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# COURSE GUIDE

2025/26

# OPEN EVENTS



**7th Nov** | 5PM-7PM

**9th Nov** | 10AM-1PM

**4th Mar** | 5PM-7PM



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[www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)



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## WAYS TO APPLY

### Apply Online

Visit [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk) and complete our online application form.

### Apply by Post

Send a postal application form to: **Student Services, Gateway College, 17 Colin Grundy Drive, Leicester, LE5 1GA.**

### Apply in Person

You can drop in and apply at: **Gateway College, 17 Colin Grundy Drive, Leicester, LE5 1GA.**

### Find out more

For more information about how to apply, please email [studentservices@gateway.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@gateway.ac.uk).



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Thank you for considering Gateway College as the important next step in your education.** As a Sixth Form College specialising in the education and progression of 16-19 year olds, there is so much that we can offer you. We have a strong reputation in supporting our students with the change from secondary school to sixth form and for challenging you to achieve more than you ever hoped. Starting with our expert advice and guidance, we will help you to choose the right subjects and pathway that will enable you to achieve your career goal and develop the skills and attitudes that will make you successful in your future, whatever your starting point.

Our results are good with many of our courses in the top 10% nationally for both achievement and value added, some are number 1. We are delighted that our strengths have been recognised by OfSTED who visited us in October 2019 and graded the college as Good. Coming to Gateway will give you access to our wide network of former students, employers and universities who all help to provide expertise, work experience, talks and mentorship to support your development.

## JAMES BAGLEY

PRINCIPAL OF GATEWAY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



## WHY CHOOSE GATEWAY?

Gateway Sixth Form College has a long tradition of transforming young people's lives and preparing them for success. The College began as a boys Grammar School in 1928 and has evolved to become the modern, mixed Sixth Form College it is today.

In October 2019, Gateway Sixth Form was awarded a 'Good' grade 2 by Ofsted and continues to make significant gains year on year, resulting in exceptional exam results and student progression. The College strives to be outstanding and has received the following awards: Gold Mental Health Award for Schools, the Silver Artsmark Award, The Industry Choice Award for the NextGen VFX programme of study, the Sixth Form Colleges Association Award for Sustainability, the Eco-Schools Award for Sustainable Senior Leader, the Eco-Schools Award for Collective Values, Eco Schools Green Flag Award with Merit and a Tiny Forest, and was runner up for the Sixth Form Colleges Association Award for Curriculum Innovation.

In 2020 Gateway became one of the three founding members of the Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust (BFMAT) in association with Coventry University. The College delivers a mix of A levels, T levels, vocational qualifications from entry level to level 3 and GCSEs in maths and English. We are proud to play a role within our community and the communities we engage with across the city and county, inspiring young people to achieve their very best.



# APPLICATION PATHWAY



- 01 Liaison** - September to December '24  
Engagement with schools by Gateway staff and student representatives to explain the application process and answer any questions regarding the College and entry in 2025.
- 02 Open Days** - 7th November '24, 9th November '24 and 4th March '25  
All are welcome to this free event. Meet staff and students, find out about courses, enrichments and support and see the first-rate facilities. Follow on social media for more details.
- 03 Apply** - November '24 to July '25  
Students should apply online using the PS@16 system or directly through our website. Application forms can be obtained at [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk) or email [studentservices@gateway.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@gateway.ac.uk).
- 04 Interview** - February to May '25  
Applications are assessed, references are followed up and some students may be invited for interview if required. Conditional offers are made to successful applicants.
- 05 Decision** - February to July '25  
Applicants should decide whether to accept or decline their offer and notify the College of their decision.
- 06 Welcome** - June '25  
Applicants are invited to a Welcome Event with taster sessions and activities to ensure they have picked the right courses.
- 07 Enrolment** - August '25  
Successful applicants are invited to attend an enrolment appointment to register on their chosen programme of study, receive their timetable and induction details. Every student will receive an individual appointment.

#MORE THAN A COLLEGE

95% OVERALL PASS RATE FOR ALL COURSES  
Based on 2023 exam results

We are proud to serve our communities and to create outstanding life opportunities for young people.

- Sixth form Colleges Association Award for Sustainability
- Sixth Form Colleges Association Award for Curriculum Innovation (runner up)
- Eco-Schools Award for Sustainable Senior Leader
- Eco-Schools Award for Collective Values
- Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Merit
- Finalists in the UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Regional Maths Challenge
- Winner of the Industry Choice Award, and runner up for the Student Choice Award for the NextGen VFX Programme of study as voted by industry professionals and peers two years in a row
- Selected for Sixth Form Colleges Association national exhibition
- First Sixth Form College to be designated to deliver T Levels in the city
- Only Sixth Form College in the city to deliver NextGen Games Animation and VFX programme
- East Midlands host for The BBC Dragons Den Post-Mortem Live Experience
- Selected to deliver Project Search – innovative DFN programme partnering with industry leaders to support students with complex needs into work



Artsmark Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts Council England



Better Futures  
Multi-Academy Trust



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



## LEVEL 3 ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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You will usually need to have achieved 5 or more GCSE grades 9 - 4 including English Language and Maths. Some courses may have additional entry requirements.

