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Careers Advisors' Update Event
Middlesbrough College
Wed 4th Feb 2026 • 8:30am – 2:00pm

At Middlesbrough College, we're committed to working in partnership with you to support the next generation of school leavers.

Every year, we help thousands of young people take their next step, whether that's progressing to top universities, securing competitive apprenticeships, or moving straight into rewarding careers across a wide range of industries.

With our £120m campus, state-of-the-art facilities and highly experienced tutors, we're proud to offer students everything they need to succeed. But just as importantly, we're here to provide you and your students with

the information, guidance and opportunities that make those next steps clearer and more achievable.

This guide has been designed with you in mind, to showcase the pathways available, highlight the support we offer and help you advise students with confidence. We also welcome you and your students to visit us at one of our open events to see first-hand why we're Ofsted rated Good and Strong for Skills with six outstanding features!

By working together, we can ensure every young person has the best possible next step!



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WHAT WE OFFER AT A GLANCE

MC - Middlesbrough College Campus **SA** - School, Academy or 6th Form

Activity	Available for					Where	When	Group size	Duration
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11				
MC Presentation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MC & SA	All year	Full year group or individual tutor groups	15-20 mins
Understanding Apprenticeships*			✓	✓	✓	MC & SA	All year	Full year group or individual tutor groups	15-20 mins
A Level Presentation				✓	✓	MC & SA	All year	Full year group or individual tutor groups	20-30 mins
TTE Engineering Presentation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MC & SA	All year	Full class or small groups	15-20 mins
College Tours			✓	✓	✓	MC	All year	Individuals or small groups	As required
MC Connect Y11					✓	MC	Specific dates	Individual applicants	1-2 days
Discovery Days Y10 (Inc. SEN & PRU**)				✓		MC	Specific dates	Full year group or smaller groups	1 day
Drop-in Sessions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SA	All year	Upon school	As required
Transition Workshop					✓	MC & SA	All year	Individuals or small groups	As required
Application Workshop					✓	MC & SA	All year	Full year group or individual tutor groups	As required

*Apprenticeship presentation/stall attendance at schools

**Half day

PRESENTATIONS, TOURS & VISITS

MC Presentation

This presentation gives students an insight into their future at Middlesbrough College and the range of options, facilities, support and courses available to them.

Northern Skills

This presentation aims to raise awareness of our apprenticeship and training arm, Northern Skills. Students will learn about apprenticeships, the application process and employer expectations. This can be tailored to suit your needs and delivered in a variety of formats including team building exercises, interactive workshops or presentations.

A Level Presentation

This presentation introduces students to MC6, our specialist Sixth Form Centre and the range of A Level and A Level equivalent courses offered.

College Tours

Bespoke tours of the whole campus are available for students. Students will have the opportunity to see our outstanding facilities, meet curriculum staff and gain an insight into curriculum areas.

TTE Engineering Presentation

This presentation gives students an insight into their future at TTE and Middlesbrough College and the range of options, facilities, support and courses available to them including full-time course and apprenticeship routes.

MC Connect Y11

MC Connect allows Y11 students to gain an insight into being a full-time student, meet peers on the same course, meet our first-class teaching staff and gain vital information, advice and guidance on our student support package. Applicants will be invited to sessions.

Discovery Days Y10

One full school day, 9:30am - 2:00pm

This interactive and full day at Middlesbrough College provides students with an insight into two of their main areas of interest. See page 7 for dates and more details.

Drop-in Sessions

We can provide drop-in sessions in school at a time to suit you. This offers students the perfect opportunity to ask any questions about their future options and complete applications if required.

Mock Interview Days

We understand the importance of mock interviews to support your students and we're more than happy to attend as an interviewer and to give helpful feedback to your students.

SEN/PRU Taster Days Y10

Bespoke taster sessions to give students an insight to college life to help them make the important decision as they enter Year 11.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Accompanying Activities Delivered in Schools

We are happy to attend a range of activities arranged by your school. This includes arranging for other members of our college staff, such as curriculum lecturers and subject specialists, to support.

Transition Workshops

We take the transition from school to college very seriously, which is why we have a dedicated team who can provide any relevant information required to make the transition as smooth as possible. Our team will liaise with the school and students to ensure all needs are met.

- › Parents and Options Evenings
- › Careers Events
- › Application Clinics
- › Workshops, e.g. Interview Skills
- › Apprenticeship Workshops
- › STEM Sessions

Application Workshops

This workshop informs students about Middlesbrough College courses and assists them with completing application forms. These workshops can be offered in conjunction with any of our other activities or as a standalone activity.

Master Classes

Our master classes provide valuable insight into a specific subject, allowing students to explore various aspects of the course in preparation for their future. Master classes can be delivered in school or at the college. However, where possible, we would prefer to deliver these sessions at Middlesbrough College to enable students to have a more realistic view of their chosen subject, including the facilities they would learn in and use.



