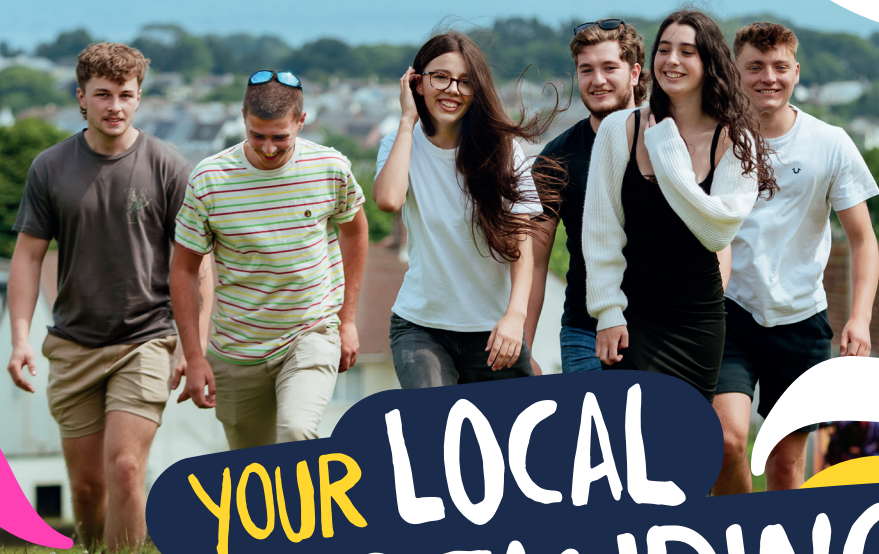


CORNWALL COLLEGE ST AUSTELL GUIDE 2026



**YOUR LOCAL
OUTSTANDING
COLLEGE**


Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

What Ofsted says...

“ Teachers prepare learners and apprentices extremely well for their next stage of education or employment. ”



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Welcome to Cornwall College St Austell

We're delighted that you are considering studying with us. We're really excited to welcome you into the Cornwall College family and help make your career dreams a reality. I'm really looking forward to meeting you soon. In the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with any questions you may have.

Rory Mason
Principal of
Cornwall College
St Austell



Commercial theatre

Professional dance studios

Award-winning restaurant

**UK-leading electric vehicle
training labs**

**Cutting-edge virtual reality
equipment**

**State-of-the-art Green Construction
Skills Academy**



WHAT'S ON CAMPUS



It's exciting times ahead, with our redeveloped campus opening in Spring 2027. The brand-new campus will feature ground-breaking facilities, exceptional student spaces and views over St Austell Bay. It will also be home to the Keay Theatre and our award-winning restaurant, Cloisters, creating outstanding opportunities for students to shine.

Vibrant and well-equipped common room

Dedicated construction and engineering skills centre

Fully-equipped gym

Hair and beauty salon

Exceptional professional training kitchens

Dedicated student support services

Designated bike shelters

Free parking and electric car charging

Go beyond your course with varied student enrichment options

TOUR THE CAMPUS



Pick your pathway

We have lots of different courses to choose from, but how do you know which is the right one for you?

Don't worry, we can help you narrow down the option that is best suited to you. Here's a quick rundown of the different pathways on offer.



Full-time study programmes

What are they?

- They typically last between one and three years and lead to qualifications such as vocational certificates, diplomas or extended diplomas
- They focus on the practical skills and knowledge linked to a range of subjects, such as art and design, business, health and social care, engineering and many others
- They are offered at different levels depending on your experience
- You'll be assessed through coursework, practical observations, and external exams
- After completion, you can either progress to a higher level study programme, enter the world of work or move on to study at university level

Choose this if...

- You're looking for work skills to enter a particular industry, such as healthcare or construction
- You learn best by getting hands-on
- You want to progress to the workplace, further study or onto university



T Levels

What are they?

- T Levels last two years and are centred on one subject
- They focus on vocational skills linked to the specific career path you've chosen
- One T Level is the equivalent of three A-levels and has UCAS points, which support applications to higher education
- They combine college study with a significant industry placement working with a real employer

Choose this if...

- You already know what job you want to do
- You want to get practical, knowledge-based learning and on-the-job experience
- You want to progress to the workplace, further study or onto university

T-LEVELS



Apprenticeships

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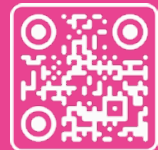
- An apprenticeship lets you gain work-based skills while earning a real salary
- The majority of the time will be spent learning on-the-job with an employer, with additional training at college
- You'll be assessed at both college and in your workplace

Choose this if...