**Progression to:** University, Higher/Degree Apprenticeships, Employment

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## LEVEL 3 T-LEVELS

3

You will need to have achieved 5 or more GCSE grades 9-4 including English Language and Maths.

**Progression to:** University, Higher/Degree Apprenticeships, Employment

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## LEVEL 2 T-LEVEL FOUNDATION

2

You will need 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including either GCSE Mathematics or English Language at Grade 4. Minimum grade 3 in the other GCSE or core subject.

**Progression to:** T-Level at Level 3

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## LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

2

GCSEs at grade 3 or 2, or Pass in a Level 1 Vocational Programme, including English Language and Maths (grade D/3) or Functional Skills Level 1.

**Progression to:** Level 3, Apprenticeship or Employment

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## LEVEL 1 ENTRY AWARDS + CERTIFICATES (FOUNDATION LEARNING)

1

GCSEs at grade 2 and 1, including English Language and Maths or Functional Skills or Entry Level success.

**Progression to:** Level 2

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## LEVEL 1 ENTRY LEVEL 2 (FOUNDATION LEARNING)

1

GCSEs at grade 1 or other qualifications or assessment.

**Progression to:** Level 1

# STUDY PROGRAMMES

As we grow our provision, new Programmes of Study may be introduced after we have printed this prospectus. For the most up-to-date list of courses at Gateway College please scan the QR code or go to our website: [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)



## PAGE 32 LEVEL 2: T LEVEL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

- Digital
- Education\*
- Health\*
- Science\*

\* GCSE Biology to be offered in addition to Foundation programme where required.

## PAGE 34 LEVEL 3: T LEVELS

- Craft and Design: Pathway into Textiles and Fashion
- Digital Business Services: Pathway into IT
- Education and Early Years: Pathway to Early Years Educator
- Health: Pathway into Adult Nursing
- Management and Administration: Pathway into Business
- Media: Pathway into Broadcast and Production
- Science: Pathway into Laboratory Science
- Digital Support Services: Pathway into IT

## PAGE 36 POST A LEVEL / LEVEL 3

### One Year Post Level 3 Qualification

- Pre-Degree Foundation Studies in Art and Design

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### LEVEL 3: ACADEMIC PATHWAY

Two Year Advanced Level | Choose 3 to 4 subjects

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Criminology
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Health and Social Care
- Law
- Maths
- Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Textiles

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### LEVEL 3: VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

Two Year Advanced Level | Choose 1 subject

- Art and Design
- Business
- Creative Media Practice
- Health and Social Care
- Information Technology (IT)
- NextGen Games Animation and VFX
- Applied Science

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### LEVEL 2: GCSE

- English Language
- Maths

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### LEVEL 2: VOCATIONAL

- Art and Design
- Business
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Media
- Science

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### ENTRY LEVEL 3 - LEVEL 1

- Business Administration
- Creative Arts and Media
- Health and Social Care
- Information Technology (IT)
- Science

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### ENTRY TO WORK

- Multi Skills and Entry Level 3: Life Skills pathways

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### PROJECT SEARCH

- Health and safety
- Interview skills
- CV Writing
- Dress to Impress
- Communication skills
- Healthy lifestyles
- Travel training
- Units to develop wider employability skills

# MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR FUTURE

Gateway has forged strong relationships with employers, community groups, universities and funders to ensure students are provided with the best possible opportunities to place them at the forefront when considering their future progression. Innovative partnerships with Coventry University, De Montfort University, the University of Leicester, T level Industry placement providers, NextGen Academy and University Hospitals Leicester (UHL) to name but a few, have created diverse learning experiences.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bespoke industry placements and insights are embedded across the entire curriculum. These experiences prepare students for their next steps, creating opportunities for future progression, learning and employment and enabling young people to make informed choices about their future.

**“The Careers Team suggested I apply for the Med programme at the University of Leicester to gain some medical experience and a qualification. During this time doctors carried out presentations on a range of topics and at the end of the course, I gave my own presentation. The experience boosted my confidence and really helped with my application for university.”**

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## CAREER AND PROGRESSION ADVICE

The Careers Service at Gateway offers tailored 1:1 career advice and guidance with our qualified team. There are also opportunities to attend university taster days, access to apprenticeship providers, employers, academics and industry professionals. Careers and progression activities take place throughout the academic year, including a large Higher Education (HE) Fair.