TRANSITION PROGRAMME



Email the Transition Team
transition@mbro.ac.uk

Receive direct support with your at-risk Year 11 students transitioning to college

We can work together to identify any students who have applied and may be at risk of not progressing into further education after school or who may need some extra support and help.

We provide personalised support to help students make a smooth transition to college. This includes support with completing application forms, 1:1 support at showcase events and enrolment, and bespoke campus tours.

We also offer more specialist support with our safeguarding and welfare team, who can provide emotional support and assist with any learning difficulties your students may have.

We can also ensure that students are assigned a Student Welfare Officer, who will mentor them when they begin college in September.

We provide this programme to all schools in Middlesbrough, Redcar and Stockton and will contact you to discuss in January.



CAREERS ADVISORS' DAY

We are holding our annual careers advisors' update day on Wed 4th Feb. If you or any of your colleagues are interested in attending, please contact the schools team.

Email. schoolsteam@mbro.ac.uk
Tel. 01642 333800

CAREER SUBJECT SPECIFIC DAYS (YEAR 7 – 11)

Career specific subject days include hands-on workshops, talks from employers and an insight to the department's facilities, kit and equipment which is used in the sector.

These run annually and include careers such as engineering, digital, sports and public services and health & care.

This year we will be running:

- **MC Digital Day**
Fri 24th Oct 2025
- **Health and Social Care Day**
Wed 18th Feb 2026
- More dates to be announced

Email: schoolsteam@mbro.ac.uk if you are interested in the career subject specific days.



DISCOVERY DAYS Y10

These provide an ideal opportunity for your students to experience the courses that interest them for a day! On selected dates, we will be inviting your Year 10 students into college to try out a couple of course areas. Students can learn more about the subject areas that interest them, get a feel of what college life is like and meet our course tutors.

Transport and lunch for all staff and students are provided. Please contact your relevant schools team link for more details.

We can also provide tailored days for SEN and PRU schools to ensure we accommodate everyone's needs.

Discovery Days Y10 2026

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 25th June

Monday 29th June

Tuesday 30th June

Wednesday 1st July

Primary School STEM Days 2026

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

SEN and PRU Days 2026

Contact your schools team link for dates.

(Places are limited)



Email: schoolsteam@mbro.ac.uk for details.

OUR SCHOOLS PROMISE

We will support you and your students with information, advice and guidance on their next steps and encourage a positive destination after school.

We will ensure you can access to:

- Delivery or continuous professional development sessions on your school inset days on subjects including: apprenticeships, schools offer and any relevant requests to suit your staff requirements.
- Express showcase event slots for your students.
- Weekly application status reports to determine progression paths of your students upon receipt of your completed GDPR form.
- A programme of in-school talks and presentations to support Year 7 -11, with an agreed service level agreement.
- A dedicated School Liaison Assistant assigned to your school.
- An invitation to our annual careers advisors and schools networking update events.
- Support with any other requests you may have where we can help.



COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS

We will send you the latest materials for display in your school as and when they are produced. Please let your schools team link know the most suitable format and if you require support in displaying these materials. We can offer all of our publications in a wide range of formats to meet specific needs. Our guides may feature stories and case studies of your former students and their journey into Further Education and beyond.



**Check out our
brand new full-
time guide 2026 /
2027! Out now!**

Other publications available:

- › Access to HE Guide
- › Parent & Guardian information section
- › Higher education guide
- › Part-time guide
- › Open event posters and postcards
- › Engineering course brochure
- › SEN Guide
- › Y8 & 9 Options Booklet

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

THE RIGHT LEVEL FOR EVERY STUDENT

Our courses start at different levels, ensuring every student is accommodated. The level each student starts at depends on their prior qualifications. For students who are not sure which level is right for them, our friendly team at enrolment are on hand to provide tailored advice and support.

Entry Level

No formal qualifications are needed to enrol on an entry level course. These courses will help students build the skills, experience and confidence they need to progress to a Level 1 course.

Level 1

Students must have achieved an appropriate Entry Level vocational qualification and/or GCSEs at Grade 1-2 or above.

Level 2

Students must have achieved an appropriate Level 1 vocational qualification and/or GCSEs at mostly Grade 3 or above. We also offer apprenticeships at Level 2.

Level 3

These include A Levels, vocational courses (including Extended Diplomas, Diplomas and Certificates), T Levels and apprenticeships. Students must have achieved an appropriate Level 2 vocational qualification and/or five GCSEs at Grade 4/5 or above. Higher grades in certain subjects may be required depending on their chosen A Level.

Please note that for some courses, students will be required to start at Level 1 to gain the technical skills required to progress.

Entry requirements for T Levels and apprenticeships vary depending on which course or vacancy students choose.

Check entry requirements here!



STUDY PROGRAMME

We want to help students achieve more than just their qualification. We're dedicated to supporting their future goals, whether that's university, further study or employment.

