life

Our start point is you, and we want you to be the best you can be, in whatever path you choose.

That is why all NSCG learners will have an individually designed study programme that goes beyond being 'just a course'.

From inspiring trips and visits that fire your imagination, to influential guest speakers who share their unique views of the world, your Study Programme is designed to prepare you for the next step, whether it's university, an apprenticeship or the working world.

Trips and visits

There are a range of trips organised throughout the year that you could get involved in. Whether that's a residential trip in the UK or abroad, or a visit to museums, galleries or leading business headquarters, these trips are designed to help your studies and broaden your knowledge.

Take a look at the next page to see just a small selection of some of the many trips and visits our students have experienced over the past 12 months.

Work experience

With our exceptional links with business and industry, we're the perfect place for work placements, equipping you for the life you want to begin. During your time with us, you'll be expected to undertake a work experience placement in the industry you're keen to get in to. It's a great way to get an understanding of a real working environment and make some useful contacts for further down the line. We have a dedicated Work Placements team who will help to organise this for you.

Maths & English

You'll be encouraged to continuously develop these key subjects. If you don't achieve grades 9-4 whilst at school, maths and/or English sessions will be on your timetable and you'll retake qualifications alongside your main course.

Extra-curricular activities

Make the most out of college life and making new friends by taking part in extra-curricular activities such as our Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) qualification, joining our Academy of Sport, competing in Esports tournaments and leagues as part of the NSCG Dragons team, or joining one of the many clubs or societies on offer.

Tutorial sessions

When you start with us in September, you'll be assigned a dedicated Personal Tutor, a friendly member of staff who will be your go-to person with any queries or concerns. Weekly tutorial sessions will take place with them and it's a great opportunity to discuss events and activities taking place around campus, as well as making sure that you're happy and on-track with your studies.

Course inspire the wo



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#MyNSCG



AGFA students meet Brighton & Hove Albion players Lewis Dunk & Danny Welbeck.



Travel students visit virtual airport 'FlyMe'.



Health & Social Care students visit Disneyland Paris.

See what can
happen in a place
that

**makes
things
happen.**

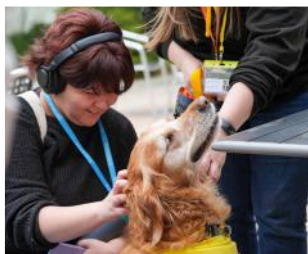
Student life at NSCG is so much more than studying... it's about freedom to be yourself, it's about the experiences on offer, it's about the discovery of new passions and it's about making your mark.

Take a look at just a few of the many things that our students enjoyed as part of their student life with us during the past 12 months.





Graphic students design posters to mark 100 years of Stafford Rotary Club.



Students meet Therapy Dogs.



Foundation Studies students hold a cake sale for Comic Relief.



Performing Arts students host 'Tea Dance' for members of the local community.



Public Services students lay wreaths at Stafford Cenotaph to mark Remembrance Day.



A Level students head to New York.



Film students visit Harry Potter Studios, London



NSCG celebrates student success at its annual awards.



Hospitality & Catering students host a community lunch with Staffordshire Fire Service.



Students celebrate collecting their results.

Your next steps.

Make your great expectations greater. Your adventure starts here but if you're not sure what to do next, we'll provide you with all the information you'll need to help support your future progression.

We have excellent links with the country's leading universities and local employers who we invite to our annual "Next Steps Fayre" event in March. You can meet more than 50 universities and 40 employers to discuss the range of courses, apprenticeships and career options available when you leave NSCG.

University progression

We're one of the top colleges nationally for university progression and at NSCG you'll receive one-to-one support to fine tune your personal statement so you can be sure your UCAS application stands out. We can offer your parents some peace of mind too as throughout the year we hold events to help explain the university application process which will help you make a smooth transition from college to university.

Higher Education at NSCG

We have an established reputation for delivering exceptional university-level courses, so if you'd like to study a university-course in a familiar environment you can stay with us! Choose one of our amazing range of undergraduate options, giving you a recognised qualification in your chosen field. Unlike many degrees, our HNCs and HNDs are vocational, so they can lead straight to a career or act as a stepping stone to a higher qualification. See page 77 for more information on studying a Higher Education course with NSCG.

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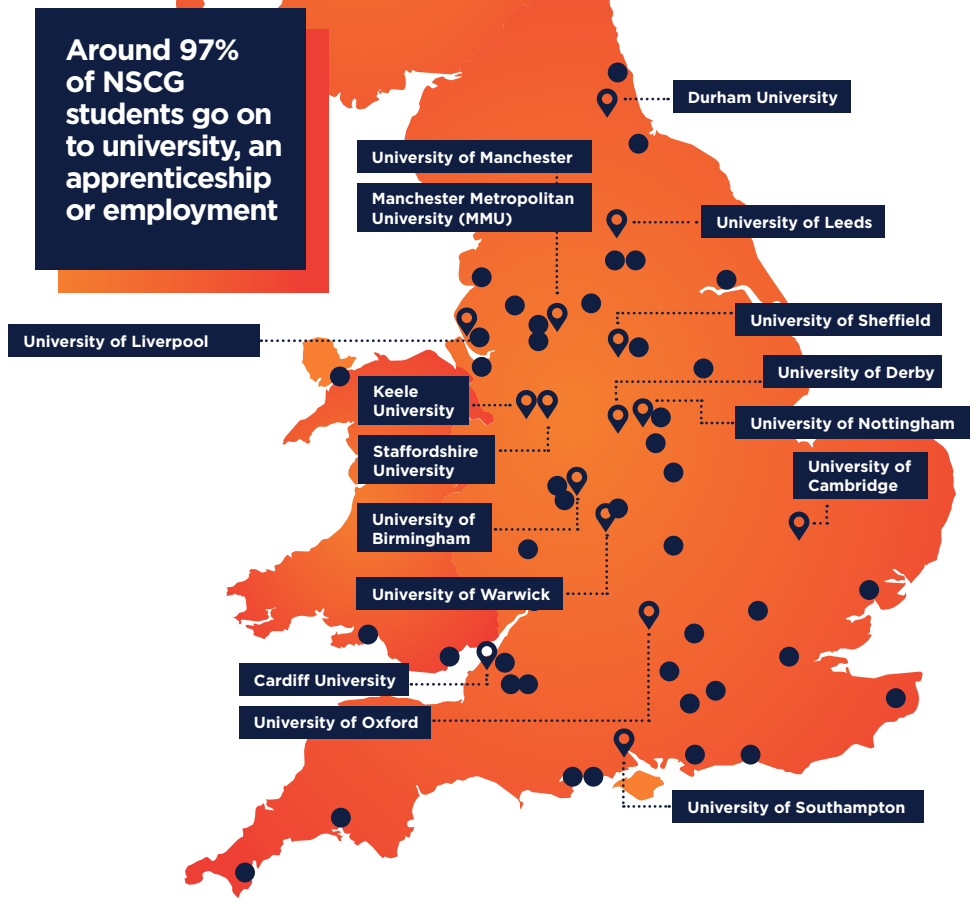
college locally for university progression. We send more students to university every year than any other college in Staffordshire.