**The Careers Service has strong relationships with both local and national universities, including those from the Russell Group. These provide opportunities for students at the College and also on their campuses. Students take part in Oxford and Cambridge taster days to raise aspirations and application standards.**

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The College has relevant, up-to-date information to support students in areas such as making a university application, Personal Statement writing, finding the right apprenticeship and studying abroad.

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## WORK PLACEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At Gateway we understand that students need more than just excellent results to stand out to a prospective employer or to gain their first choice of university. Our Careers and Employability Team skilfully develop a comprehensive package of relevant work-related opportunities for every student to gain valuable additional skills and insight into the sector of work they are interested in. Careers activities include employability tutorials, interactive workshops and visits to skills and careers fairs in addition to industry placements where required.

The Careers Strategy Plan is set out to reflect the expectations of the Gatsby Benchmarks, allowing us to provide excellent careers and employability

provision. We use Labour Market Information and Destination Data when supporting students to make informed career decisions, creating a successful careers and employability programme to cater for students from across the curriculum.

The College has good links with a wide network of local employers and community organisations who also offer students work placements, industry visits, speakers, masterclasses and information stands in the College. In addition to this, students can participate in programmes designed to bridge the journey from education to employment such as our new T levels programme (Page 34) and the Supported Internship Programme (Page 51).

For more information visit [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)



# LEARNER EXPERIENCE

## WE OFFER A BROAD ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME TO STUDENTS, ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Chess Club
- College Magazine
- Cricket
- Cultural Events Team
- Debate Society
- Football
- Gym
- LGBTQ+
- Science Labs
- Student Union
- Table Tennis
- Volunteering

## GATEWAY ATTRIBUTES

- Get things done
- Adapt my approach
- Communicate effectively
- Act with integrity
- Think creatively
- Remain positive

## THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE TEAM

Ensuring you have an outstanding experience is at the heart of the work the Student Experience Team undertake. The work that the Head of Student Experience, the Pastoral Leaders (PL's), and Pastoral Mentors (PM's) do is focussed on support, guidance and ensuring you have every opportunity to experience a full and exciting Programme of Study (PoS). Gateway College prides itself on the support and care we provide to our students, and the positive impact this has.

If you need access to additional support, careers or counselling advice the Student Experience Team are your first point of call. You will have a weekly group tutorial, and regular 1-1 sessions with a specially assigned LPT whose aim is to monitor and ensure that you are on track to complete to your full potential. There are also opportunities to enjoy your successes with celebration assemblies, termly and half-termly prizes up for grabs. The Student Experience Team will support you through the UCAS process, provide help to research and find suitable universities, provide opportunities to secure apprenticeships, or enter the world of work if this is your goal.

## SCHOOL TRANSITION

We aim to develop the full potential of every student. We care about each individual, which is why we work closely with your school so that you will have a smoother transition into college life. We attach great importance in helping each of you to achieve your full potential and a wide range of support is available to ensure you reach your goals.

## NUS

Membership of the National Union of Students (NUS) is available to all Gateway students.

## STUDENT SERVICES

Open throughout the College day, the team provide advice and guidance on a range of issues, including how to apply for financial support with meals, transport and equipment.

