



# It begins at **NSCG**



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**Where you're headed, anything is possible. And as one of only two colleges 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.**



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# me

## to the start of your future.

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.

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 2024' 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**

Why NSCG?



# Our results, your success.

Our Class of 2024 have once again exceeded all national averages to pick up record-breaking results that place NSCG in the top 5% of further education colleges in England.

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

1,364 A Level qualification entries were made with a...

**99.3%**  
pass rate

**85%** of A Level entries achieved A\* - C grades.

**61%** of A Level entries achieved A\* - B grades.

1,117 students completed a BTEC Extended Diploma with a...

**99%**  
pass rate

**47.9%** of BTEC Extended Diploma students achieved high grades of DDD or above.

(equivalent to three 'A' grades at A Level).





**Hannah Mole** studied A Level Law (A\*), History (A\*) and Psychology (A\*) securing a place at the University of Liverpool to study Law.



**Ruby Smith** studied BTEC Level 3 Creative Media Production (D\*D\*D\*) securing a place at The University of Salford to study TV and Radio Production.



**Aoife Smith-Murphy** studied T Level Education and Childcare (Distinction) securing a place at Liverpool John Moores University to study Psychology.



**Morgan Allen-Hingerty** studied BTEC Level 3 Sports Science (D\*D\*D\*) securing a place at Keele University to study Physiotherapy with Integrated Masters.



Ofsted Outstanding

Read our  
latest Ofsted  
report here:



# We're Outstanding

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



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**At our last Ofsted inspection, 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.
- NSCG makes a strong contribution in meeting local skills needs.



Campus Highlights

# The future

What a great place







**ure.**  
**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 campus, to deliver inspirational experiences and a truly exceptional learning environment.**

**Discover more at one of our 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.**

**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 refreshments 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. Remember, we offer FREE toast or fruit and tea/coffee every morning in the food hall between 8am - 9am.

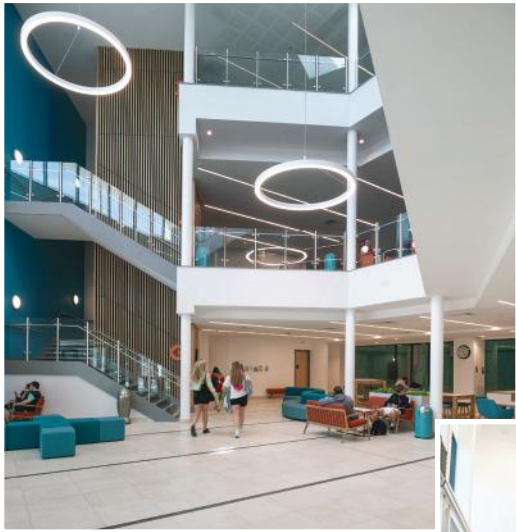
**Academy of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy:** If you've got some free time between lessons you can treat yourself in our campus salon. Unwind and enjoy a bit of 'me time' by getting a relaxing facial, manicure or a fresh skin fade! Our top class hairdressing & beauty therapy academies offer a wide

**Take our a  
look at our  
campus.**



Campus Investments

# Investing in you.





**We take pride in offering cutting edge facilities in a truly exceptional learning environment, on modern campuses that match our national reputation for excellence. This is why we've invested over £150 million across the Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) campuses since 2010.**

Most recently, we've changed the landscape of the local area with a brand new Skills and Innovation centre which opened its doors to students in September 2023. The multi-million pound, 8,000sq 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 and cool social spaces for students.

The campus also benefitted from significant investment over the summer of 2024, in preparation to welcome a record breaking number of students through its doors.

This included upgrades to technology and classroom refurbishments to give students and staff access to new furniture and state-of-the-art smartboards.

We can't wait to show you around!



Student Support

# 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.

## 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. The College has an LGBTQ+ support network with our partner SAGE.

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.

## Safeguarding and 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.

## 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. Discover more support at [nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)**





See what can happen  
in a place that

**makes things  
happen.**

**Our start point is you, and we want you to be the best you can be, 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 visits to museums, galleries and 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 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 into. It's a great way to get an understanding of a real working environment and make useful contacts for further down the line. We have a dedicated Work Placements Team who will help to organise this for you.