Higher Level Apprenticeships

If you're not sure university is for you, the Apprenticeship Hub team can support you with higher-level apprenticeship applications, so you can gain a degree-level qualification whilst earning a wage. A Level 4-5 apprenticeship is equivalent to a university-level programme, such as a foundation degree or HNC/D and is an industry recognised qualification.

1220
students
in 2022
progressed
to 102
universities

**Around 97%
of NSCG
students go on
to university, an
apprenticeship
or employment**



Think of what you're Then think

Aim high. If you'd describe yourself as ambitious, hard-working and a high achiever our Honours Programme pathway could help stretch and challenge you to ensure you really stand out from the crowd.

If you have the ability, drive and ambition to go onto study at a prestigious and highly selective university such as those in the Russell Group, our Honours Programme will help you realise your ambitions.

Everything we do in the Honours Programme is about equipping you with the skills and experience that will really make the difference as our consistently high success rates with Oxbridge, medicine and veterinary applications prove.

“ Honours Programme students realise their ambition to achieve a place at high performing universities. ”

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You can expect:

- Specialist personal tutor group focusing on the development of critical thinking skills.
- Specialist UCAS application workshops tailored to the demands of the most selective universities.
- Talks from visiting academics and professionals.
- Visits to universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Lancaster and Durham.
- Specialist workshops in medicine and veterinary science.
- Subject specific guidance on wider reading opportunities.
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- Team-building and leadership development day.
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

re capable of. beyond it.

“ The Honours Programme provided me with multiple experiences to become my best self in order to achieve a place in a Russell Group university to study the course of my choice. ”

Konstantina Koutri

Do you make the grade?

To study this additional programme alongside your A Levels, you'll have achieved mainly grades 9-7 in your GCSEs. It's definitely worth putting in the hard work now.

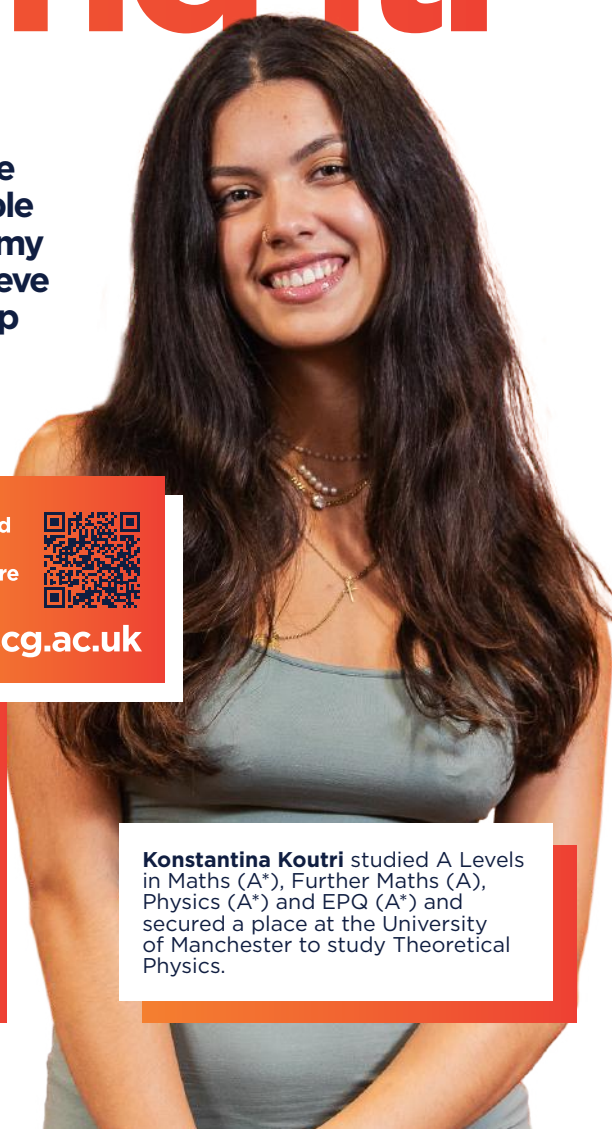
Places are strictly limited. To express interest and for more information, email: honours@nscg.ac.uk or visit nscg.ac.uk/honoursprogramme

Find out more at:



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Konstantina Koutri studied A Levels in Maths (A*), Further Maths (A), Physics (A*) and EPQ (A*) and secured a place at the University of Manchester to study Theoretical Physics.



Academy of Sport

Be at the of



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more
about
our NSCG
Academy
of Sport



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No.1

college in the West Midlands
for sports participation.

AoC Sport Points Table 2023

top your game.

NCSG
ACADEMY OF
SPORT



Take playing seriously, assemble your squad and flex more than your mental muscles during your time at NSCG. We have incredible facilities in our Academy of Sport, with opportunities available to everyone.

Sports Academies

Become a member of TEAM:NSCG and you could be representing us in the Association of Colleges (AoC) regional and national competitions, leagues and cups.

We have performance academies which include teams competing in: esports, football, netball and rugby.

Coach education programme

Get a recognised coaching qualification in sports like football, basketball, netball and rugby.

Sports volunteer and leadership programme

Be a team player and get involved in sports volunteering and coaching in the local community and you could become a part of the FA National Football Activator Programme.

Elite Sports Performance Programme

If you compete at county level or above you can take advantage of FREE physio and massage sessions, plus free fitness suite membership to keep you in first-rate physical condition.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

If you're competing at county level or above, you can join the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) – Dual Career Accreditation. The programme aims to allow talented athletes to successfully achieve in both their chosen course and sport.

The Andy Griffin Football Academy

Kick. Start. Excel.



**In football, the best way to learn
is from pros who've been there,
done that and worn the shirt.**

Open to male and female players, the Andy Griffin Football Academy (AGFA) is a two-year full-time programme helmed by ex-Premiership player and former Stoke City captain, Andy Griffin.

If you're attending a professional football academy, a centre of excellence or involved in county trials, get on our starting line-up.