Our study programmes include everything that is in students' timetables and is designed to prepare them for their next step. Each study programme is made up of the following components:

1 The core qualification

The core qualification is the study option chosen after GCSEs (e.g. A Levels, vocational course, Apprenticeship or T Level).

2 Maths and English

Maths and English are two of the most important skill sets a person can have and are an essential foundation for every career. If students don't get the GCSE results they expected for Maths and/or English, this may be added to their timetable to help them achieve them.

3 Work Experience

We partner with hundreds of top employers across the North East to provide students with meaningful, relevant work experience. Depending on their qualification, students may complete around 10 days of work experience with a local employer, with T Levels and some vocational courses like Health & Social Care this will typically be at least 45 days work placement.

4 THRIVE Personal Development

Personal development sessions will be automatically scheduled into students' timetables to help build their confidence, communication and valuable life skills. These include team building, first aid, UCAS application support and more.

Students will also benefit from additional extras that are designed to enrich their college life. Examples include safeguarding and prevent training, British values, enrichment activities, sports and more.

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS!



Max Croft

Previous school: Ian Ramsey C.E. Academy

Max studied a T Level in Digital Design and Development at MC Digital

“The T Level was fantastic, especially the work experience element. Middlesbrough College goes above and beyond to help you, from setting up real industry scenarios to offering interview support. They really prepared me for the real world.”



Milly Marr

Previous school: Eskdale Academy

Milly studies Environmental Science, English Language and Art at MC6. Milly is also Vice Student President and Governor

“I’d recommend anyone to study at MC6. There’s a really nice atmosphere here, everyone really cares about what they’re learning and you’re surrounded by people who care about their studies and want to do well.”



Freya Hollinshead

Previous school: Hurworth

Freya studied a T Level in Health

“I would definitely recommend studying at Middlesbrough College. The tutors are really supportive and provide a hands-on learning experience.”



Lucas Maloney

Previous school: St Peter’s Catholic College

Lucas studied a Level 2 ECITB Pipe Fitting Scholarship at TTE

“The tutors are really supportive and make sure everyone is up to speed and learning the skills they need to. They’re from industry and have so much knowledge, so it’s good to learn from them.”

STUDY OPTIONS

We offer a wide range of study routes to follow on from GCSEs. The best route depends on various factors, from how students prefer to learn to the career they want and what they want to do after college.

A Levels/ A Level Equivalents

A Levels are perfect for students who want to progress to university. They allow students to keep their options open while enabling them to focus on their chosen subjects! They will study three or four subjects over two years, with the final grade assessed by examinations.

Vocational/ Technical Courses

Vocational courses are career-focused courses designed to give students the skills and knowledge for a specific industry. Studied over one or two years depending on the course/level, they're assessed through a mix of assignments, presentations, projects and examinations.

T Levels

T Levels blend classroom learning with industry experience, with a minimum 45-day work placement. Studied over two years, they are developed in collaboration with employers to prepare students for a specific career in industry. They can also provide a route into university or apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a paid job that combines practical work with classroom study. Students will spend 80% of their time working for an employer, gaining hands-on experience and usually 20% in the classroom, developing job-specific knowledge while working towards a recognised qualification.



Explore our
study options!

A T Level is a Level 3 Technical Qualification that 16–18-year-olds can study after completing their GCSEs. It is classed as a core qualification by the government and is equivalent to three A Levels.

What does a T Level do?

T Levels combine classroom learning with on-the-job experience for specific careers.

Each T Level course has been developed in collaboration with employers and providers, ensuring students develop the technical skills and knowledge required by employers in that industry.

How is a T Level different to other post-GCSE qualifications?

T Levels have a larger focus on work placement and have been designed in collaboration with employers to meet industry demands. Due to their strong focus on on-the-job training, each T Level course includes a minimum 45-day work placement.

This work placement, which is completed as part of the T Level, equips students with a taste of a real working environment and a true understanding of industry.

What is the difference between T Levels, A Levels and other Vocational courses?

T Levels, A Levels and other Vocational courses are all classed as core qualifications by the government. However, T Levels have a larger focus on on-the-job training.

A Levels are academic, designed to prepare students for university. Vocational courses offer more practical skills and training for specific jobs, but without the structured, sizable industry placement that is integral to T Levels.

What is the difference between T Levels and Apprenticeships?

T Levels combine 80% classroom learning with 20% industry placement over two years. Apprenticeships involve 80% on-the-job training and 20% classroom learning as part of a paid job.

Who can study a T Level?

T Levels can only be studied by anyone aged 16–18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

How are T Levels assessed?

T Levels are assessed through practical employer-set projects, assignments and examinations.

Middlesbrough College teach more T Level students than any other college in the country!

Options after T Levels

T Levels are recognised by universities and employers. After completing a T Level, students can progress on to university, skilled employment, an apprenticeship, or a higher apprenticeship.

T Level entry requirements

To study a T Level, students must have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths, English and, for some programmes, science.