## Student of the Month

Each month we hold a 'Student of the Month' awards presentation that highlights and recognises the individual effort, progress and dedication of students who go above and beyond throughout the year.

We've seen some amazing stories of success that we just can't wait to include you in these!

## Extra-curricular activities

Make the most of college life and make new friends by taking part in extra-curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) qualification, join our Academy of Sport, compete in Esports tournaments and leagues as part of the NSCG Dragons Team. You could also apply to become a student ambassador, put yourself forward to become your class rep, join the Students' Union, help organise charity events, join a club or society and much more!

## 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 you're happy and on-track with your studies.

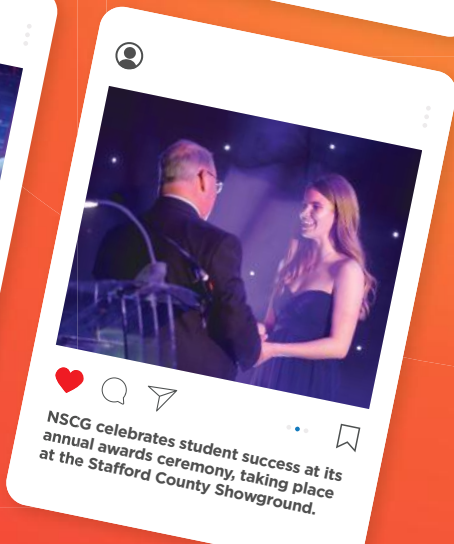
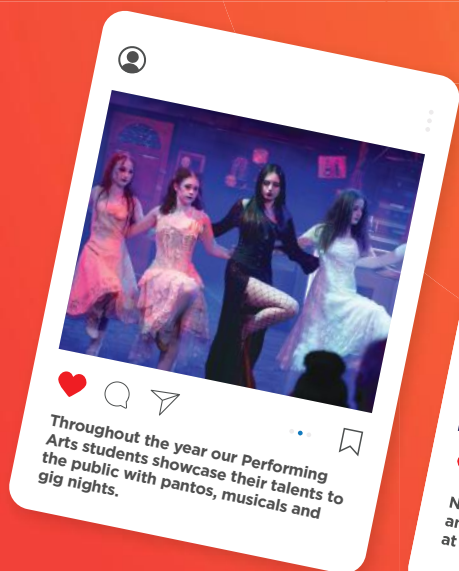
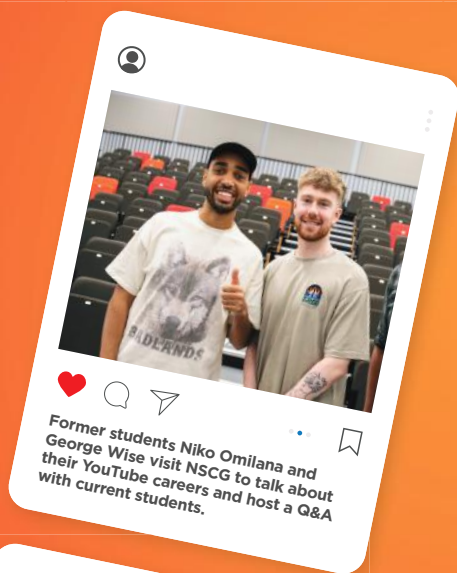
[#MyNSCG](#)

# Embracing experiences.

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 over the last 12 months.

Search for 'NSCG Stafford'





NSCG staff and students organise a number of fitness activities to celebrate National Fitness Day.



Hair, Beauty and Media Make-up students show off their talents at their annual 'Showcase' in front of family and friends.



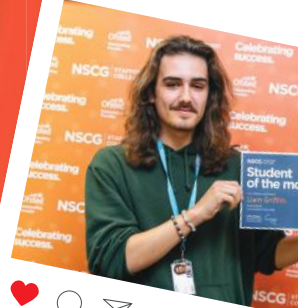
NSCG staff and students come together to fundraise for Red Nose Day.



Our Riverbank Restaurant receives a AA College Rosette, People's 1st Gold Award as well as being named a 'Centre of Excellence'.



Photography students documenting the new Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Institute of Technology take part in a Cladding Signing Ceremony'



Each month we host our 'Student of the Month' awards, designed to recognise the progress and dedication of students who go above and beyond.