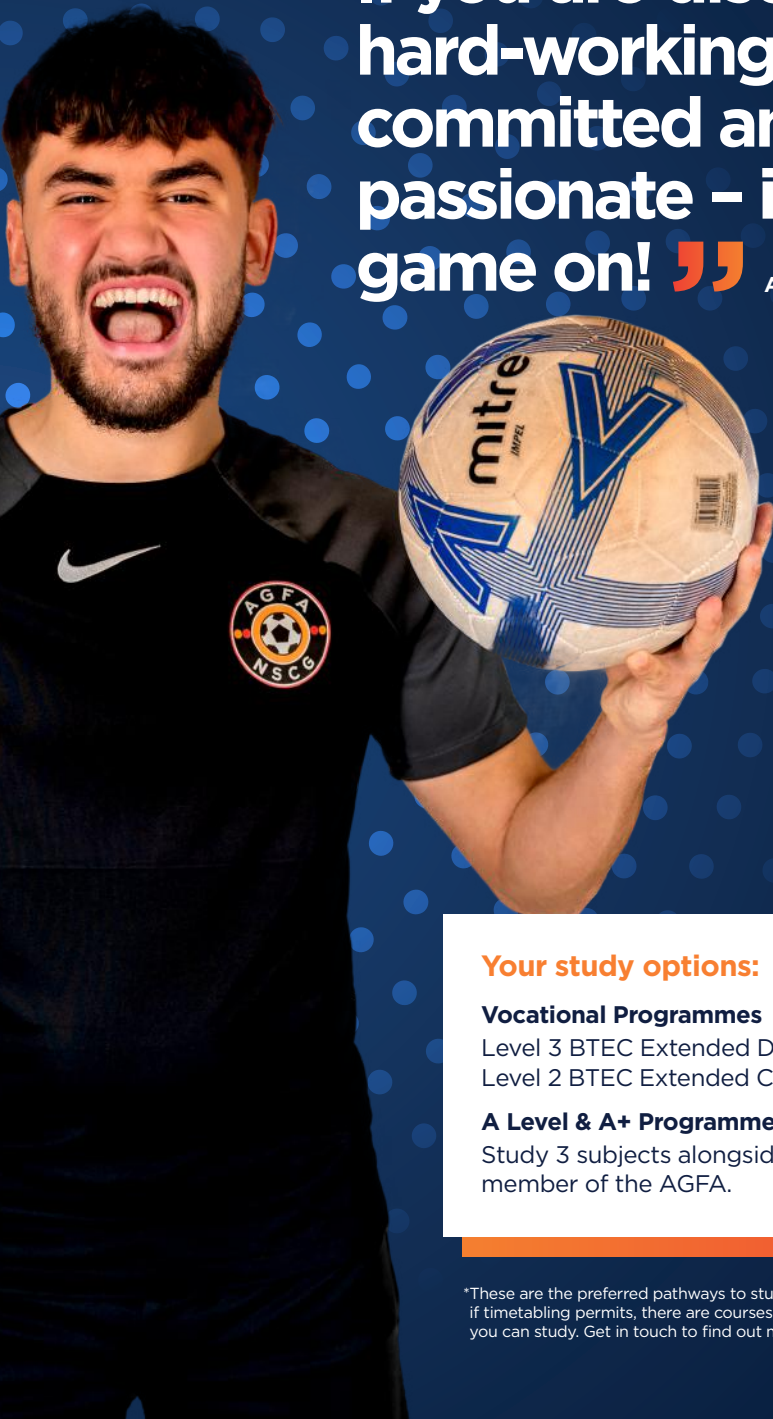
Find out
more
about
being
part of
AGFA at:



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“ If you are disciplined,
hard-working,
committed and
passionate – it’s
game on! ”

Andy Griffin, Head Coach



Your study options:

Vocational Programmes

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport
Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport

A Level & A+ Programmes (Level 3)

Study 3 subjects alongside being a member of the AGFA.

*These are the preferred pathways to study as part of the AGFA, however if timetabling permits, there are courses other than Sport and A Levels you can study. Get in touch to find out more.



Think what you're
capable of.

Then think
beyo



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Entry Requirements

Your future

The path you start out on will depend on where you're heading.

At NSCG, we have all kinds of ways to get you there, from A Levels and A+ programmes, to T Levels, Vocational courses and Progression Pathways. Whichever way you go, our personalised programmes will help to guide you there, whether it's university, an apprenticeship, further training or employment.

*Some subjects have additional entry requirements.

A Level & A+ Programmes

Sixth Form Academic Route (Level 3)

Quick overview:

Typically, students choose to study three A Level subjects over two years. However, you can choose to study two A Level subjects and one A+ Programme (BTEC Extended Certificate - equivalent to one A Level) over two years.

To study, you will need:

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language in subjects relevant to your chosen course.*

What you can do next:

You can progress to university, a university level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

In 2023, 59% of entries achieved high grades A*- B in their A Level results.

Scan here to find out more about our A Level & A+ Programmes:



T Levels

Sixth Form T Level Route (Level 3)

Quick overview:

A T Level is an industry-recognised, two-year course that is an alternative to A Levels and vocational programmes. They bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement (at least 45 days) together on a course designed with businesses and employers.

To study, you will need:

Typically, a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your chosen course.*

What you can do next:

You can progress to university, a university level course here at NSCG, an apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

In 2023, 85% of our first cohort of T Level students achieved distinction grades or above.

Scan here to find out more about our T Level Programmes:



Your way.

Vocational Programmes

Sixth Form Vocational Route (Level 3)

Quick overview:

Choose from a wide-range of courses which you will study for two years.

To study, you will need:

A minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.

What you can do next:

You can progress to university, a university level course here at NSCG, an apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

In 2023, 47% of Level 3 vocational programme students achieved high grades of DDD or above (equivalent to three 'A' grades at A Level).

Scan here to find out more about our Vocational Programmes:



Apprenticeships

Available at Levels 2 to 5

Quick overview:

Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills while you study for a nationally recognised qualification.

To study, you will need:

Two or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above in subjects relevant to your course. However, in some sectors, employers ask for a minimum of grade 4/5 in maths and English.

What you can do next:

You can progress to a higher level apprenticeship, full-time course at NSCG or full-time employment.

Our apprenticeship achievement rates are more than 13% above the national average.

Scan here to find out more about our Apprenticeship Programmes:



Progression & Skills Pathways

Level 2, Level 1 & Entry Level

Quick overview:

If you're not quite ready to join a Level 3 programme, our vocational Progression Pathways allow you to study at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 and will prepare you to progress onto a higher level.

Alternatively, if you want skills based training in areas such as hairdressing, beauty and construction, you'll start your journey on a Level 1 Skills Pathway, before progressing to higher levels.

Scan here to find out more about our Progression & Skills Pathways:



GCSE Maths & English

If you haven't yet achieved grades 9-4 in these important subjects, maths and/or English sessions will be on your timetable and you'll retake qualifications alongside your main course.

Find your pathway



A Levels & A+ Programme

If you are an academic learner and want to progress to university or a higher apprenticeship, our two-year A Level or A+ Programmes could be a great option for you.

Most students study three subjects. But if you have a track record of high achievement, you might decide to study four A Level subjects, or take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as your fourth subject. You must be comfortable studying for, and taking, external exams because that's how most A Level subjects are assessed at the end of the two years.

An A+ Programme lets you combine A Level subjects with a BTEC Extended Certificate for a better balance of exams and coursework.

If this is you:

- I don't mind being assessed by exams.
- I like theories, ideas and facts.
- I want to study three subjects in depth.
- I intend to go on to university or get a higher apprenticeship.
- I'm happy doing independent study and research outside the classroom.

Then an A Level programme could be for you!

Talk to us about your preferred combination of subjects and fill in an application form.

Choose four subjects and as long as you achieve the required entry qualifications, we will help you to narrow your subject choices down to three before you join us in September.



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Then you'll need:

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your A Level or A+ Programme subject choices. Some subjects have additional entry requirements. Check out the subject descriptions on our website to learn more.