Foundation T Levels

If a student does not meet the entry requirements for a T Level, they can ask about our Foundation T Levels. These one year programmes offer a high-quality route on to our T Level courses and provide the additional support needed to successfully prepare for them.

Entry requirements for the T Level foundation programme are a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 and above, including English language, maths and for some programmes, science. Students will also be given an opportunity to study maths and/or English and resit their GCSEs to reach a grade 4 or above.

If students are not sure what level is right for them, our experienced staff are readily available to provide advice and support, talking students through their options after their application form has been submitted.



Moritz Cornije T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development

Following his successful placement with NorthLink Digital, 18-year-old Moritz Cornije was offered a permanent role as a software developer alongside his studies.

“When I heard about T Levels, I loved the sound of the work placement and getting real, hands-on experience. It means you can really integrate yourself into the business and quickly prove yourself to be an asset. For some, it can lead to a permanent role, like it has for me.”

Choose a T Level

Students can study one T Level as their core qualification. We offer courses in a wide range of sectors, including:

- › Business, Marketing & Accountancy
- › Childcare
- › Construction
- › Digital & Media
- › Engineering
- › Health & Social Care
- › Science

GET FUTURE-READY WITH MC DIGITAL

*DIGITAL IS FOR EVERYONE,
AND IT'S SHAPING EVERY INDUSTRY.*

For students who love technology, are passionate about design, gaming and storytelling, or want to develop transferrable skills that open doors to a wide range of careers, MC Digital has a course for them.

Plus, did you know, students don't need to have studied computing or IT at school to study a digital course at college?

**Step into the world
of MC Digital here!**



Digital

- ❖ Level 1 – Creative and Digital
- ❖ Level 3 – T Level Media Broadcast and Production (Content Creation)
- ❖ Level 3 – Digital Support Services (IT Tech Support and Cyber Security)
- ❖ Level 3 – Digital Software Development (Programming)

Digital Media Production

- ❖ Level 2 – Creative Digital Skills (Media)
- ❖ Level 3 – Creative Media Production for Business and Marketing
- ❖ Level 3 – Creative Content Production (Including Film, Photography and Digital Graphics)

Digital Technologies

- ❖ Level 2 – Digital Technologies

Games Design

- ❖ Level 2 / 3 – Esports and Games Development
- ❖ Level 3 – Games Design and Development





Students train in our multi-million-pound Digital Centre, featuring our brand-new Esports room, cyber labs, video editing suites, TV and film studio and industry-leading programming suite.



Students can get stuck into real-world projects, work alongside employers and build the skills, confidence and qualifications they need to launch a dynamic career in a fast-moving digital world, no matter what their background or starting point!

Middlesbrough College's official Esports team, Hammers, competes at national and international level in highly competitive tournaments for Rocket League, Overwatch and more. Plus, the team is open to students from any course!

Students can join our team of elite players, train in our state-of-the-art Esports room and represent Middlesbrough College doing what they love.



APPRENTICESHIPS

**NORTHERN
SKILLS**

Perfect for students who want to dive straight into work and earn while they learn!

Northern Skills is the apprenticeship and training arm of Middlesbrough College, working with hundreds of top employers across the North East!

We help young people find amazing opportunities in everything from engineering and business to beauty and digital – and support them every step of the way.



What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job where students:

- › Earn a wage
- › Get hands-on experience
- › Study towards a recognised qualification (usually 1 day a week at college)

It's a great option if they already know what kind of job or industry they want to work in.

Apprenticeships we offer:

- › **Foundation and Level 2 Apprenticeships:**
a starting point to build skills, knowledge and confidence
- › **Level 3 Apprenticeships:**
equivalent to A Levels, ideal if they are ready to dive into a chosen career
- › **Higher Apprenticeships:**
go even further with degree-level skills while they work

We work with over 2,000 employers, including:



South Tees Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust



SēAH Wind



We offer the largest choice of apprenticeships in the Tees Valley, with vacancies available in industries such as:

- › Beauty
- › Business, Marketing & Accounting
- › Catering & Hospitality
- › Childcare, Healthcare & Education
- › Construction
- › Dentistry
- › Engineering & Manufacturing
- › Motor Vehicle
- › IT, Computing & Digital

Top Tip: Have a Plan B!

Applying for an apprenticeship is just like applying for a job, so positions can be extremely competitive and aren't guaranteed. That's why it's important students have a backup plan.

We strongly recommend that all apprenticeship applicants also apply for a full-time course in their chosen industry. This way, if they don't secure an apprenticeship, they'll still have a place to study at Middlesbrough College or TTE in September and can continue working towards their apprenticeship goal.

How does an apprenticeship work?

Apprentices work under experienced professionals in the workplace, earning a wage while gaining hands-on industry skills and knowledge.

Students choose an apprenticeship in a specific field they are interested in. With this in mind, an apprenticeship is an excellent option for those who already know what career sector they would like to work in.

We're officially the number one General Further Education College in the country for apprenticeships in 2023/2024!