# Your next steps.

**The choices you make today will create the future that you're dreaming of.**

**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.

STOKE-ON-TRENT & STAFFORDSHIRE

I N S T I T U T E O F  
T E C H N O L O G Y

**Our brand new Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Institute of Technology (IoT) will be open to students in September 2025.**

Focusing on engineering & manufacturing, construction and health sciences, the Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire IoT will be able to offer higher apprenticeships and degree level courses, helping to prepare students for their first steps into skilled employment.

## 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 75 for more information on studying a Higher Education course with NSCG.

## 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.

**1,111**  
students in 2023  
progressed to  
98 universities.

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

**No.1**

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

University of Manchester

Manchester Metropolitan  
University (MMU)

Durham University

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

University of Sheffield

Keele  
University

University of Derby

University of  
Staffordshire

University of Nottingham

University of  
Birmingham

University of  
Cambridge

University of Warwick

University of Oxford

University of Southampton

Think of what  
you're capable of.

Then think  
beyond it.

**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 determination 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.

Discover more  
about the Honours  
Programme at  
[nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)



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. ” Ofsted





“ I’ve had the opportunity to access advanced resources as part of my studies. Being part of NSCG’s Honours Programme has given me the opportunity to apply for competitive courses at universities. ”



**Olivia Grundy**, studied A Levels in Psychology (A\*), Biology (A), Chemistry (A) and an EPQ (A\*). She is taking a gap year before progressing to the University of Liverpool to study Veterinary Science.

### 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.

# Be at the top of your game.



**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.**

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

We have eight different performance academies which include teams competing in: badminton, basketball, cricket, esports, football, netball, rugby and volleyball.

**No.1**

**college in the  
West Midlands  
for sports  
participation.**

*AoC Sport Points  
Table 2023*

**Discover more  
support at  
[nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)**





## Coach education programme

Get a recognised coaching qualification in sports like football, 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.



**Andy Griffin Football Academy**

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# Kick. Start. Excel.

Discover more  
about the AGFA  
at [nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)



**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 ran 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.



“ 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 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport  
& Exercise Science

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 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.](#)





The only thing  
standing in your way

is you





# 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.

The Department for Education (DfE) is currently reviewing post-16 qualifications at Level 3 and below. This review is expected to conclude by the end of 2024, the results of which may impact our course offering for September 2025.

The information contained within our prospectus is correct at the time of going to print, for the latest info it is always best to check our website.

## 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.

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**In 2024, 61% of entries achieved high grades A\*- B.**

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



## T Levels

Sixth Form T Level Route (Level 3)

### Quick overview:

T Levels are 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.

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**In 2024, 88% of T Level students achieved merit 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 2024, 47.9% 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 15% 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.

## **Does this sound like 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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Discover more A Level courses at [nscg.ac.uk](http://nscg.ac.uk)



**Then you will 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.

## A Levels (Level 3)

**Art**

**Biology**

**Business**

**Chemistry**

**Computer Science**

**English Language and Literature**

**Environmental Science**

**Film Studies**

**Geography**

**Graphic Design**

**History**

**Law**

**Maths**

**Media Studies**

**Photography**

**Physical Education (PE)**

**Physics**

**Politics**

**Psychology**

**Sociology**

## A+ Programmes (Level 3)

**Applied Business**

**Applied Criminology**

**Applied Law**

**Applied Psychology**

**Sports Science**

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**College gives  
you much more  
independence  
and the  
support is  
amazing.**”



## **Katherine Lee**

Katherine joined NSCG with an exemplary set of GCSE results and she continued to shine in her A Level studies.

Fully embracing college life, Katherine actively pursued extra-curricular interests, completing a Future Learn MOOC on chemical products and participating in the Chemistry Race competition at Cambridge University as part of a five-student team. Additionally, she attended Oxford's UNIQ Materials Science study day, further expanding her knowledge and passion for the field.

Katherine's hard work and passion for STEM subjects was recognised with an offer to read Materials Science at Mansfield College, Oxford.

With Katherine's performance, passion for STEM and commitment to her studies we are certain she has a bright future ahead of her.