Find out more about A Levels at:



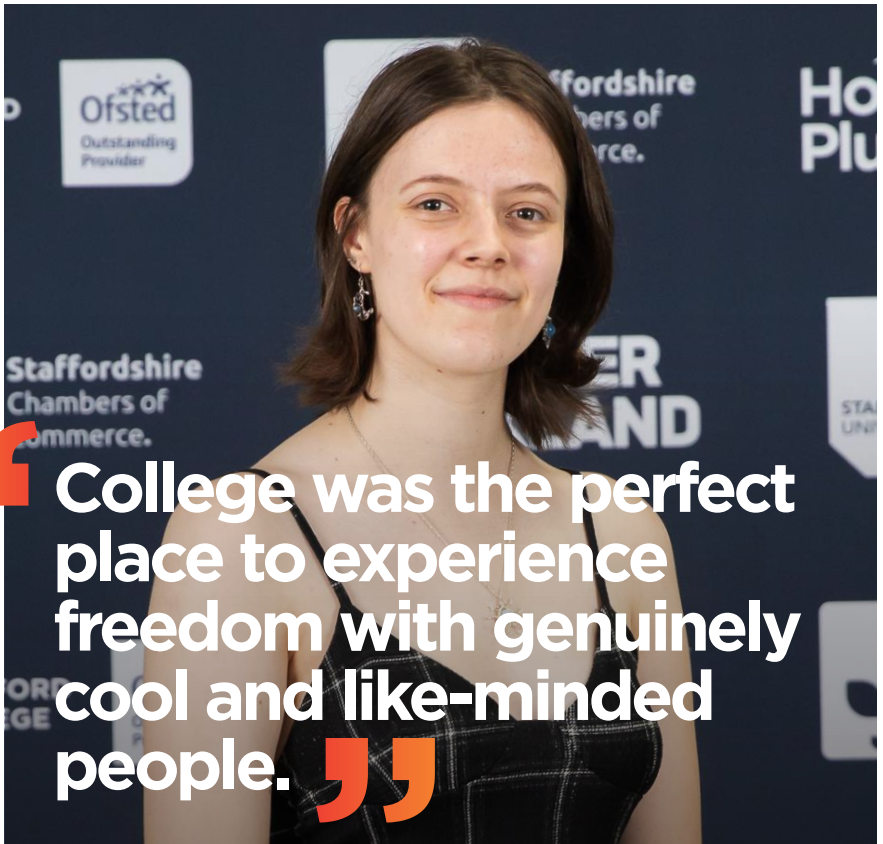
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A Levels (Level 3)

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English Language & Literature
- Environmental Science
- Film Studies
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Illustration and Animation
- Law
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Physical Education (PE)
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

A+ Programmes (Level 3)

- Applied Business
- Applied Criminology
- Applied Engineering
- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Science
- Sports Science



“ College was the perfect place to experience freedom with genuinely cool and like-minded people. ”

Isabelle Trigg

Isabelle is a top-class, gifted and meticulous student who has been tremendously enthusiastic and a joy to have in the classroom since she joined NSCG.

She has consistently proven herself to be a hardworking and conscientious student who will actively get involved in class discussion and will always be on the lookout for opportunities to engage in to support her studies, completing an EPQ alongside achieving consistently excellent grades in her assessments.

In addition to her outstanding academic performance in the classroom, Isabelle has organised work experience at a nature reserve and recently visited New York, further broadening her experiences and engagement in the subject she excels in - Geography.

Previous School


Stafford Manor High School

Course

A Levels in English Literature and Language (A*) Geography (A*), History (A)

Destination

Lancaster University to study Geography



“ You’re treated like an adult at college and have more free time than at school. ”

Harry Roberts

Harry joined NSCG in 2021 with a solid set of GCSE results. He has worked diligently throughout his creative programme of study and has achieved pleasing results. Harry enjoyed good relationships with his peers and staff alike, identifying his own strengths and weaknesses enabled him to focus his learning to achieve the best outcomes, taking feedback in a mature and positive manner.

With future ambitions to be an architect, Harry has shown himself to be an artistic and creative student during his studies at NSCG. A mature young man who expresses himself thoughtfully and with confidence, making good contributions to the group. He has developed a range of academic and life skills that will stand him in good stead as he progresses to pursue his career aspirations.

Previous School

Cannock Chase High School

Destination

University of Lincoln to study Architecture

Course

A Levels in Graphic Design (B), Art (C) and Media Studies (C)

Find your pathway

T Level Courses.

T Levels are a two-year qualification that you can study as an alternative to A Levels or vocational programmes and on completion, you'll receive an industry recognised qualification that is equivalent to three A Levels.

T Levels bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement together on a course designed with businesses and employers.

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days*. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

If this is you:

- I want to gain hands-on work experience, with an extended industry placement.
- I want to put the theory I'm learning into practice.
- I have a career in mind.
- I want to go on to university, get a higher apprenticeship or a job.

Then a T Level could really work for you!

We work with hundreds of local employers to help secure you a fantastic work placement as part of your course.

We have a team of people who will help find you the perfect placement to complement your career goals, which you will complete alongside working towards your main qualification.

Proud to be supported by



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appointments.
Recruitment. It's in our DNA



And many more...

*With the exception of Education & Early Years which is minimum of 94 days.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Find out
more
about
T Levels
at:



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T Levels (Level 3)

Adult Nursing

Building Services Design

Business & Administration

Civil Engineering

Digital Coding & Technology

Education & Early Years

Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Electrotechnical Engineering

Legal Services

Mechanical Engineering

Midwifery

Motor Vehicle Technology

Surveying & Design for Construction



“ I would recommend NSCG to others – go with your heart and achieve your goals. ”

Ashli Giles

As one of the first students to study the T Level pathway at NSCG, Ashli has certainly set the bar high for future standards of work. Ashli has been described as a role model within her class of learners as she consistently gives 100% both in the classroom and on placement. She always takes a mature and reflective approach to her studies.

On placement, the class teacher, teaching assistant and other staff were always keen to make the College aware of how helpful and supportive. She was always prepared, plans exciting activities for the children to take part in and her communication with the children is excellent. She is kind, caring and meets the individual needs of all the children that she teaches whether on a 1:1 basis or during group work.

Previous School

Wolgarston High School

Employer


West Hill Primary School, Cannock

Course

T Level in Education and Childcare

Destination

University of Chester to study English



“ My tutors and placement experts have been extremely helpful in all of my work. ”

Archie Brownsword

During his work experience placement with CyberKiln, Archie received outstanding praise and feedback. During his first academic year, he has gained hands-on experience designing and developing apps, websites and software products both for clients and for CyberKiln.

He brought new and innovative ideas to the business and he became a valuable member of the team. Archie with other learners became an active part of the recruitment and marketing for the T Level course appearing on Facebook, and other marketing materials, including contributing to the development of the T Level Digital Production and Design website pages.

Previous School

Chesterton Community Sports College

Course

T Level in Production and Design

Employer

CyberKiln

Destination

Continuing his T Level with NSCG

Find your pathway

Vocational Courses.

Up your credentials with one of our challenging vocational courses.

A two-year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels.

The focus is on coursework, with a balance of hands-on practical experience and some external assessments - a great choice if you know the kind of area you want to work in. And they are also widely-recognised qualifications to get you into university, apprenticeships or employment.