## STUDENT VOICE

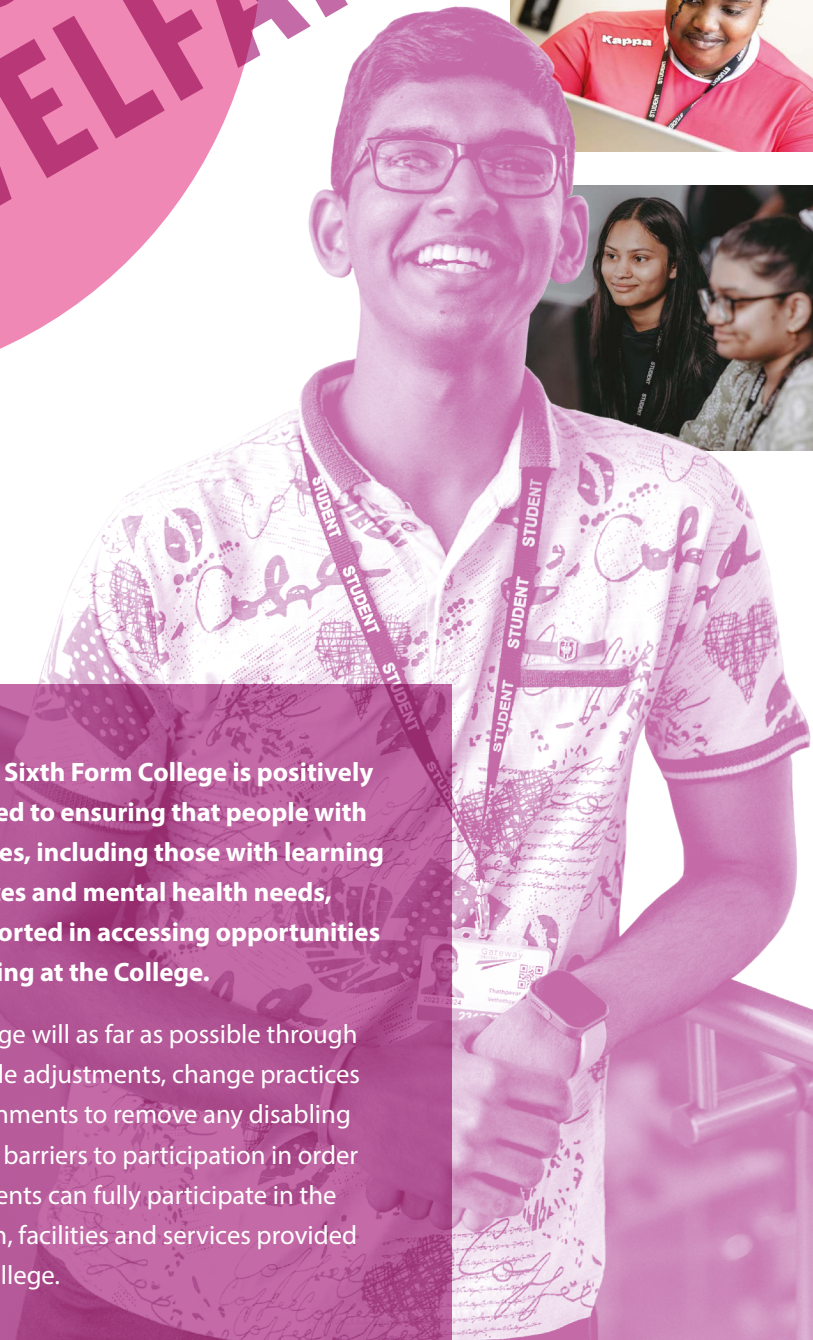
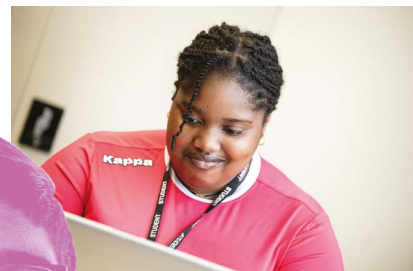
Two places are available each academic year for student representatives to sit on the College Board of Governors, representing the student experience.

In addition to this each year students are elected by their peers to represent their views on the Student Union (SU). This is the voice of the student body, and this is where issues and concerns are raised and discussed. They also arrange trips and fundraising events. The SU mirror the Leadership Team of the College and as such, play a focal role in the development of key strategies for students.

## FINANCIAL HELP

The Government provides funding to support students experiencing financial hardship whilst studying at the College. These funds are prioritised for students in financial hardship and are administered by the Student Services Team. All students are invited to apply.

# STUDENT WELFARE



**Gateway Sixth Form College is positively committed to ensuring that people with disabilities, including those with learning differences and mental health needs, are supported in accessing opportunities for learning at the College.**

The College will as far as possible through reasonable adjustments, change practices or environments to remove any disabling effects or barriers to participation in order that students can fully participate in the education, facilities and services provided by the College.

## EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Gateway Sixth Form College is committed to providing an environment which values all individuals equally. The College encourages full participation by all, focusing on maximum achievement for each individual. Everyone at Gateway Sixth Form College has the right to freedom from discrimination at all times, regardless of disability, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexuality.

Any form of verbal or physical behaviour which undermines an individual's sense of worth or feeling of security will not be tolerated. We pride ourselves on having staff from a range of backgrounds who can help translate information into different languages and act as role models.

## PREVENT DUTY

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on educational bodies to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

At Gateway, we incorporate our duties under the Government's Prevent agenda within our approach to Safeguarding.

## COUNSELLING SERVICE

Gateway Sixth Form College's Counselling Service is confidential and non-judgemental. The Counsellor can provide help and support for students experiencing a particular difficulty in their life with relationships, College, health etc.

For more information visit [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING

Gateway Sixth Form College has a statutory and moral duty to ensure that the College functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people and vulnerable adults studying at the College.

We take the safety of our students very seriously. This includes health and safety practice on College premises and students' own personal safety and wellbeing. You can speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team at any time if you have any worries or concerns about your own or anyone else's safety and wellbeing.

Our Safeguarding Team are well trained and experienced in supporting students with a range of personal issues including domestic violence, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, homelessness and any concerns relating to extremism or radicalisation.

## FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

These values are defined as 'democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs'.

Gateway Sixth Form College encourages its students and staff to respect other people with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

# STUDENT SUPPORT

Students behave very well, attend well and have a positive attitude towards their studies. They make a substantial contribution to the calm, orderly learning environment. They participate fully in lessons and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges.

Ofsted Report; Rated Good.