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### **Previous School**

Walton High School

### **Course(s)**

A Levels in Chemistry (A\*),  
Maths (A\*) & Physics (A\*)

### **Destination**

Mansfield College, University  
of Oxford to study Materials  
Science

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The quality of teaching has been fantastic, and I've really benefited from the enrichment on offer. ”



## James Gibson

James was an ambitious and hardworking student. Having studied Business at GCSE, James knew this was where his future career path would take him and he applied for both multiple degree apprenticeships as well as university courses. In class, James' positive influence on peers, provided valuable contributions to in class discussions, showcasing his strong interpersonal skills.

His passion for Business shone through in all of his subjects as he often used what he'd learnt to enhance his work in others, for example, when completing his Geography coursework or when undertaking exams, James drew on both primary and secondary research, presenting data, making conclusions and evaluating and reflecting on his final product as well as his own performance.

James' ambition will no doubt see him go on to a successful career.

### Previous School

Alleynes Academy

### Course(s)

A Levels in Law (A\*),  
Business (A) and  
Geography (A)

### Destination

Civil Aerospace Business  
Management Degree  
Apprenticeship with Rolls Royce



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.

Each T Level includes a minimum of 45 days in-depth industry placement over the duration of the course\*. Students get valuable experience in the workplace and employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

## Does this sound like 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 you to find the perfect placement to complement your career goals, which you will complete alongside working towards your main qualification.

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And many more...

\*With the exception of Education & Early Years which is minimum of 750 placement hours over 2 years.



## **T Levels (Level 3)**

**Adult Nursing**  
**Business Management & Administration**  
**Digital Coding & Technology**  
**Education & Early Years**  
**Electrotechnical Engineering**  
**Laboratory Sciences**  
**Legal Services (Business, Finance & Employment)**  
**Legal Services (Crime, Criminal Justice & Social Welfare)**

**Light & Electric Vehicle Maintenance and Repair**  
**Marketing**  
**Mechanical Engineering**  
**Midwifery**  
**Surveying & Planning for Construction**

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T Level  
courses at  
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“  
**My T Level  
has really  
helped me  
to focus on  
my future  
career.**”



## **Caitlin Davis**

Caitlin embodied the qualities of hard work and resilience, consistently demonstrating an unwavering commitment to her course. Her dedication to excellence was evident in her achievement of some of the highest scores in both practical and academic assessments. Caitlin's 'can do' attitude and relentless pursuit of high standards set her apart as a remarkable student.

Feedback from the Royal Stoke University Hospital where Caitlin completed her industry placement was overwhelmingly positive. Her professionalism, compassion, and hardworking nature left a lasting impression on her colleagues and supervisors.

Caitlin is a compassionate, professional, and diligent student and we know she will go on to be an outstanding paediatric nurse and an asset to the profession, we wish her every success in her future studies.

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### **Previous School**

Cheslyn Hay Academy

### **Destination**

Swansea University to study  
Paediatric Nursing

### **Course**

Level 3 T Level in  
Supporting Health Care (Merit)

“  
NSCG has  
opened the  
door to many  
opportunities  
for me.”



## Fran Dudek

Fran's consistent excellence in his academic studies and relentless drive to progress and develop, meant he distinguished himself as one of the top-performing students in his cohort.

His commitment to continuous improvement was evident in his proactive approach to learning, constantly seeking to expand his knowledge and skills.

Fran's exemplary performance during his work experience at Leoni Wiring Systems further highlighted his exceptional work ethic and potential for success in the field of engineering.

His dedication and impressive capabilities were recognised by the manager and teams at the company, who saw in him a valuable asset for future development within their organisation.

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### Previous School

Out of area

### Course(s)

T Level in Engineering (Merit)

### Destination

Electrical Engineering  
apprenticeship with Leoni  
Wiring System



Find your pathway

# Vocational Courses.

**Take the next step 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.

Discover more vocational courses at [nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)



## Vocational (Level 3)

**Animation & Concept Art**

**Applied Science**

**Art & Design**

**Business**

**Engineering in Motorsports**

**Esports**

**Fashion & Textiles**

**Film, TV & Creative**

**Media Production**

**Games Design**

**& 3D Modelling**

**Graphic Design**

**Gym Instructing &**

**Personal Training**

**Health & Social Care**

**Information Technology**

**Music Performance**

**Music Production**

**Performing Arts**

**Photography**

**Sport**

**Sport & Exercise Science**

**Travel & Tourism**

**with Events**

### Does this sound like you?

- 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.