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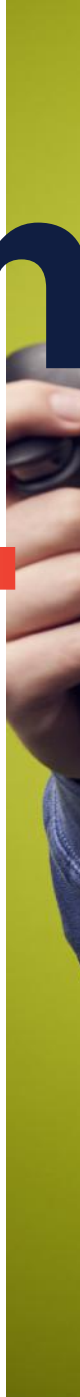
- I'm organised and good with deadlines.
- I like working on a few assignments at the same time.
- I want to focus on one subject that relates to my chosen career.
- I want to go on to university, get a higher apprenticeship or a job.

Then a vocational course could be for you!

We offer a wider range of career-based courses that will allow you to develop your skills and knowledge vocationally.

You'll need:

- A minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects that are relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.
- Level 2 Diploma with overall Merit in a relevant subject and maths and/or English Language at GCSE grade 4 or above.



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Vocational (Level 3)

Animation & Concept Art

Applied Science

Art & Design

Business

Engineering Motor Sports

Esports

Fashion & Textiles

Film, TV & Creative Media

Production

Games Design & 3D Modelling

Graphic Design

Gym Instruction &

Personal Training

Health & Social Care

Information Technology

Music Performance

Music Production

Performing Arts

Photography

Sport

Sport & Exercise Science

Travel & Tourism with Events

Uniformed Protective Services



“ I’ve been really supported by my fantastic tutors and given so many opportunities to succeed. ”

Oliver Matthews

Oliver is an ambitious and focused young man with incredible talent. He joined us with high hopes of eventually progressing to a prestigious music conservatoire and after a gruelling audition process, we’re pleased to share he achieved this personal goal.

His dedication and motivation is what makes Oliver such a role model to others. He is always willing to discuss music, music theory and performance with anyone. As part of his course, Oliver created a podcast about pop music, played two gigs on site, volunteered to perform at the Performing Arts Tea Dance, created sound, effects and music for a moving image piece and created a development plan related to sight reading which including a very effective YouTube blog.

Previous School

Wolgarston High School

Destination

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
to study Music

Course

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Music Performance (D*D*D*)



“ College has made me come out of my comfort zone and become more confident. ”

Cerys Davies

Cerys has shown dedication and professionalism throughout her course, displaying a natural suitability to the healthcare profession, in which she is keen to become a paediatric oncology nurse.

Having been diagnosed with bone cancer in 2019, Cerys has used her experiences to shape her into the person she is today. She works exceptionally hard to raise awareness and since beating the disease, she selflessly fundraises for the Teenage Cancer Trust and also on behalf of her late friend in his memory. Despite having a leg amputation and mobility issues, Cerys' work ethic and dedication to college and her studies is remarkable. Her positive 'can-do' attitude is inspirational with even the briefest of conversations leaving staff feeling moved.

Previous School

Weston Road Academy

Course

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Health & Social Care (DMM)

Destination

Staffordshire University to study
Paediatric Nursing

Find your pathway

Earn & Learn

Enrolling on an apprenticeship with one of our partner employers means you can learn vital practical skills in a hands-on environment.

Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills whilst you study for a nationally-recognised qualification.

We work with around 800 employers across Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire. Here is just an example of a few of them:

SIEMENS **HITACHI** **DELL**  **MICHELIN** **NHS**

MOOG **CAPULA**



 **ST. MODWEN LOGISTICS**



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great things together

And many more...

If this is you:

- I know what job I want, and I'd like to start now.
- I want to experience student life and work life.
- I want to get the right qualifications for my job.
- I want to start earning money.
- I want to study to kick-start my career or get into university.

The Apprenticeship Hub

The Apprenticeship Hub is a free service where you can find an apprenticeship and get advice on all aspects of employment, including writing a CV, interview preparation tips and help in finding the right apprenticeship for you.

Your study options:

Intermediate Apprenticeship

(Level 2) The Level 2 Apprenticeship is equivalent to five GCSEs at grade 9-4.

Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3)

The Level 3 Apprenticeship is equivalent to two A Levels.

Higher Apprenticeship (Levels 4-5)

The Level 4-5 Apprenticeship is equivalent to a university-level programme such as a Foundation Degree or HNC/HND.

You'll need:

Two or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above in subjects that are relevant to your course. You should be looking for a job, already have one or ask for help finding one through The Apprenticeship Hub.

Our subjects

Adult care
Accounting
Advanced and
Creative Hair
Barbering
Brickwork
Business
Administration
Carpentry & Joinery
Catering
Customer Service
Digital Marketing
Digital Technician

Early Years
Electrical Installation
& Maintenance
Engineering
(Mechanical and
Electrical)
Engineering
Production & Design
General Welding
Hair Professional
Healthcare
Hospitality
Land Based Service
Engineer

Learning Mentor
Lean Manufacturing
Motor Vehicle
Service and
Maintenance
Operations and
Department
Management
Teaching Assistant
Team Leading

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“ It’s a great way to gain experience on the job as well as gaining a qualification. ”

Rachel Crawshaw

Rachel studied A Levels at NSCG and after completing them she felt university wasn't something she wanted to do. The idea of 'earn as you learn' really appealed to her as she felt she could gain work experience whilst still gaining a qualification which ticked all the boxes.

With accounting firm, DJH Mitten Clarke, Rachel handles the company's social media channels and creating posts to share what they'd been up to. This varied from a community project they'd been involved in or a social event they'd hosted, Rachel created content and graphics around these.

Rachel felt she received lots of support from her assessor, whether it was help with questions about her workplace or about her college work, he was always just a phone call away, a great support and really encouraging.

Previous School

Trentham Academy

Employer

DJH Mitten Clarke

Course

Level 3 Digital Marketing
Apprenticeship



“ You can learn so much more, so much faster and can really experience the industry. ”

Vinny Lee Brennan

Vinny chose an apprenticeship because he wanted to continue working in a salon but also gain a qualification. He loved working in the salon and felt it was really important to gain as much work experience as possible whilst getting paid at the same time.

During his apprenticeship Vinny won the Quif Centre Stage Competition, an industry competition where he worked with a model to do a colour, cut and finish and present his work to a judging panel and live audience. Winning the competition meant Vinny will be a guest judge on the 2023 Quif Centre Stage panel and he also won £1000 worth of Quif hair products.

Since finishing his apprenticeship Vinny's success has rocketed and in early 2023 he opened his own salon, Vinny Brennan Hair Lounge in Congleton.

Previous School

Home-schooled

Employer

Colour Code Hair Lounge

Course

Level 2 Hair Apprenticeship

Find your pathway

Skills & Progression Pathways

If you're not quite ready to join a Level 3 programme, our vocational Progression Pathways allow you to study at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2.

Whether you've struggled at school, lack confidence or need an extra push these programmes will help prepare you to progress onto a higher level vocational course, employment or an apprenticeship. Alongside your chosen subject, there is also a big focus on improving your maths and English skills.

Alternatively, if you are looking for skills-based training in an area like Hairdressing & Beauty or Construction, as part of our Skills Pathway, you'll start your journey on a Level 1 course and progress to higher levels.



If this is you:

- I like applied learning, but I want to build my skills, knowledge and confidence first.
- Then I'd like to study a higher-level vocational or skills programme, get an apprenticeship or get a job.