Check out Northern Skills online by scanning the QR code



ENGINEERING AT TTE

When it comes to engineering, nowhere prepares students better than Middlesbrough College and TTE.

We combine TTE's unrivalled industry employer links and specialist expertise with Middlesbrough College's proven track record of preparing highly skilled graduate engineers.

Together, we deliver prestigious, sector-led technical training programmes designed to launch their career in industry and truly set them apart in a highly competitive field.



Students and apprentices train in our £12m TTE Technical Training Centre, a world-class facility that replicates real working environments.

They gain hands-on experience in state-of-the-art workshops, work alongside expert tutors, with industry experience, and achieve a globally recognised qualification that puts them on the path to success locally, regionally and beyond!

Explore our Engineering options here



We offer courses in:

Mechanical Engineering

- › Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations – Mechanical Engineering
- › Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (General)
- › Level 3 Maintenance Installation and Repair (Mechanical)
- › Level 3 Maintenance Installation and Repair (Mechatronics)
- › Level 3 Design and Development (Mechanical)
- › Level 3 Engineering Technologies (Mechanical)

Manufacturing Engineering

- › Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Mechanical)

Wind Turbine Technology

- › Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (Renewable Energy)

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- › Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations (Electrical)*
- › Level 3 T Level Maintenance Installation and Repair (Electrical and Electronic)*
- › Level 3 Electrical and Electronic Engineering*

Process Operations

- › Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Process Engineering)

Instrumentation and Control Engineering

- › Level 3 Instrumentation and Control Engineering*

***IMPORTANT**

Due to popular demand, if students are applying for Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Instrumentation and Control courses, they must submit their application before 26th January 2026 to be considered as part of the main recruitment process for TTE.

Applicants to these courses will also be required to sit an aptitude test with the highest scoring students being offered a conditional place in February.

IT'S ALL ON CAMPUS!

Our vibrant campus has something for everyone. We have a welcoming, friendly community and there are lots of places to study, learn, meet new friends and get great food.

We are also extremely proud of our innovative industry-standard facilities that give students everything they need to succeed!

Campus Heart

M C Digital

Hang out with friends at the Campus Heart

Train station just a 5 min walk away



Costa Coffee break anyone?

TTE

Student car park

Shoot some hoops on the MUGA court

Summer picnic area for lunch on the lawn

TTE

Have a kick about on the Astro pitch

M C 6

Shuttle bus to Middlesbrough bus station

Secure student bike sheds

M C

Middlesbrough College

WHY CHOOSE MC?

Top destinations

Each year, our students progress on to incredible destinations locally and nationally, from top universities and apprenticeship programmes to successful careers in a wide range of industries!



Strong industry links

Benefit from our excellent relationships with local, regional and national employers! We are committed to helping students find relevant work placements, working closely with industry experts to offer high-quality opportunities that prepare them for work after studying with us.



Specialist Sports Academies

Students can push their performance to the next level with one of our eight high-performing Sports Academies. Perfect for those who want to compete at a professional level and they don't need to be studying a course in sport!



Personalised support from day one

Students have access to tailored guidance, one-to-one support and a dedicated team who'll help them stay on track both academically and personally.



Student perks

We offer some of the best student perks in the region, from free* bus and train travel perks to discounts on food, hair and beauty treatments, gym membership and more!



Expert tutors

With real-world industry experience, our expert tutors provide a high-quality education, up-to-date insight and knowledge relevant to their chosen industry sector.



Thrive + Enrichment

Our Thrive + Enrichment programme offers something for everyone, from recreational sports and chess clubs to creative societies and more. Students can even start their own club!



Incredible pass rates

We celebrated record-breaking results in 2025, achieving the highest proportion of top grades to date across A Levels, T Levels and other Level 3 vocational programmes!

- › 99% A Level pass rate
- › 76.2% of A Level students achieved grades A* to C, with a record number securing A* to B grades
- › More students than ever secured places at their first-choice universities
- › 73% of T Level students achieved high grades at Merit to Distinction
- › 63% of vocational programme students secured Merit to Distinction grades, progressing to apprenticeships, universities and exciting jobs in the workplace



Excellent transport links

We're located right next to Middlesbrough town centre and only a short stride away from the bus and train stations. Plus, students have the option of using the free* shuttle bus as part of their travel perk.

**Subject to eligibility criteria. See page 30 for more details*



CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

We're not just here to help students succeed in the classroom, we're here to support them in the real world, too!

Careers Team



Whether students are aiming for university, an apprenticeship or their dream job, our Careers Team is here to help with:

- › One-to-one careers guidance
- › CV, job and apprenticeship application support
- › University and UCAS application support
- › Employability skills development
- › Grofar – a smart digital tool to plan and track their work placements and enrichment

Whatever their goals, we'll help them get there.

Work placements Stand out from the crowd!

Real-world experience gives students a real advantage. That's why work placements are a key part of college life.