### Then you will 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.

“  
I have  
loved being  
able to  
make a  
difference  
to others.”



## Abigail Fryatt

Abigail (Abi) was a quietly determined student who excelled at NSCG, earning a place at one of the UK's most prestigious and well-regarded institutions for her specialist area of marine and natural history photography; Falmouth University.

Throughout her time at NSCG, where she took on the roles of Class Representative and Student Union President her leadership skills were evident, undertaking these roles with great dedication and constantly advocating for her peers with integrity, always highlighting the positives and looking forward with optimism.

College isn't just about developing a specialist skillset, it's about embracing the wider opportunities that are provided and Abi undoubtedly made the most of her time at NSCG.

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### Previous School

Blessed William Howard  
Catholic High School

### Course

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma  
in Photography & Digital  
Imaging (D\*D\*D\*)

### Destination

Falmouth University to study  
Marine and Natural History  
Photography

“  
**The College  
 and my  
 course have  
 opened up so  
 many amazing  
 opportunities  
 for me.**”



## Sam Eggington

Sam is a rising star in the beauty industry, with his exceptional technical skills and boundless creativity he excelled in the practical aspects of his course. Sam invested hours in voluntary work placements, enrichment activities and competitions which provided him with invaluable experiences that make him really stand out from the crowd in an extremely competitive industry.

His drive to be the best, was demonstrated in the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT) Regional Competition, where he won first place in the regional leg in the 'Kings or Queens of the Sea' category. In the summer of 2023, Sam also reached the final 10 in Superdrug's national #SearchForStudioStars competition. His outstanding performance earned him a position with Superdrug's brand 'Studio London' as one of their Studio Stars.

### Previous School

The Friary School

### Course

Level 3 Diploma In Theatrical,  
 Special Effects, Hair & Media  
 Make-Up (Pass)

### Destination

Hair, Make-up and Prosthetics  
 for Stage and Screen at the  
 University of Northamptonshire



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.

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## Your study options:

### Intermediate Apprenticeship

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

### Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3):

This Apprenticeship is equivalent to two A Levels.

### Higher Apprenticeship (Levels 4-5):

This Apprenticeship is equivalent to a university-level programme such as a Foundation Degree or HNC/HND.

## Does this sound like 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.

## Then 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.



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



And many more...

### 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.

## Our subjects

Adult Care  
Accounting  
Advanced & Creative Hair  
Barbering  
Brickwork  
Business Administration  
Carpentry & Joinery  
Catering  
Customer Service  
Digital Marketing  
Digital Device  
Repair Technician

Early Years  
Electrical Installation & Maintenance  
Engineering (Mechanical & Electrical)  
Engineering Production & Design  
General Welding  
Hair Professional  
Healthcare  
Hospitality  
Information Communication Technician

Land Based Service Engineer  
Learning Mentor  
Lean Manufacturing\*  
Operations Manager  
Software Developer  
Teaching Assistant  
Team Leading

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\*Delivered through training provider Axia Solutions.

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**I absolutely loved my apprenticeship as it gave me so many exciting opportunities.**”



Watch  
Niamh's  
Video  
here:



## Niamh Newby

Niamh chose to do an apprenticeship as she thought going directly into the industry would give her hands on experience.

During her apprenticeship at Restaurant No. 26, Aston Marina, Niamh had the opportunity to work on the different sections in the kitchen and have an input into the menu. She also secured a placement at Staffordshire's first and only Michelin starred restaurant, Upstairs by Tom Shepherd in Lichfield

Niamh spent time shadowing the owner and Head Chef Tom Shepherd and impressed him so much that she was offered a full-time job at his restaurant after completing her apprenticeship.

Niamh has all the ingredients for a hugely successful career in catering and hospitality.

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### Previous School

Walton High School

### Course

Level 2 Commis Chef  
Apprenticeship, Aston Marina

### Employer

Full-time employment at  
Upstairs by Tom Shepherd

“

It's the perfect way to gain experience in a trade that you want to go into.”