Then a Skills & Progression pathway could be for you! You'll get to learn from industry experienced staff who have been there, done that, and got the t-shirt, whilst learning in top-class facilities with cutting-edge technology.

Skills & Progression Pathways (Entry Level, Level 1 & Level 2)

Accounting (AAT)

Art, Design & Digital Media

Beauty

Brickwork

Business Enterprise

Carpentry & Joinery

Children's Play, Learning & Development

Electrical Installation

Esports

Hair & Media Make-up

Hairdressing

Health & Social Care

Hospitality & Catering

Information Technology

Motor Vehicle

Performing & Production

Arts Industry Skills

Practical Engineering

Public Services

Sport

Travel & Tourism with Events

Find out more at:



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Personal progress

If you want to gain skills for personal progression, whether it be achieving better qualifications, accessing mainstream education or developing your independent living skills, we have a course for you.

At NSCG our focus is to prepare our students for adulthood and their chosen aspirations beyond our doors. We aim to provide a broad curriculum that will not only enhance their current skills but provide opportunities to develop new skills that they can apply into their everyday life.

We offer a range of tailored programmes for school leavers and young adults at all levels of ability and also those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) including Foundation Studies and Life Skills & Employment Training.

Supported Internships

NSCG offers supported internships to help students aged 16-25 take a step into employment. Supported internships are structured study programmes intended to enable young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve sustainable, paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace.

Vocational and Progression Studies

Our Entry Level and Level 1 vocational courses will help students develop the skills needed to progress further, gain better English and maths grades and learn about career pathways which best support their future aspirations. Our outstanding team of lecturers and specialist support staff will be there every step of the way to ensure learners who access this provision reach their full potential.

Life Skills and Employment Training

Our Life Skills and Employment Training curriculum provides opportunities for learners who are working at Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 3. Learners who access this provision have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and join the College to develop their life skills and employment prospects, with opportunities to progress academically.

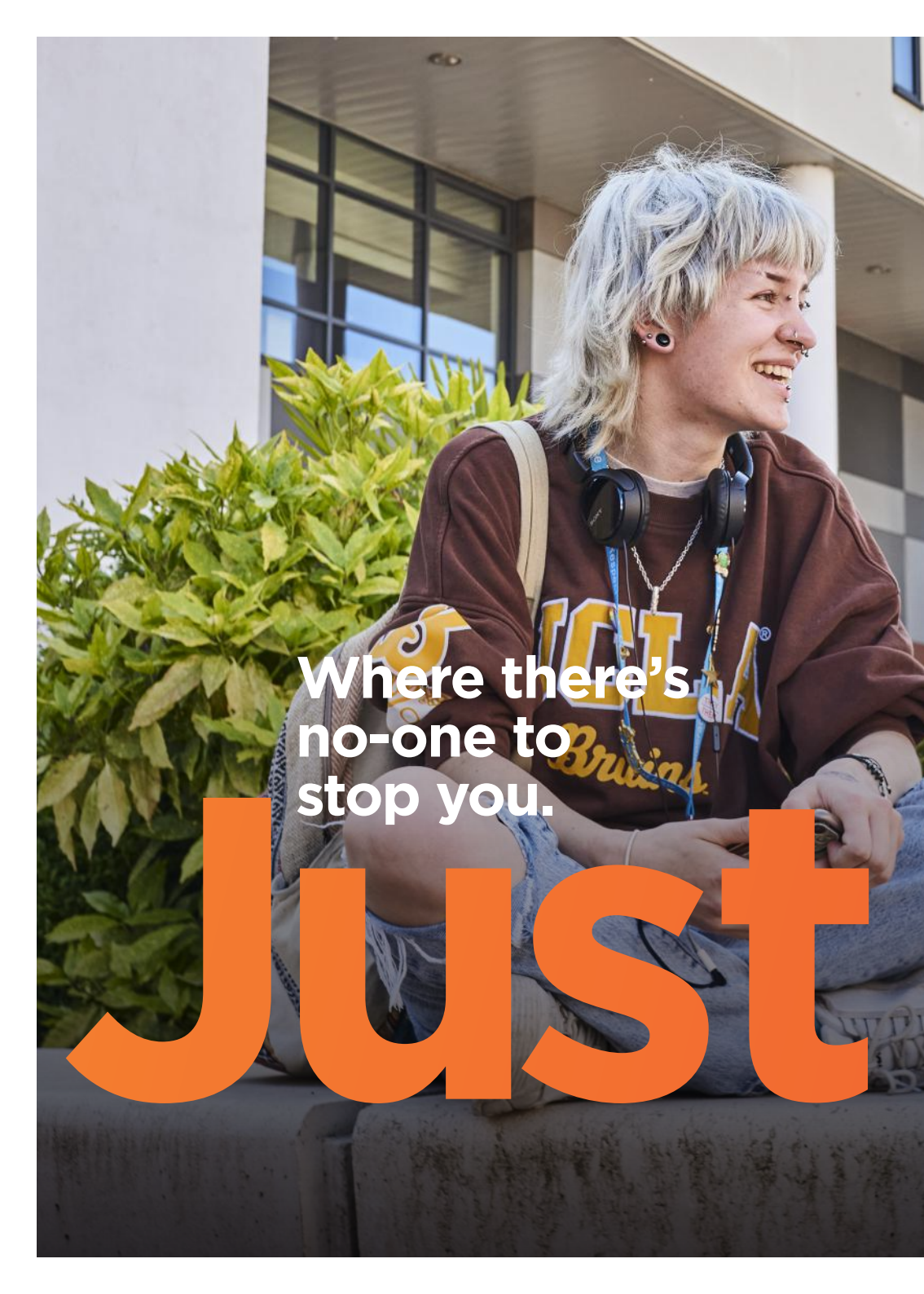
Our goal is to prepare learners for adulthood. Although we cannot guarantee employment, we work extremely hard to ensure learners are in the best possible place to access opportunities for employment and increase independent living skills and community inclusion.

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Where there's
no-one to
stop you.

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you.

Our Subjects:

Accounting

Business

Business and
Administration

Computer Science

Digital Coding
and Technology

Esports

Information Technology

Law

Legal Services

Travel, Tourism & Events

Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes

(Level 3)

T Levels

(Level 3)

Vocational Programmes

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways

(Up to Level 2)



Accounting, Business, Computing, Esports & Travel

**Create your story
of success.**

Do you have an entrepreneurial spirit? Or are you excited by the fast paced world of technology or competitive gaming? Perhaps you are captured by the ever changing landscape of tourism? Or could you wow the panel on Dragons' Den with your business acumen.

If you aspire to become an industry mover and shaker, you're in the right place.

We offer a wide range of courses to lead you into a career in the lucrative world of business or professional services. Throughout your course you will work on live project briefs, gaining experience from big name firms and benefit from industry-experienced staff who will help you succeed at every step.

Find out
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about
our
courses
at:



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Our Subjects:

Adult Nursing

**Education &
Early Years**

**Health & Social
Care**

Midwifery

Your study options:

T Levels

(Level 3)

Vocational Programmes

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

NCSG
HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE



Care, Education, Nursing & Midwifery

Turn your passion into
a calling.