Students benefit from:

- › Strong links with top local, regional and national employers
- › A dedicated Work Placement Co-ordinator who'll support them every step of the way and has connections with employers in their chosen industry sector
- › Tailored work placements that fit their course and career goals
- › Travel card support so they can easily get to their work placement
- › Boosted confidence, skills and employability

STUDENT SERVICES

HERE TO HELP

Learn more about
our support
packages



Student wellbeing matters. That's why our Student Services Team are always on hand to support them!

We offer:

- › Free, confidential counselling
- › Dedicated welfare and safeguarding officers

If students need a hand, we've got their back. Visit our website to explore support packages.

Additional Learning Support

We are committed to providing a learning environment in which there is equality for all members of our community. As part of this, we are proud to have a large Additional Learning Support (ALS) Team who provide a wide range of support services!



Our specialist services include:

- › Dyslexia / Dyscalculia Support Tutors
- › Extra maths and English support
- › Communication Support Workers for the deaf and notetakers
- › IT trainers for the visually impaired
- › Specialist Learning Support Assistants to support students with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties or Autism
- › Assistive technology and software resources
- › Special exam arrangements

The ALS Hub is located on the ground floor of the main college building and provides access to our experienced staff and facilities throughout the day.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

At Middlesbrough College, we're proud to offer exclusive scholarship opportunities for high-achieving students progressing into their second year of study in certain courses.

Each scholarship matches eligible students with a participating employer, offering a high-quality work placement with the potential to secure a job or apprenticeship interview at the end of the year.

Our scholarship programmes are available in key industry sectors, including:



Engineering



Construction



Digital

Scholars benefit from a wide range of opportunities, including:

- › One-to-one mentoring and industry insight
- › Guest talks and site visits
- › Company-branded PPE or merchandise
- › A structured work experience placement
- › A monthly bursary of £200

We're committed to recognising talent and ambition, equipping our students with the tools, connections and experience to thrive in their future careers!



Employer partners include:



SPORTS ACADEMIES

For students who are as passionate about sport as they are about their studies.

Whether their passion lies on the pitch or in the pool, Middlesbrough College Sports Academies will take their skills higher.

As a top performing college, we are proud to offer specialist top-level coaching, scholarships and fantastic opportunities to compete in championships and top leagues nationally.

Sports Academies:

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cricket
- ▶ Pro 16 Men's Football
- ▶ Women's Football
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Gymnastics
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Volleyball

Students' don't need to be doing a sports course to take part in one of our academies!



We are TASS registered!
TASS is an athlete support programme designed to help talented athletes balance the demands of their sport and studies.

Middlesbrough College Group is proud to announce an exciting new partnership with Whitby Town Football Club



STUDENT PERKS

Find out more about our amazing perks!



Travel



Bus

FREE* or discounted weekday bus travel up to 7pm, to and from campus.

Shuttle bus

A shuttle bus for all students to and from Middlesbrough Bus Station direct to the main campus.

Train

FREE** reimbursed weekday train travel to and from Middlesbrough Train Station, just a short walk from campus!

Financial Help



Students receive help while they study with us, including bursaries, support with equipment, trips and visits, childcare and other course related costs.

Financial help and bursaries are all subject to eligibility and means tested.

** Household income must be under £100K. For students with a household income over £100K, travel is £60 per term.*

*** Household income must be under £100K. Listed stations and subject to purchase of a 16-17 saver rail card which will be refunded. Please see our website for up-to-date details and eligibility criteria.*

Scan here for information about our bursary packages



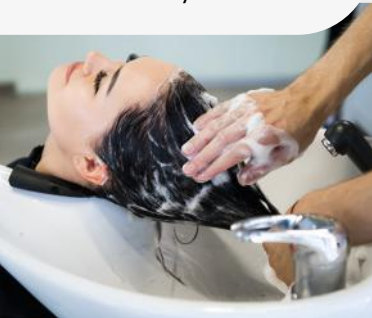
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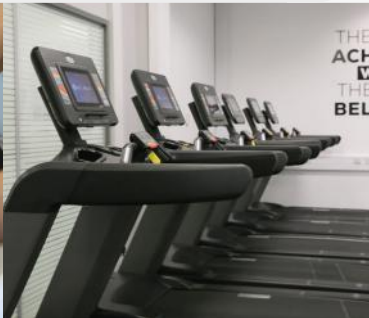
FREE Wi-Fi



10% discount on great food



20% discount on hair and beauty treatments, plus a free haircut in your first term!



College gym membership for just a one-off £10 fee!



FREE* college meals
**If students currently receive free school meals, this could continue at college. Please see our website for eligibility criteria.*



FREE MC Click laptop*** if your household income falls below £30K. If your household income is above £30K, there is just a £50 one off fee! You can keep your loan laptop after 2 years.