## James Beasley

James chose an apprenticeship after spending two years at NSCG doing a BTEC Level 2 and Level 3 in Electrical Installation. James wanted to further himself in the industry so he applied to local businesses and companies and got accepted at Instrument and Control Services (ICS).

James chose an apprenticeship because it was a different way of learning and gaining experience in the trade that he wanted to go into. His college and work life balance was good, he spent two days in college on Thursday and Friday, and then the rest of the week he spent at locations around the country working on client sites.

James feels the most interesting part of his apprenticeship is being in the industry itself, speaking to people, learning and traveling the country.

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### Course

Level 3 Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship at Instrument and Control Services

### Destination

Full-time employment at Instrument and Control Services



Find your pathway



# Skills & Progression Pathways.

Discover more  
Skills & Progression  
courses at  
[nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)



**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.

## Does this sound like 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 the experts, as our staff all have first-hand industry experience, and you'll be 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**



# 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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how we can  
support you at  
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**Ambition**

**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**

## Our Subjects:

Accounting

Business

Business Management  
and Administration

Computer Science

Digital Coding and  
Technology

Esports

Information Technology

Law

Legal Services (Business,  
Finance & Employment)

Marketing

Travel, Tourism and  
Events

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## Your study options:

T Levels

(Level 3)

A Level & A+ Programmes

(Level 3)

Vocational Pathways

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

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# 76.7%

of BTEC Business  
students achieved  
grades DMM  
or above.



# Accounting, Business, Computing, Esports & Travel

## Be your own success story.

Can you see yourself on the next series of the Apprentice? Are computers and competitive gaming your thing? Or maybe you're ready to jet off and learn all about the world of travel and tourism.

Wherever you see yourself, 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.



## Our Subjects:

Adult Nursing

Education and Early Years

Health & Social Care

Midwifery

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## Your study options:

**T Levels**

(Level 3)

**Vocational Pathways**

(Level 3)

**Skills or Progression  
Pathways**

(Up to Level 2)

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# Care, Education & Health

**78%**

of T Level Education  
& Childcare students  
achieved Distinction  
or Distinction\*  
grades.

## 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 such as Nursing, Radiography, Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, Speech and Language Therapy. Careers that really make a difference - is this you?

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.

## Our Subjects:

**Brickwork**

**Building Services Design**

**Carpentry & Joinery**

**Electrical Installation &  
Maintenance**

**Electrical & Mechanical  
Engineering**

**Electrotechnical  
Engineering**

**Engineering**

**Engineering Motorsports**

**Surveying & Design for  
Construction**

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## Your study options:

**T Levels**  
(Level 3)

**Vocational Pathways**  
(Level 3)

**Skills or Progression  
Pathways**  
(Up to Level 2)

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# 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, Indurent, MOOG and Siemens have 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.



**Open to students  
September 2025**



## Our Subjects:

**Animation & Concept Art**

**Art and Design**

**Fashion and Textiles**

**Film Studies**

**Film, TV & Creative  
Media Production**

**Games Design & 3D  
Modelling**

**Graphic Design**

**Media Studies**

**Photography**

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## Your study options:

**A Level & A+ Programmes**  
(Level 3)

**Vocational Pathways**  
(Level 3)

**Skills or Progression  
Pathways**  
(Level 2)

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# Creative Arts, Film & Media

**Creativity  
is intelligence  
having fun.**

**Let's create the career of  
your dreams. 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 to industry sector awards as well as exhibiting in our fantastic end of year exhibition.

**88.9%**

**of BTEC Graphic  
Design students  
achieved high  
grades of DMM  
or above.**





## Our Subjects:

Beauty

Hairdressing

Hair and Media Make-up

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## Your study options:

Vocational Pathways

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways

(Level 2)

Discover more  
about our courses  
at [nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)





# **Hairdressing, Beauty & Media Make-up**

**Give your future  
a glow up.**

**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.

## Our Subjects:

Professional Cookery

Food & Beverage Service

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## Your study options:

Skills or Progression  
Pathways

(Up to Level 3)

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about our courses  
at [nscg.ac.uk](https://nscg.ac.uk)





# 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.



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE  
FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

Our Riverbank Restaurant has a Gold accreditation for its hospitality and catering provision as well as an accreditation as a Centre of Excellence for food and beverage service.