If people and making a difference to their future are your passion, we can offer a range of courses to help you achieve your dream career goals.

Our Care, Health and Education courses are taught by industry-experienced staff who will inspire and motivate you, instilling core values and their specialist knowledge. Alongside high-quality teaching, you'll also have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience during your chosen work placement, leaving you fully equipped to continue making steps towards your future.

84%

of T Level Education and Early Years learners achieved the top grades of either Distinction or Distinction*

Find out more about our courses at:



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Our Subjects:

Brickwork

Building Services Design

Carpentry & Joinery

Civil Engineering

**Electrical & Electronic
Engineering**

**Electrical Installation &
Maintenance**

Engineering Motor Sports

**Surveying & Design for
Construction**

Find out
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Your study options:

T Levels

(Level 3)

A Level & A+Programmes

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

Construction & Engineering

**Your future.
Expertly engineered.**

Carve your future and build a career from your own handiwork in the Construction or Engineering industry.

You'll gain hands-on experience and gain necessary skills using mechanical and electronic tools in industry-standard workshops and labs to manufacture, create and learn. You will also benefit from dynamic teaching led by tutors with extensive experience in the industry.

Skilled technicians, both locally and nationally, are in huge demand so ensure a stable future and lay the foundations for success with us.

Institute of Technology (IoT)

A bid led by NSCG and backed by key employer partners Dell, Hitachi Energy, MOOG, Siemens and St. Modwen Logistics has secured a brand new multi-million pound Institute of Technology (IoT). Opening in 2025, the IoT will provide employer-focused higher level courses to equip learners with the advanced skills needed to quickly move into exciting jobs in engineering, construction, design and digital.



Our Subjects:

Animation &
Concept Art

Art & Design

Fashion & Textiles

Film Studies

Film, TV &
Creative Media
Production

Games Design &
3D Modelling

Graphic Design

Media Studies

Photography

Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes
(Level 3)

Vocational Programmes
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways
(Up to Level 2)



Creative Arts, Film & Media

**Creativity is
intelligence having fun.**

If creativity is in your DNA, then imagine yourself crafting a career from your passion. Express your ideas and develop technical skills with a range of pathways.

Your artistic talents will be developed in our state-of-the-art faculty which contains specialist studios with industry standard equipment.

Throughout your course you will build a portfolio of work and have the opportunity to showcase your talents and enter your work in industry sector awards as well as exhibiting in our fantastic end of year exhibition.


97%

**of Creative Arts, Film & Media
students achieved A*-C grades.**

Find out
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about
our
courses
at:



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Our Subjects:

Beauty

Hairdressing

Hair & Media Make-up

Your study options:

Vocational Programmes

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

Hairdressing, Beauty & Media Make-up

Makeover your future.

Looking to build a career or business that combines creativity, technical skills and working with people? Our commercial state-of-the-art salons are the perfect place to learn everything from cutting and colouring to beauty and make-up.

You'll start your journey right away, gaining the skills you need with hands-on experience in our Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Academy, supported by industry leaders Wella and Dermalogica.

As well as working in our busy salon, which is open to the public, you'll also get the opportunity to

gain vital work experience at one of the award-winning salons we work in partnership with, leaving you fully equipped to continue making steps towards your future.

Find out
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Our Subjects:

Professional Cookery

Food & Beverage Service

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courses
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Your study options:

Skills or Progression Pathways
(Up to Level 2)

Hospitality & Catering

The ingredients for success.

Fancy cooking up a successful career in Hospitality & Catering? Our courses cover all areas of the industry – from patisserie to providing hospitality. Whether you dream of managing a leading hotel, becoming a catering manager, food scientist or head chef, our courses have all the right qualifications on the menu.

You'll be taught in our industry-standard training kitchens in The Riverbank Restaurant.

Our award-winning restaurant has a 4.5 star rating on TripAdvisor and is also open to the public, giving you the chance to cook or serve lunch and dinner to guests throughout the year.

The Riverbank Restaurant provides an unrivalled dining experience within Stafford town centre.

Situated overlooking Victoria Park, in a purpose-designed contemporary style dining room, our multi-award-winning restaurant is staffed by Stafford College students.

Our Subjects:

Criminology

**English Language &
Literature**

Geography

History

Psychology

Sociology

Politics

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more
about
our
courses
at:



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Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes
(Level 3)

Humanities, English & Social Sciences

Think outside the box.

We are bold, independent thinkers and here you'll have the space to explore fascinating questions and develop big ideas. Through lively debates, research and study you will develop a mature, questioning intellect, all of which are essential skills that universities and ultimately employers are looking for.

Across the humanities and social sciences courses, you'll learn a vast selection of transferable techniques and abilities such as critical thinking, analysis, problem solving, observation and interpretation.

Oh, and on some of our courses you'll also have the opportunity to travel to exciting destinations such as Iceland and New York!

25%

of students achieved grades A*-A in Humanities, English & Social Sciences A Level subjects. With the national average being 14.2%.

Our Subjects:

Motor Vehicle
Technology

Engineering in
Motor Sports



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Your study options:

Vocational Programmes
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways
(Up to Level 2)



Motor Vehicle and Hybrid Technology

Put the pedal to the metal.

A career in the automotive sector could span anything from being a roadside technician to HGV mechanic or body-work expert.

Our courses are guaranteed to give you the hands-on skills you'll need to get in the fast lane for a role in the motor industry.

You'll be learning in our brand new, state-of-the-art Skills & Innovation Centre which boasts leading-edge hybrid vehicle technology facilities, this opened to students in September 2023.

You'll split your time between working in the centre and studying in a classroom.

Depending on which course you choose, you'll learn about fabrication and welding, vehicle electrics, testing and inspection, hybrid vehicle technology, repairing and maintenance and much, much more!



Our Subjects:

Acting

Music

Music

Technology

Performing Arts

Your study options:

Vocational Programmes

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

Music & Performing Arts

Be the headline act.

Are music and performing arts your gig? You won't find a better venue than NSCG! You can act, sing and dance your way to success by learning in our top-class facilities.

You will be supported throughout by industry-experienced lecturers and technicians as you strengthen your understanding of the performing arts and hone your craft. Our courses will also help to equip you with many other valuable transferable skills such as confidence, resilience and teamwork.

Since treading the boards here we've seen alumni go on to form successful bands, theatre groups and become West End performers.

We can't wait to see what you can do!

Find out
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about
our
courses
at:



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Our Subjects:

Applied Science

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Maths

Physics

Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes
(Level 3)

Vocational Programmes
(Level 3)



Science & Maths

**Our formula,
your future.**

**Expand your career and your mind and be there
when the breakthrough happens.**

Right now, there are many exciting opportunities out there for people with STEM skills (A.K.A. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

If you'd like to play your part in advancing the world's understanding, our courses provide an outstanding foundation for a stimulating career in Science or Maths.