## LEARNING DISABILITIES & LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Gateway Sixth Form College provides high quality teaching and learning, working with a wide range of students in a supportive and caring environment. The College has a fully integrated provision for students with learning disabilities, learning differences and mental health needs. Student needs can vary greatly; we make all reasonable adjustments possible to enable you to access your chosen course.

Please declare your learning disability, learning difference or additional needs on your application form and at the interview so that the appropriate support can be planned. When support is requested, the Learning Support Team will assess and allocate support.

## ENTRY LEVEL, LEVEL 1 AND ENTRY TO WORK

Here at Gateway Sixth Form College we offer courses at Entry Level and Level One. These courses are suitable for students who may have struggled at school for different reasons and are not yet ready for Level Two or employment. They offer the chance to try out different vocational subjects whilst at the same time developing English and Maths skills.

We know it is also important to develop the right attitude and skills for progression to further study and work and to assist in this, a range of enrichments are provided. Students will be allocated a Personal Tutor to support them in their transition from school to College who will be able to help set targets and provide motivation.

## WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT

- 1 to 1 in class support
- Shared in class support
- 1 to 1 out of class support
- Specific learning difference e.g. Dyslexia
- Physical disability
- Specialist ICT equipment
- Literacy and Numeracy workshops to improve standard of work
- Personal care
- Special exam arrangements
- Specialist software/ specialist ICT equipment
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Study skills/time management
- Counselling

For more information visit [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

Dina, Mariam and Sara are the first graduates on the Level 3 T-Level Health Pathway into Nursing.

They have each been offered a place on the 4-year MSc Nursing with Leadership Dual Field Mental Health and Adult at the University of Leicester where they will become dual registered nurse practitioners and clinical leaders.

This was one of the first T-Levels that Gateway College launched in 2022 and is delivered in our state-of-the-art Health Suite which contains a classroom, a triage area and a hospital ward. Teaching staff have a background in nursing, enabling them to deliver the specialist subject content and students embark on a 45-day industry placement as part of their course.

Gateway is the only Sixth Form College selected to deliver T-Levels in the city and is proud to be a pioneer in the area.

We were invited to take part in an online campaign created by the Department of Education.

Watch Dina talk about the course here:



**“The students have worked exceptionally hard and teachers have tasked them to achieve their very best and meet their full potential.”**

Rose, Teacher of T Level Health

**T LEVEL  
GRADUATES:  
CLASS OF '24**

# FACILITIES & RESOURCES

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

**The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is at the heart of the College located in 'The Street' and holds a stock of over 20,000 books, magazines, daily newspapers and a Careers Library to support students' studies.** The LRC is a flexible study area with individual study tables, a reading area, small group working areas and a silent study area. There are 21 computers, 12 fixed laptops, a bank of mobile laptops available for loan and wireless phone chargers for use. There is also an Independent Study Centre with computers and study tables for 100 learners on the Mezzanine Floor. We have an Independent Study Centre with computers and study tables for 100 learners in addition to our Learning Resource Centre.

## IT FACILITIES

Gateway has over 500 PCs in classrooms and the LRC. In addition to these, there are over 100 laptops for students to use as additional learning resources. A Web Filtration System operates on the College network protecting students from accessing restricted websites and content. Computer Suites and the LRC utilise Net Support School software to monitor and manage activity.

Students can access any of the software installed on the network, for example, MS Office 365 and Adobe software. They can also download Microsoft Office 365 onto their own devices completely free of charge for the duration of their time at Gateway.

Printers and Multi-Functional Devices (MFD's) are situated in the LRC, Independent Study Centre and the IT Suites.

## INFORMATION AND DATA ENVIRONMENT

Gateway has several computerised systems which allow staff to calculate students' target grades based on their GCSE results and provide Individual Learning Plans for each student which detail their attendance, punctuality, attitude to work, subject targets and assignment deadlines.

From this information we can assess whether the student is working at their full potential or if support is required. These highly detailed monitoring systems have been critically important in understanding how our students are progressing and what we can do to help them achieve. This information is shared with parents and guardians.

## WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES

- 3D Design Workshop
- Accessible Kitchen
- Art and Design Studios
- Canteen
- Conference Space
- Fashion and Textiles Workroom
- Gym
- Independent Study Spaces
- Learning Resource Centre (LRC)
- NextGen Games Design Studio
- Multi-Media Animation and Video Suite
- Photography Studio
- Podcast Recording Studio
- Reflection Rooms
- Science Laboratories
- Sports Hall and MUGA Pitch
- T Level Business Centre
- T level Early Years Crèche and Education Centre
- T level Health Suite
- T level IT Hub



# CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATHWAY

**Deciding what and where to study next is a big decision.** With so much choice, it can be overwhelming. This Course Guide has been designed to take you through the decision-making process step-by-step to ensure you make the right decision for YOUR future.