- You already know what job you want to do
- You prefer to learn in the workplace rather than the classroom
- You want a professional qualification to support your work experience
- You want to earn while you learn

APPRENTICESHIPS

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Course levels and entry requirements

It is important to choose the correct level of course after your GCSEs. The choices available to you will depend on whether you meet the entry requirements, how you like to study and what you would like to do after your time with us.

Please use the table opposite as a general guide to our entry requirements. Some courses may require further specific qualification grades due to the nature of their content. Acceptance on a course will also depend on a successful interview.



Please note:

- Some specialist courses may have extra entry requirements; please see website for details
- If you are considering taking on an apprenticeship, we'll ask you to complete an initial assessment in English and Maths, along with a Skills Scan. This will help us to determine your current skills and knowledge, and chose the right level of apprenticeship for you
- If you do not achieve your expected grades, please don't panic. Contact us, and we will help you find an alternative course, normally in the same subject area of interest

Entry level

Study Options: Entry Level qualifications

Typical Entry Requirements: No formal qualifications are required

Progression: Next Entry Level or Level 1 course

Level 1

Study Options: Level 1 qualifications, including certificates and diplomas

Typical Entry Requirements: Two or more GCSEs at grade 2 or above, or successful completion of Entry Level qualification

Progression: Level 2 course, an apprenticeship or employment

Level 2

Study Options: Level 2 qualifications, including diplomas and apprenticeships

Typical Entry Requirements: Three or more GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification

Progression: Level 3 course, an apprenticeship or employment

WHAT LEVEL
IS RIGHT
FOR ME?

Level 3

Study Options: Level 3 qualifications, including diplomas, apprenticeships and T Levels. Our programmes are delivered as two one-year courses: Year 1 – Diploma, and Year 2 – Extended Diploma

Typical Entry Requirements: Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and/or Maths, or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification and a grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths

Progression: University study, an apprenticeship or employment

Automotive & EV Technologies

Kickstart your career in the automotive or EV Technologies industries with hands-on, industry-focused training in a dynamic learning environment. With state-of-the-art facilities, expert tutors and strong industry links, studying here sets you on the road to success.

SEE OUR
FULL RANGE
OF COURSES



We offer a variety of courses, from Entry Level to Level 3, offering pathways to employment, university or a higher-level apprenticeship.

Subjects we offer

- Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industries & Technology
- Light Vehicle Maintenance



Why study with us

- Expert mentors and lecturers
- Amazing industry connections
- State-of-the-art facilities and workshops
- UK-leading electric vehicle training labs





Business, Management & Digital

We offer a variety of Level 2 and Level 3 courses, offering pathways to employment, university or higher apprenticeships.

Get the skills to excel in business and the digital industries. With courses developed alongside local and national employers, you'll be able to set yourself up for success, whether you want to become a business leader, a tech innovator, or one of the Esports athletes of tomorrow.

Subjects we offer

- Business Administrator
- Customer Service Practitioner
- Digital Support Technician
- Team Leader/Supervisor
- Esports



Why study with us

- Expert mentors and lecturers
- Amazing industry connections
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Creative software and virtual reality technology
- A focus on entrepreneurship and problem solving

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GRACE
MAY

Early Years Educator Level 3



Since finishing her course at Cornwall College St Austell, Grace has secured a position as an Early Years Practitioner at Long Garden Nursery.

Childcare, Schools & Education

Throw yourself into a world of laughter, growth and endless possibilities. Our courses are tailor-made for patient, caring individuals who are fascinated by child development and looking to take their first steps toward a career in a school or early-years setting.

We offer a variety of Level 3 courses, offering pathways to employment, university or higher apprenticeships.

Subjects we offer

- Introduction to Health, Social Care, and Children's & Young People's Settings
- Education & Childcare
- Early Years Educator
- Teaching Assistant

Why study with us

- Expert mentors and lecturers
- Amazing industry connections
- Outstanding work placements
- Engaging guest speakers
- Build your own confidence, resilience and self-awareness



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Construction & Building Services

Build the foundation of your career in construction and building services with our range of courses that give you real hands-on experience. Guided by expert lectures, you'll master your chosen craft using industry-standard tools and equipment.

We offer a variety of courses from Level 1 to Level 3, offering pathways to employment, university or higher apprenticeships.

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Subjects we offer

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Joinery
- Electrical Installation
- Plumbing
- Roofing



Why study with us

- Expert mentors and lecturers
- Amazing industry connections
- Gain sustainable skills fit for the future
- Industry-standard facilities
- Build your confidence and problem-solving skills



A young man, Jack Smith, is standing in a workshop or construction site. He is wearing a black polo shirt and dark cargo pants. He is holding a large, ornate wooden shield trophy with many small circular medallions. To his right is a brick wall under construction, with stacks of red and white bricks nearby. The background shows a workshop with various tools and equipment.