These two accolades sit alongside the AA Highly Commended College Rosette that was awarded to the Restaurant in May 2024. We are the only college restaurant locally to have all three awards.

## Our Subjects:

**Criminology**

**English Language and Literature**

**Geography**

**History**

**Politics**

**Psychology**

**Sociology**

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## Your study options:

**A Level & A+ Programmes**  
(Level 3)

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about our courses  
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# 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!

**87.3%**

of A Level  
Psychology  
students achieved  
A\* - C grades.

## Our Subjects:

Engineering in  
Motorsports

Motor Vehicle  
Technology

Light & Electric Vehicle  
Maintenance and Repair

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## Your study options:

T Levels  
(Level 3)

Vocational Pathways  
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways  
(Up to Level 2)

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about our courses  
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# Motor Vehicle & 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.

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:

Music

Music Production

Performing Arts

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## Your study options:

Vocational Pathways

(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways

(Up to Level 2)

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about our courses  
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# Music & Performing Arts

## Be the headline act.

**Are music and performing arts your gig? You won't find a better venue than NSCG!**

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 you shine!

# 92%

of BTEC  
Performing Arts  
students achieved  
high grades DMM  
or above.



## Our Subjects:

Applied Science

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Maths

Physics

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## Your study options:

A Level & A+ Programmes

(Level 3)

T Level Pathways

(Level 3)

Discover more  
about our courses  
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# Science & Maths

## Finding the formula to 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.

**60.6%**

of A Level  
Environmental  
Science entires  
achieved A\*-B  
grades.

## Our Subjects:

**Gym Instructing and  
Personal Training**

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

**Physical Education**

**Sport**

**Sport & Exercise Science**

**Sports Science**

**Uniformed Protective  
Services**

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## Your study options:

**T Level Pathways**  
(Level 3)

**Vocational Pathways**  
(Level 3)

**A Level & A+ Programmes**  
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# 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.



# Be more

**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, HTQs and HNDs 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 Diploma** (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**



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## Top 10

reasons to study a university-level course with us:

- 1.** We're rated outstanding for Adult Learning Programmes.
- 2.** We get you ready for employment by providing you with a solid foundation to boost your potential for a higher salary.
- 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.

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level  
courses at  
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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 quickly see that we're the place to be.

### 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](https://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 **get your application in before 31 March 2025**. Head to [nscg.ac.uk/apply](https://nscg.ac.uk/apply)

### 4. Course discussion

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 discussion, 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

To celebrate the end of exam season, you'll be invited to our Experience Event in June. This is a chance to meet your course mates and Lecturers ahead of September - and have some fun too!

We stoke up the barbecue, turn up the speakers, and just hope the sun shines. We'll also set you some homework to get you ready for your first day - it'll be here before you know it!

### 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, Nathan and Cindy 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](mailto:schools.stafford@nscg.ac.uk) or calling 01782 254347**



# School's out

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:



“ Don't overthink college. I was really nervous at first, but after making friends and settling in, I really enjoyed my course and so will you. ”

*Lola Hooker*



“ Try and put yourself out there and go out of your comfort zone. Put yourself into different groups, take part in different activities, and then you'll be able to make more friends which will help you feel more comfortable and settle in. ”

*Poppy Bromley*



“ Always have fun and remind yourself why you're here. Even though there may be times when it's challenging, there are always people there to support you. ”

*Luke Breeze*

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# College here we come.



Kit and equipment requirements will vary slightly by course and you will be advised of any specific items that you may need at your course discussion 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](https://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](https://nscg.ac.uk/finance) to find out more.



# Save the date.

**Sometimes, success is about being in the right place at the right time, so give yourself a head start by coming along to one of our Open Events.**

Our College Open Events are a brilliant way to meet Tutors and our Principal, chat with students and make your way around our outstanding facilities. We also have Taster Sessions throughout the year so you can get a feel for a subject or course before you apply.

**Open Events 2024/5:**

**Wednesday 23 October 2024,**  
5.30pm - 8pm

**Thursday 28 November 2024,**  
5.30pm - 8pm

**Saturday 8 February 2025,**  
10am - 12noon

**Saturday 17 May 2025,**  
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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