Now that we have invited you to our Open Events, introduced you to our Principal and some of our students, shared our results, college culture and outstanding facilities with you, the next section will take you through our Learning Pathways and Programmes of Study.

For more information about courses, go to our website: [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

## WHAT CAREER ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Think about what careers you are interested in and research what subjects are needed for these.

## WHAT SUBJECTS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Which subjects do you enjoy and perform well in? Have you considered studying something new? There are lots of new subjects you can choose at Gateway College as well as ones that you already know. Your GCSE results will also help you to pick your courses and plan your progression pathway.

## HOW DO YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

Do you like exams, coursework or prefer work placements?

## WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

You don't have to be in a traditional classroom anymore, at Gateway there are lots of different environments that you can learn in including classrooms, science labs, art studios, photography workshops, IT, media and games design studios, podcast and recording studios, a replica hospital ward or a children's crèche or even in the workplace.



# ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL OR T-LEVELS?

At Gateway College we offer three separate pathways at Level 3 for students to choose between; the Academic Pathway, the Extended Diploma Vocational Pathway and the T-Level Pathway. The pathways are very different and your choice will depend on a number of factors including, how you enjoy learning, your level of achievement, the subject and your career aspirations.

## HOW DO THE THREE PATHWAYS COMPARE?

	Academic Pathway Level 3: Two Year Advanced Level	Extended Diploma Pathway Level 3: Two Year Vocational	T-Levels
Duration	2 years	2 years	2 years
Entry Requirements	Most courses require 5 or more GCSE grades 9-4 including English Language and Maths however some vary, such as in the Sciences.	5 or more GCSE grades 9-4 including English Language and Maths	5 or more GCSE grades 9-4 including English Language and Maths
Courses	Choose 3 to 4 courses	Choose 1 course	Choose 1 course
Assessment	Exams at the end of the 2 year programme	A combination of coursework during the 2 year programme with some exams	A combination of coursework and workplace assessment during the 2 year programme with some exams
Progression Opportunities	University, Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships, Employment	University, Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships, Employment	University, Higher/ Degree and NVQ Apprenticeships, Employment
For more information	Go to Page 39	Go to Page 41	Go to Page 35

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# T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



## EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS

T-Levels are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent to 3 A levels, a T-Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.



## A 45-DAY INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

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



## 80% CLASSROOM, 20% WORK

T-Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.





# T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



#MORE  
THAN  
ACOLLEGE

## STUDY T-LEVELS AT GATEWAY COLLEGE

We are proud to be the only Sixth Form College in the City to offer T-Levels to students. Opportunities are available at both Level 2 and Level 3.

The Level 2 T-Level Foundation Programme is a direct pathway to the Level 3 T-Level and should only be chosen with this intention. The Level 2 lays the groundwork for the Level 3 and provides students with the tools required to progress.

The Level 3 T-Level pathway is a combination of both classroom-based learning, exams and industry placement that will provide technical and specialist 'on the job' knowledge and experience.

T-Levels were launched by the Department For Education (DFE) in September 2020 as a response to skills gaps identified by industry leaders. These unique programmes of study have been designed in unison with educators and business to ensure young people are work-ready in a competitive global marketplace.

On completing a T-Level, students may progress on to an apprenticeship, a higher degree apprenticeship, university or related employment.



## LEVEL 2: T LEVEL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

To be taken as a pathway to a Level 3 T-Level.

- DIGITAL  
+ Certificate in Data
- EDUCATION\*
- HEALTH\*
- SCIENCE\*

\* GCSE Biology to be offered in addition to Foundation programme where required.

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: [visit www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

# T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

## LEVEL 3: T LEVELS

Students may apply for a Level 3 T-Level directly or progress from the Level 2 T-Level Foundation Programme.

Students will choose one subject from the menu opposite. Each course is equivalent to 3 A Levels and is a combination of both classroom-based learning, exams and an industry placement that will provide technical and specialist 'on the job' knowledge and experience.

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**“The teachers were so supportive, and I received lots of help from the careers team with my UCAS application and in securing a Higher Degree Apprenticeship.”**

Devanshi is continuing onto a Higher Degree Apprenticeship in Data Analysis with her Industry Placement Employer

## LEVEL 3

### ○ CRAFT AND DESIGN (PATHWAY INTO TEXTILES AND FASHION)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ DIGITAL BUSINESS SERVICES (PATHWAY TO IT)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ DIGITAL SUPPORT SERVICES (PATHWAY TO IT)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS (PATHWAY TO EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ HEALTH (PATHWAY INTO ADULT NURSING)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



1. Adults
2. Midwifery
3. Mental Health
5. Therapy Teams

### ○ MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION (PATHWAY INTO BUSINESS)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ MEDIA (PATHWAY INTO BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



### ○ SCIENCE (PATHWAY INTO LABORATORY SCIENCE)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A levels)



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# LEVEL 3: PRE-DEGREE



## PRE-DEGREE FOUNDATION STUDIES IN ART AND DESIGN

This is a one year course, students must be 17 or over to apply. Students choose this course after completing their Level 3 qualification(s) to prepare them for applying for a creative degree course at university.