**JACK
SMITH**

**Bricklaying Apprenticeship Level 2
TG Building Contractors**

**Jack has achieved a remarkable milestone
by winning the regional Guild of Bricklayers
junior competition 2024.**

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**LUCY
HAMMETT**

**Professional Cookery Level 3
Third Place, Student Pastry
Chef of the Year 2025**

**“Cornwall College has been brilliant:
the support, the course, the opportunities.
I’ve enjoyed every part of it.”**

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Cookery, Hospitality & Tourism

We offer a variety of course from Level 1 to Level 3, with pathways to employment, university or a higher apprenticeship.

Subjects we offer

- Introduction to the Hospitality Industry
- Professional Cookery
- Commis Chef



Why study with us

- Exceptional professional training kitchens
- Expert lecturers and mentors
- Amazing industry connections
- Develop team work and communication skills
- Opportunities to showcase your work

Explore the exciting world of cookery, hospitality and tourism. Our courses will give you the skills and knowledge to get ahead in these fast-paced industries by creating amazing customer experiences.

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Creative Arts, Media & Performance

Unleash your creativity and explore the exciting world of the creative arts. Our courses allow you to explore a diverse range of mediums and techniques, from painting, sculpture and digital art, to textiles, print and ceramics.

We have a variety of Level 2 and Level 3 courses, with pathways to employment and university.

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Subjects we offer

- Art & Design
- Games Design
- Media, Games and Photography
- Film & Television
- Photography
- Musical Performing Arts
- Performing Arts



Why study with us

- Expert lecturers
- Amazing industry connections
- Fully-equipped workshops and studios
- The Keay Theatre – a commercial theatre open to the public
- Learn skills to help you succeed professionally
- Opportunities to showcase your work



JASMINE SQUIRES

Performing Arts Diploma

“ I have learnt so many new skills that can take me so far in the performing arts industry. The course is such a supportive environment to work in; it makes me feel like I can do anything. ”

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Engineering & Manufacturing



Guided by industry specialists, our engineering and manufacturing workshops offer the ideal environment to develop your skills in engineering fundamentals, problem-solving, research, and design.

Subjects we offer

- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Engineering Technologies
- Building Services
- Engineering Technician (Design & Development Technician)
- Engineering Technician (Fitter)
- Engineering Technician (Machinist)
- Engineering Technician (Mechatronics)
- Lean Manufacturing
- Refrigeration Air Conditioning & Heat Pump Engineering Technician
- Utilities Engineering

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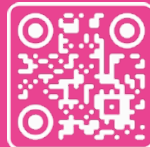
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- Gain sustainable skills fit for the future
- Industry-standard facilities
- Build your confidence and problem-solving skills

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Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty

We offer a range of courses from Level 1 to Level 3, with pathways to employment, university or higher apprenticeships.

Stand out in the growing industries of hairdressing, barbering and beauty. Our courses will not only provide you with all the skills you need to create beautiful looks and stunning transformations, but provide you with the knowledge to set yourself up as a professional.

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Subjects we offer

- An Introduction to Hair & Beauty
- Hairdressing
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional
- Nail Services
- Beauty Therapy



Why study with us

- Purpose-built hair and beauty salon
- Top-of-the-line products
- Amazing industry connections
- Expert lecturers and mentors
- Work with real clients
- Opportunities to showcase your skills

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JASMINE
WILLIAMS

Health & Social Care
Technical Certificate
Level 3

“ Thanks to the course, college and all my tutors, I am now employed where I completed my work experience as a support worker. ”



Full-time study



T Levels



Apprenticeships

Health Services & Social Care



Enter into the rewarding world of health and social care. With demand for care professionals to grow significantly in the next decade, studying with us will set you on the path to a successful caring career.

We offer a range of Level 2 and Level 3 courses, with pathways to employment, university or higher apprenticeships.

Subjects we offer

- Adult Care Worker
- Health and Science
- Health – Supporting the Mental Health Team
- Health – Supporting the Therapy
- Dental Nursing

Why study with us

- Expert lecturers and mentors
- Amazing industry connections
- Purpose-built training facilities
- Develop communication and problem-solving skills
- Learn first aid skills

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**CALLUM
BRAY**

Independence Pathway

“ I have enjoyed the trips and learning to buy ingredients needed for cooking. College has given me more confidence to try new things. ”



Supported Learning & Progression Pathways

Prepare for adulthood, independence and the world of work with our Progression Pathways courses. Whether you need guidance on what career to follow, want to gain the skills to live independently, or would like boost your confidence, we can help you.