****2026/27 first year students only*

APPLICATION PROCESS

Middlesbrough College Application completed

Once an online or paper-based application has been completed for a Middlesbrough College course these are the next steps

Admissions receive application and contact applicant and invite them in for an onsite showcase event

Applicant attends onsite subject showcase event with the course tutor. They can choose to attend more than one to try a different area


Applicant receives a conditional offer or is referred to an alternative course or careers guidance

Applicant is invited to attend Year 11 MC Connect tasters (these take place after school or during half term holidays)

On or soon after GCSE results day, applicant is invited onsite to enrol on to a course ready to start their studies in early September

Be application ready

To apply, students must first ensure they have:

- Their own personal email account that is separate from a school email address
- A  WhatsApp account on their mobile

This is crucial to their application, as this is how our admissions team will send them information about their application and their conditional offer of a place.

Need help? We have our own AI helper on WhatsApp called "Libby", who will assist them. Libby is very friendly and happy to answer any questions!



If an applicant cannot attend their subject showcase event, they must inform the admissions team who will book an alternative session.

Where an applicant has accepted more than one conditional offer, the admissions team will support the student with additional guidance so they can make the right choice before enrolment.

Students and school staff can contact admissions or the schools team if they require any further help or information.

Engineering and TTE Application completed

Once an online or paper-based application has been completed for a TTE course these are the next steps

IMPORTANT:

For Electrical Engineering and Instrumentation and Control courses, applications must be submitted before the 26th January 2026 to be considered as part of the main recruitment process for TTE.

Admissions receive application and contact applicant and invite them in for an onsite showcase event

Applicant attends onsite subject showcase event with the course tutor

For Electrical Engineering and Instrumentation and Control courses, applicants will also be required to complete an aptitude test.

Due to limited places, conditional offers will be made to applicants with the highest test scores.

Applicant receives a conditional offer or is referred to an alternative course or careers guidance

Conditional offers will be issued by the end of February 2026 for Electrical Engineering and Instrumentation and Control courses, dependant on aptitude scores and predicated GCSE results. If students apply for these courses after this cut off point, they will be contacted about the waitlist.

Applicant is invited to attend Year 11 MC Connect tasters (these take place after school or during half term holidays)

On or soon after GCSE results day, applicant is invited to enrol onsite on to a course ready to start their studies in early September

Middlesbrough College and TTE enrolment is the 20th - 28th August 2026

Please note if applicants take holiday during this period and are not able to enrol, we may not be able to guarantee a place on their first-choice course.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAREERS TEAM

We would like to seek your continued support in guiding students and their families, who are interested in applying to any of our courses at MC through a successful post-16 transition process.

With increasing demand for places and a highly competitive admissions environment across the Tees Valley, we are asking schools to reinforce the following key messages with their students, staff and families:

1 Encourage Early Application

Students should be strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible. In particular, we advise using the "TTE Earlier" process, which increases their chances of securing a preferred course and provider.

2 Attendance at Showcase and Open Events Is Crucial

Showcase and open events offer essential insight into courses, facilities and career pathways. Non-attendance at the Showcase events may put students at risk of missing vital information and could impact the quality of their decision-making and opportunities. Only students who attend a Showcase event will be made a conditional offer, without which they may not get a place at the college.

3 Mandatory Enrolment Attendance

Please remind students and their families that missing enrolment appointments in August could result in lost places. We strongly advise parents/guardians not to book holidays on or after Thursday 20th August 2026, GCSE results day, to avoid risking their child's place.

4 Limited Places Due to Rising Birth Rates

With the rising birth rate in the Tees Valley, increasing the number of Y11s applying to college each year, places are becoming increasingly limited. It is more important than ever that students act early and make well-informed choices.

5 Focused Applications Recommended

We recommend that students apply for no more than 2–3 courses. This encourages thoughtful consideration and avoids spreading choices too thinly across unsuitable or unrealistic options.

6 Promote Early Attendance at Open Events

School-based advisors should strongly encourage attendance at open events in October and November. These early experiences are vital for informed decisions and early application.

7 Strategic Timing for Careers Guidance

Careers guidance appointments in school should ideally be scheduled during the final two terms of Year 10. This helps ensure students are ready to apply when Year 11 begins.

8 Clarity on Entry Requirements and Course Suitability

Students must understand course entry requirements and assess them against their predicted grades and personal interests. Realistic choices prevent disappointment and wasted opportunities.

9 Backup Planning is Essential

Advisors should support students in developing strong backup options (Plan B and even Plan C), especially in light of increasing competition and limited course places availability. For TTE, we have a significant number of other engineering courses in a variety of sectors that can be considered.

10 Parental Engagement is Key

We encourage all schools to involve parents early – through briefings, information evenings and clear communications – so they are aware of key timelines and the consequences of missing deadlines, events and enrolment.



STUDENTS DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR TO GO FURTHER!

When the time comes, University Centre Middlesbrough is right here, ready when they are.