The Pre-Degree Foundation course at Gateway College has an excellent reputation, with \*100% of students successfully obtaining a place at university or in employment in a related field e.g. Graphic Design, Illustration, Surface Decoration, Fashion Design, Textile Design, Costume Design, Decorative Artefacts, Product Design, Jewellery, 3D, interior design, Architecture, Fine Art and Photography.

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# 100% SUCCESS RATE

**“My teachers were so supportive and encouraged me to try everything. They were always there to help, and nothing was ever a problem. They taught me new techniques and skills and inspired me to be brave.”**

Megan is going to study BA(Hons) Fine Art at Coventry University

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# LEVEL 3: ACADEMIC PATHWAY

**Choose 3 subjects** from the courses below to create your own bespoke Programme of Study. Gifted and talented students may choose 4 subjects if recommended at interview.

○ **ACCOUNTING**  
A Level

○ **ART**  
A Level

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○ **BIOLOGY**  
A Level

○ **BUSINESS STUDIES**  
A Level

○ **CHEMISTRY**  
A Level

○ **CRIMINOLOGY**  
Level 3 (Equivalent to one A Level)

○ **ECONOMICS**  
A Level

○ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
A Level

○ **ENGLISH LITERATURE**  
A Level

○ **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**  
Level 3 (Equivalent to one A Level)

○ **LAW**  
A Level

○ **MATHS**  
A Level

○ **MATHEMATICAL STUDIES  
(CORE MATHS)**  
Level 3 (Equivalent to one A Level)

○ **MEDIA STUDIES**  
A Level

○ **PHOTOGRAPHY**  
A Level

○ **PHYSICS**  
A Level

○ **PSYCHOLOGY**  
A Level

○ **SOCIOLOGY**  
A Level

○ **TEXTILES**  
A Level

**All A Level  
courses:**



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# LEVEL 3: VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

**96%  
PASS RATE**  
Based on 2023 exam results  
FOR ALL  
VOCATIONAL COURSES



Gateway College offers a range of Vocational Level 3 Extended Diploma courses. Students will choose only one subject from the list below to study in depth over two years.

**Each course is equivalent to three A Levels.**

## ○ ART AND DESIGN

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



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## ○ NEXTGEN GAMES ANIMATION AND VFX

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



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## ○ BUSINESS

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



## ○ CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRACTICE

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



## ○ APPLIED SCIENCE

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



## ○ HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



## ○ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Level 3 (Equivalent to three A Levels)



**NEXTGEN GAMES ANIMATION AND VFX:** WINNER OF THE INDUSTRY CHOICE AWARD, AND RUNNER UP FOR THE STUDENT CHOICE AWARD AS VOTED BY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND PEERS 2023 AND 2024.

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: [visit www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)



In 2024 Gateway College celebrated the graduation of the first cohort of T-Level Level 3 students across three subject areas: Health, Digital Business Services and Management and Administration. See pages 22 and 23 for Health students case studies.

### Zakia

**Studying:** Level 3 T-Level Management and Administration (Pathway to Business)  
**Previous School:** Sir Jonathan North Community College  
**Next Steps:** BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations at University of York

"I would recommend this course, especially if you get stressed about exams because they are spaced out and there is lots of support, preparation and additional revision workshops with your teachers.

The T Level fits very well with my chosen degree in Politics and International Relations, we have covered subjects like international business affairs, the role the government plays through regulation and legislation, and relations between countries and what influences this."

### Mumbe

**Studying:** Level 3 T-Level Digital Business Services (Pathway to IT)  
**Previous School:** St Pauls Catholic School  
**Next Steps:** A Higher Degree Apprenticeship as a Software Engineer with Price Waterhouse Cooper in Manchester

"I chose this course because it aligned with my values and interests, and I liked the combination of the industry placement and classroom theory.

I received 4 offers for a Higher Degree Apprenticeship and chose Price Waterhouse Cooper as the prospects are so good. I will gain a degree and learn on the job. There are no tuition fees, and my starting salary is above £20,000.

I would recommend a T-Level for students who know they want to go into industry. You must be a motivated and independent learner and have resilience to keep going when the course gets challenging!"

**T LEVEL GRADUATES:  
CLASS OF '24**

# LEVEL 2: GCSE

Results for English GCSE and  
Maths GCSE are in the top  
10% of the country nationally  
(2023 results)

We understand how important it is for students' progression to achieve a grade 4 or above in their GCSE English and Maths. By attaining these grades, students are able to proceed to a Level 3 qualification and from here onto a range of opportunities which will enhance their career options and life prospects.