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Subjects we offer

- Independence Pathway
- Progression Skills Pathway
- Vocational Studies
- Vocational Specialists
- Employment Pathway
- Supported internships

Why study with us

- Personal development sessions
- 1-to-1 sessions with a teacher
- Careers advice
- Additional learning support caseworkers
- Quiet room
- Progression to further education, supported internships or employment

Supporting you at college



Transport

If you are aged 16-18, and need help with transport to college, it's really important to apply for your bus pass during the months of June and July. This will guarantee that you'll have your pass in time for the start of term in September.

Depending on where you live, your bus pass could be provided by Cornwall Council, Devon Council or through the College's own transport network.

We do have bursaries available that can support eligible learners with the cost of travel. If you have any questions about travelling into college, please email bursaries@cornwall.ac.uk

FE Bursary funding

If you are under 19 years old on 31 August, your course won't cost you anything. For students aged 19 and over who may have to pay fees towards their tuition, guidance is available.

We offer a FE Bursary to support eligible students financially with access to transport, childcare, equipment and free college meals. If you have any further questions regarding financial support with your studies, please email bursaries@cornwall.ac.uk



Student Support

The College provides a supportive learning environment focused on student success and personal growth. Engagement and Progression Officers (EPOs) help with academic and personal challenges, and staff in learning centres offer study support and resources.

Students can take part in personal development activities such as trips, guest talks, and skill-building sessions. Health and wellbeing are also prioritised, with tailored activities across campuses to support mental and physical wellness.

Career guidance is available year-round through Careers Officers, who support university progression, job opportunities, and further training. Students also have access to online tools like Moodle and Teams.

The College values inclusivity and safety, offering SEND support, financial aid, and accommodation options. The Students' Union helps shape the student experience through representation and events.

Campus map



Our brand-new, purpose-built campus will be opening in Spring 2027. The campus will be the first carbon-neutral campus in the UK, with all the electricity needed to power and heat the buildings being generated by solar power.

The new buildings will contain new student-run facilities including a restaurant and hair and beauty salons. There will also be practical health suites, digital suites and gas testing workshops, giving students the chance to learn on state-of-the-art equipment.

In addition, students will be able to enjoy a gym, bright and friendly learning areas and food outlets, along with beautiful outside spaces.

Our amazing alumni



Since qualifying with a Level 2 in Professional Cookery, **Daniel** has gone on to become an Executive Head Chef at Michelin-starred Restaurant, Lyst, in Denmark. Daniel won his first Michelin star in 2021.

Tamara is originally from Georgia, but came to study Level 2 Beauty Therapy at Cornwall College St Austell in 2019. Following further study in both Cornwall and London, she returned to St Austell to open her own beauty salon.



After completing an Art & Design BTEC, **Leah** has achieved a degree in Contemporary Crafts and has gone on to become an artist. She makes one-off ceramic art pieces for exhibitions, commissions and collectors.

How to apply

So you've decided which course is for you:

**NOW IT'S
TIME TO
APPLY**

1

Apply

Complete an application form

You can apply through the relevant course page on our website using an online form. If you'd prefer a paper copy of the application form, call us and we can send one out to you.

2

Interview

We can't wait to meet you

You'll receive an invitation to meet with the course lecturer at an interview. This is likely to be at one of our scheduled interview events on a weekday evening. It's a perfect opportunity to talk about the course you're interested in and find out how it can help you achieve the goals you have for the future.

**3**

Accept your offer

You made it! Your college place is waiting

Exciting! Reserve your place as soon as possible. Please note, the offer you get may be conditional on you gaining certain GCSE grades. If you end up not getting the results you expected, there's no need to panic. Just get in touch and we'll help you to look into any other options available to you.

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Start course

Welcome to your local, outstanding college

We'll see you in September for your induction week!

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any other queries, please contact our main enquiries line on **0330 123 2523** or email **enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk**



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Join us @ our next
CORNWALL COLLEGE
ST AUSTELL

OPEN EVENT

(includes Taster Session)

A great starting point for you and your family. Tour the campus, meet staff and students, and find out more about courses and college life.

Tue 4 Nov 2025

5pm - 7pm

Thu 12 Feb 2026

5pm - 7pm

Sat 9 May 2026

10am - 12pm

Careers Fair

Discover apprenticeships, connect with local employers, and explore exciting career paths.

Thu 12 Feb 2026

5pm - 7pm

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