They'll find:

- › Career-focused degrees designed in collaboration with employers
- › Smaller class sizes and more one-to-one support
- › More teaching hours than traditional universities
- › The chance to gain professional qualifications alongside their degree
- › A supportive, close-knit community where they're known by name

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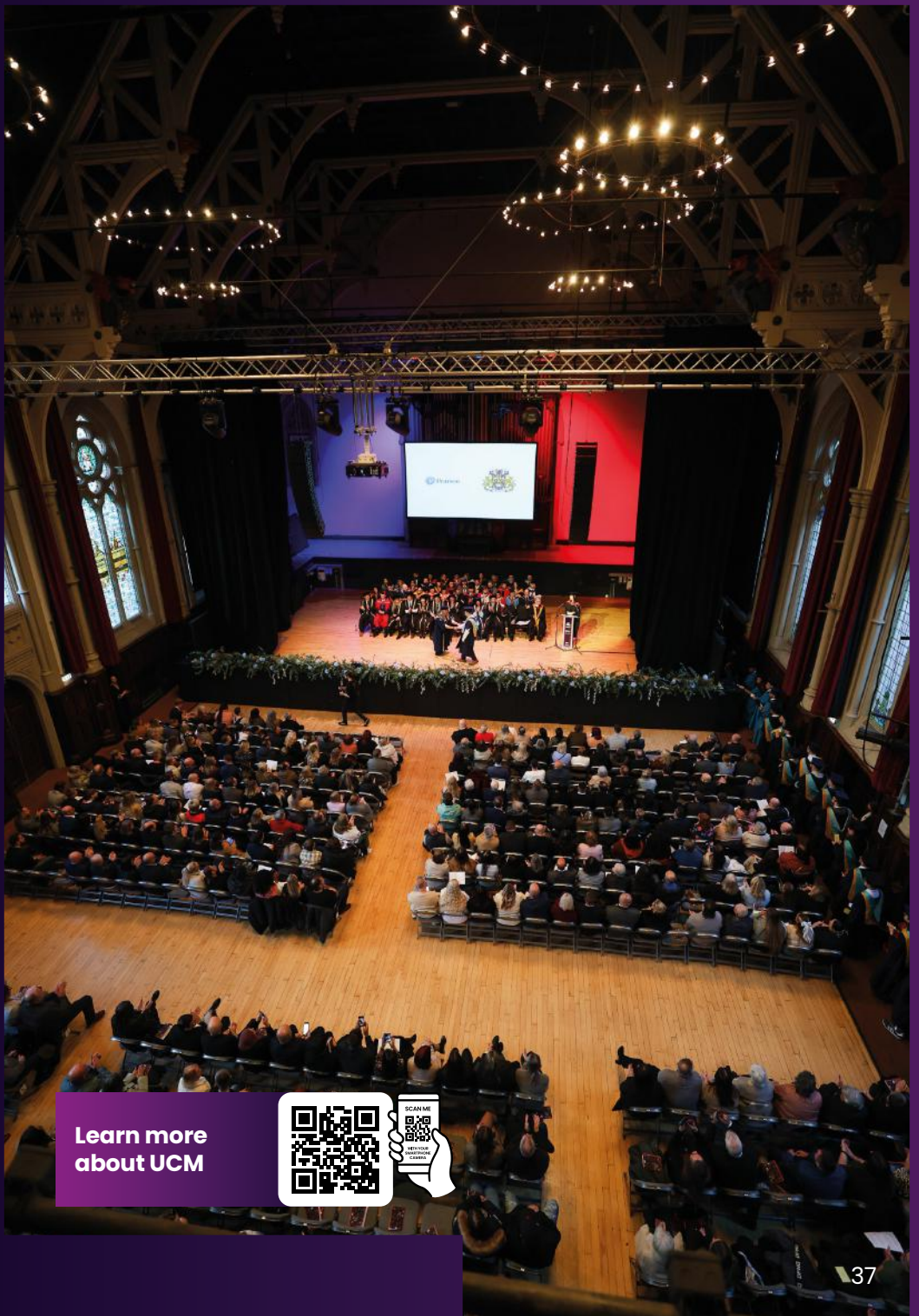


We're proud to deliver a range of IoT-accredited courses in the Tees Valley, placing us at the cutting edge of technical education in our region.

As part of the prestigious North East Institute of Technology, our high-quality, career-focused courses are designed with industry leaders to give students specialist skills that stand out.

Look out for the IoT badge in our course listings on our website. It means that the course is recognised for its technical excellence and strong industry links!

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COME VISIT US!

Come see first-hand what studying at Middlesbrough College and TTE is like! Our open events are the perfect opportunity to chat with tutors, explore our facilities and ask any questions you may have. You can even apply when you visit us!

2025/26 Open Events

Thu 2nd October
5:00pm – 7:30pm

Wed 8th October
5:00pm – 7:30pm

Sat 8th November
9:30am – 12:00pm

Thu 4th December
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Wed 21st Jan
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Wed 11th March
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Thu 7th May
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Tue 16th June
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Apprenticeship Expo

Tue 10th February
2:00pm – 6:00pm

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