32%

**of A Level Further Maths
students achieved
grades A*-A.**

Find out
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our
courses
at:



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Our Subjects:

Gym Instructing & Personal Training

**Legal Services
(Crime and Social Welfare)**

Physical Education

Sport

Sport & Exercise Science

Sports Massage Therapy

Sports Science

**Uniformed Protective
Services**

Find out
more
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our
courses
at:



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Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes
(Level 3)

T Levels
(Level 3)

Vocational Programmes
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression Pathways
(Level 2 or below)



Sport & Public Services

Where challenging yourself, is more challenging.

If a desk job isn't your thing, you like being busy and active and you like a personal challenge, a career in Sport or Public Services sounds right up your street.

Our Sport courses will help you to hone your communication, leadership and teamwork skills as you develop as a coach and explore the anatomy, physiology and psychology of sport. Our range of industry recognised fitness qualifications will develop your skills when working in both individual and group based exercise settings.

Or let us put you through your paces and test your mental and physical abilities as you prepare for the demands of a career in the uniformed public services such as the Police, the Ambulance Service, the Fire and Rescue Service, the British Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy.

Ambitious

Excellence

Greatness

Inspiration

Success

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Wherever you want to go in life,
whatever you want to do, it all
begins here. Because from here,
you can go anywhere.

It begins at
NSCG

Higher Education

Take it to the next level

Aim high. Empower yourself, develop professionally and follow your career aspirations through one of our university-level courses.

It's our job to make it happen for you!

Our amazing range of undergraduate options give you a recognised qualification in your chosen field and unlike many degrees, HNCs, HNDs and HTQs are vocational, so they can lead straight to a career or act as a stepping stone to a higher qualification.

Your study options:

Higher National Certificate (HNC) (Level 4)

Higher National Degree (Level 5)

Foundation Degree (Level 5)

Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) (Level 4/5)

Foundation Diploma Art, Design & Media Practice (Level 3/4)

Other University-Level Courses

Degree-Level Higher Apprenticeships





Top 10 reasons to study a university-level course with us:

- 1.** We're the first further education provider in England to achieve top grades in every area of Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework (EIF).
- 2.** We're rated outstanding for Adult Learning Programmes.
- 3.** Our positive environment inspires exemplary attitudes to learning.
- 4.** Our specialist lecturers have industry experience to give you a career-focused perspective.
- 5.** You can study full-time or part-time - whatever suits you.
- 6.** Our learning environments are some of the best in the country.
- 7.** Lessons are more personal because you're taught in classrooms, not lecture theatres.
- 8.** We're the highest-performing college in Staffordshire with 100% pass rates on many university courses.
- 9.** 93% of students walk straight into a job or onto a top-up degree.
- 10.** You'll save £3,000 per year compared to a traditional university course. Loans are available, so don't worry about paying upfront - contribute when you earn more than £25,000.

Find out more about our courses at:



nscg.ac.uk

How to apply

OK, where do I start?

Take these simple steps to begin your journey. And fly through our application process with the greatest of ease.

1. Research

Start your journey by researching everything you want to know about NSCG! You'll discover we're a pretty great place with a lot to shout about. Once you've finished reading this prospectus, head to our website for loads more info on the courses available: nscg.ac.uk

2. Pay us a visit

We'd love to welcome you to an Open Event so that you really get to see what makes us such a special place to study at, and of course, what makes us an Ofsted Outstanding college. Head to nscg.ac.uk/scevents for more info.

3. Apply now

Once you've done your research and visited us at an Open Event, it's time to get your application in. We're Staffordshire's leading college and places are in high demand, so try and **get your application in before 31 March 2024**. Head to nscg.ac.uk/apply

4. Interview (don't stress)

It's not as scary as it sounds. Essentially, it's just an opportunity for us to get to meet you properly and to make sure that you are suited to the course. Following the interview, we'll more than likely offer you a conditional place.

5. We'll keep in touch

Throughout the application process we'll be in touch to keep you up-to-date with news from the College.

6. Experience life at NSCG

You'll be invited to our Experience Event in June, where you'll get the opportunity to visit the College, meet other new students who will be studying the same course, take part in a fun and interactive lessons and grab some free food! We'll also set you some homework to complete in readiness for when you join us in September.

7. GCSE results day

Good luck! Once you have your results, you'll need to share a copy with us. If all goes to plan, you'll be given a date to come to the College to officially enrol on your course.

8. First day

And just like that, you're officially a student at NSCG! **Let the fun begin.**



Still got a question?

Our friendly Schools Liaison Team are here to help and support you with the transition from school to college. Martyn, Megan, Georgina and Nathan will more than likely be in your school at some point throughout your final year at school. Whether you have a question about a particular course, what support is available, or even what bus to catch, they'll be happy to hear from you.

You can get in touch with them at any time by emailing schools.stafford@nscg.ac.uk or calling 01782 254347

School's out forever.

College here

Starting college is an exciting experience, and it can bring its own unique challenges and opportunities. It's natural to feel nervous, and it can sometimes take a while to find your feet.

Our current students were in your shoes this time last year and here are a few top tips from our Students' Union:

“ Remember you are not on your own. ”

On your first day and even for the first few weeks, everyone will be in the same boat, feeling a little nervous about finding new classrooms, meeting new people and working with a new timetable. Give yourself time, don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it and you'll be surprised how quickly you settle in.

“ Throw yourself in to college life. ”

To get the most out of your time at college you need to explore beyond your classroom, where you'll meet new faces and be able to use the amazing facilities. There's always loads going on from freshers fair to themed events, clubs, societies, sporting fixtures and a whole host of trips and visits – get involved!

“ It is different to school – but in a good way. ”

College is generally less formal than school. You will be on first name terms with your lecturers and you can hang up your school uniform for good and wear what you like. You'll have more freedom and independence and with this, you'll manage your time and be expected to behave in a mature, responsible way.

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Kit and equipment requirements will vary slightly by course and you will be advised of any specific items that you may need at your interview or at the NSCG Experience Day, which usually takes place at the end of June.

But here are a few 'essentials' to get you started:

- **Your Student ID and Lanyard** (which will be issued when you enrol).
- **Pens and Pencils**
- **Notebook**
- **Backpack or Bag**
- **Packed Lunch / Contactless Card** (If you wish to buy lunch in college).
- **Reusable Water Bottle** (there are lots of water refill stations around the college).
- **Bus Pass** (If you are planning to travel to college by bus). Visit nscg.ac.uk/travel to find out more.

We're here for financial support.

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may be eligible for help with essential course equipment, meals or travel costs. Please visit nscg.ac.uk/finance to find out more.

Open Events



Save the date.

Sometimes, success is about being in the right place at the right time. But first, it's about attending the right Open Event.

Our College Open Events are a brilliant way to meet Tutors and our Principal, chat with students and take a peek at our outstanding facilities. We also have Taster Sessions throughout the year so you can sample a course or subject that takes your fancy before you apply.

Find out more at nscg.ac.uk/scevents

Open Events 2023/4:

Wednesday 18 October 2023,
5.30pm - 8pm

Thursday 30 November 2023,
5.30pm - 8pm

Saturday 3 February 2024,
10am - 12noon

Saturday 18 May 2024,
10am - 12noon



To get a taste of what's to come, follow the successes, experiences and achievements of our students on our social channels:



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