The value of this cannot be underestimated, and at Gateway we have recognised this by investing in focussed teaching and outstanding support for our students.

○ ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
GCSE



○ MATHS  
GCSE



**RUNNERS UP IN THE UK  
MATHS TRUST (UKMT)  
REGIONAL MATHS  
CHALLENGE FINAL 2023**

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# LEVEL 2: VOCATIONAL

Students achieve half a grade higher than others across the country studying vocational qualifications at Level 2 and Level 3  
(Based on value added comparisons 2023)

This is a one year programme and students take one Level 2 subject alongside their GCSE Maths and/or English re-sit if required.

## ○ ART AND DESIGN

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



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## ○ IT

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



## ○ MEDIA

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



## ○ BUSINESS

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



## ○ SCIENCE

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



## ○ HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Level 2 (Equivalent to 3 GCSEs)



**GATEWAY ACHIEVED HIGHER GRADES, A GREATER PROGRESSION FROM LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3 AND SAW MORE STUDENTS OFF TO UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS.**

Based on 2023 exam results

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: [visit www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)



# ENTRY LEVEL: LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 1

We offer a range of pathways and courses for students who are studying at Entry Level and Level 1. Students take part in a consultation process to assess which course and pathway is the right one for them, plotting a progression route that will raise their aspirations, experience of learning and lead to a positive, purposeful outcome.

These courses are suitable for students who may have struggled at school for different reasons and are not yet ready for a Level 2 programme or employment. They offer the chance to try out different subjects whilst at the same time developing their core English and maths skills, Employability Skills and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE).

Students are allocated a Personal Tutor to support them in their transition from school to college and will help them to set targets and provide motivation.

## ○ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Level 1

## ○ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Level 1

## ○ CREATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA

Level 1

## ○ SCIENCE

Level 1

## ○ HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Level 1 and 3

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

# ENTRY TO WORK

We offer a range of pathways and courses for students who are studying at Entry Level and Level 1. Students take part in a consultation process to assess which course and pathway is the right one for them, plotting a progression route that will raise their aspirations, experience of learning and lead to a positive, purposeful outcome.

These courses are suitable for students who are preparing to embark on the Project Search programme and to enter the world of work. Students will already have a good foundation of learning and will continue to apply their academic study within a vocational context, building on their personal and social development and skills for independence.

Students are allocated a Personal Tutor to support them in their transition from school to college and will help them to set targets and provide motivation.

## ○ MULTI SKILLS AND ENTRY LEVEL 3: LIFE SKILLS PATHWAYS



For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: [www.gateway.ac.uk](http://www.gateway.ac.uk)

# PROJECT SEARCH

## THE DFN PROJECT SEARCH

Gateway Sixth Form College are proud to have been selected to deliver the innovative DFN Project Search programme, partnering with a growing number of industry leaders to support students with complex needs into meaningful work.

From healthcare and hospitality, to catering and customer service, students will learn a wealth of skills and gain real life experience which can lead to paid employment.

Students are required to apply for this unique programme to ensure they are ready for the challenges and opportunities it presents. And, with the support of our skilled team of Job Coaches and specialist staff across a range of sectors, participants will undertake a 12-month Supported Internship made up of 3 different work placements, each one lasting for 10-12 weeks.

**Whilst on placement, students will also attend Gateway for 1 day a week to study the following topics:**

- Health and safety
- Interview skills
- CV Writing
- Dress to Impress
- Communication skills
- Healthy lifestyles
- Travel training
- Units to develop wider employability skills



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- No formal qualifications are needed
- You must have an EHCP
- You must be willing to undertake travel training or be travel trained
- You must want to gain employment
- Potentially 18 years of age to work in NHS

## PROGRESSION

The course is not linked to a formal qualification. The aim of the course is that it will lead to paid employment.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

Scan below to read some student case studies.



# GETTING TO GATEWAY

## ON FOOT

Gateway College is a 5 minute walk from Hamilton Town centre (via Tesco Hamilton) using the Gateway Bridge, and a 10 minute walk from McDonald's on the Hungarton Boulevard.

## BY BIKE

The 'Sustrains' national cycle route, which runs parallel to Hamilton Way (A563) and across the Gateway Bridge, passes through the College site.

## BY CAR

To access the College from the city centre it is a 15 minute drive via the **A607, Melton Road**, and then turning right onto the **A563, Hamilton Way**, which forms the northern part of the Ring Road. Alternatively, the **A47, Uppingham Road**, can be used turning left onto the **A563, Colchester Road and Hungarton Boulevard**.

To work out your own route to Gateway, whether by foot, car, bike or public transport, go to: [www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk)

## BY BUS

All of the main bus companies run services to Hamilton Centre:

**Arriva:** 58, 58a

**First:** 38, 38a

**Centre bus:** 40

**UHL:** Hospital hopper



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