

Information for School Leavers (Year 11)

Whether you have already applied to Bradford College or not we hope you find the following information helpful and reassuring.

If you haven't yet applied to Bradford College:

Bradford College has a wide range of Further Education courses for everyone.

We know that this year the impact of COVID 19 may be unsettling and worrying and we have put in place additional support for your application.

If you would like to see what courses Bradford College has to offer, please see our website at www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Once you apply, you will be allocated a named admissions officer. They will call you, text you and email you regularly to reassure you and manage your application during the summer.

If you would like to apply, you can do so online at <https://apply.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/>

If you would like to speak to a member of the team about your application, you can do so by calling 01274 088088 (option 3) or by email at admissions@bradfordcollege.ac.uk during our normal office hours which are:

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Friday – 8:30am – 4:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to Bradford College.

If you have already applied to Bradford College:

We know that this year you may be concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on your studies.

There is a place for you at Bradford College and we will support you all the way through this next stage of your studies – we will be in touch with you personally at many times throughout this difficult period and if you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

Depending on the results you achieve this summer, **you will be offered a place on one of the levels listed below**, *(if you do better than you expected in your exams you will be offered a higher level course, and if you don't achieve what you are hoping for you will be offered a lower level course):*

- **Entry 3/Level 1 Progression to Learning and Work Entry Requirements:**

Our Level 1 or Foundation Level courses allow you to gain basic skills and provide a good introduction to your chosen subject and the world of work. You will combine practical hands-on activities, project work and key skills.

- **Level 2 Entry Requirements** - 4 GCSEs Grade 3 or above Including Maths and English Language. *Level 2 courses are intermediate and equivalent to GCSEs or First Diploma Level, they provide an opportunity to get qualifications that will prepare you for study at a higher level. You will learn vocational and academic skills alongside practical and hands-on activities, including project work.*
- **Level 3 Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs Grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language

Level 3 is equivalent to A Levels or Extended Diploma Level; studying at this level can be challenging with courses offering solid preparation for a career or further studies, including apprenticeships and degree level study

We aim for all learners to achieve a Level 3 qualification at College, either by starting at Level 3 or progressing through the levels. **Your journey to a Level 3 qualification will start at a level that best suits you.** Achieving a Level 3 qualification will equip you with the skills and training to progress into an apprenticeship, move on to Higher Education including progression to degree level courses offered at Bradford College University Centre, or to secure employment.

All existing applicants will have already received a letter from a dedicated Admissions Officer. This letter will explain what you need to do next. We will also call and text you. If you haven't received any communications from us it could be that your contact details are not up to date.

It is really important you receive messages from us. Please let us know if your email and / or mobile number changes and keep an eye out for emails / text messages and letters from us.

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Additional Helpful Information and links:

A-Levels at Bradford College – <https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/study/16-18-students/Alevels-GCSEs>

Further Education courses at Bradford College – <https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/study/16-18-students>

Career Coach - <https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/study/find-a-course>

Apprenticeships at Bradford College - <https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships>

A Guide to Apprenticeships - <https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>

Higher Education at Bradford College – <https://www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/study/degrees/ucas-extra>

Career Planner - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

Careers Information - <https://sacu-student.com/>

Maths and English:

It is a **national requirement** for all students aged 16-18 studying an educational course to **continue to study maths and/or English** if a GCSE Grade 4 (A*-C) has not already been achieved. If you do not pass maths and/or English at school you will be enrolled onto maths and/or English classes, and you **MUST** attend in order to pass your main programme of study.

Disability, learning difficulties or medical declarations:

If you have a disability, learning difficulty or a medical condition that may mean you need support, it is important that you contact our Learning Support & Disability Services Team on **01274 088401** or email L2@bradfordcollege.ac.uk to discuss your support needs. Please provide evidence or information about any support you have previously received to help us make your transition to college as easy as possible.

Student Finance:

For information about financial support, childcare and travel expenses etc. please visit www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk – Search for ‘**Student Services**’ and ‘**Study Money**’ for useful advice and guidance.

Progression to Higher Education

Successful completion of a Level 3 study programme will enable you to progress to Higher Education – this includes degree level study at **Bradford College**. The college offers a range of vocational, academic and professionally accredited courses at HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, Degree and Postgraduate levels. We prioritise Bradford College student applications and offer a £500* progression incentive! Find out more about degree level study at www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/uc and when you become a student at the College talk to your Progress Coach and tutors about our Higher Education offer.