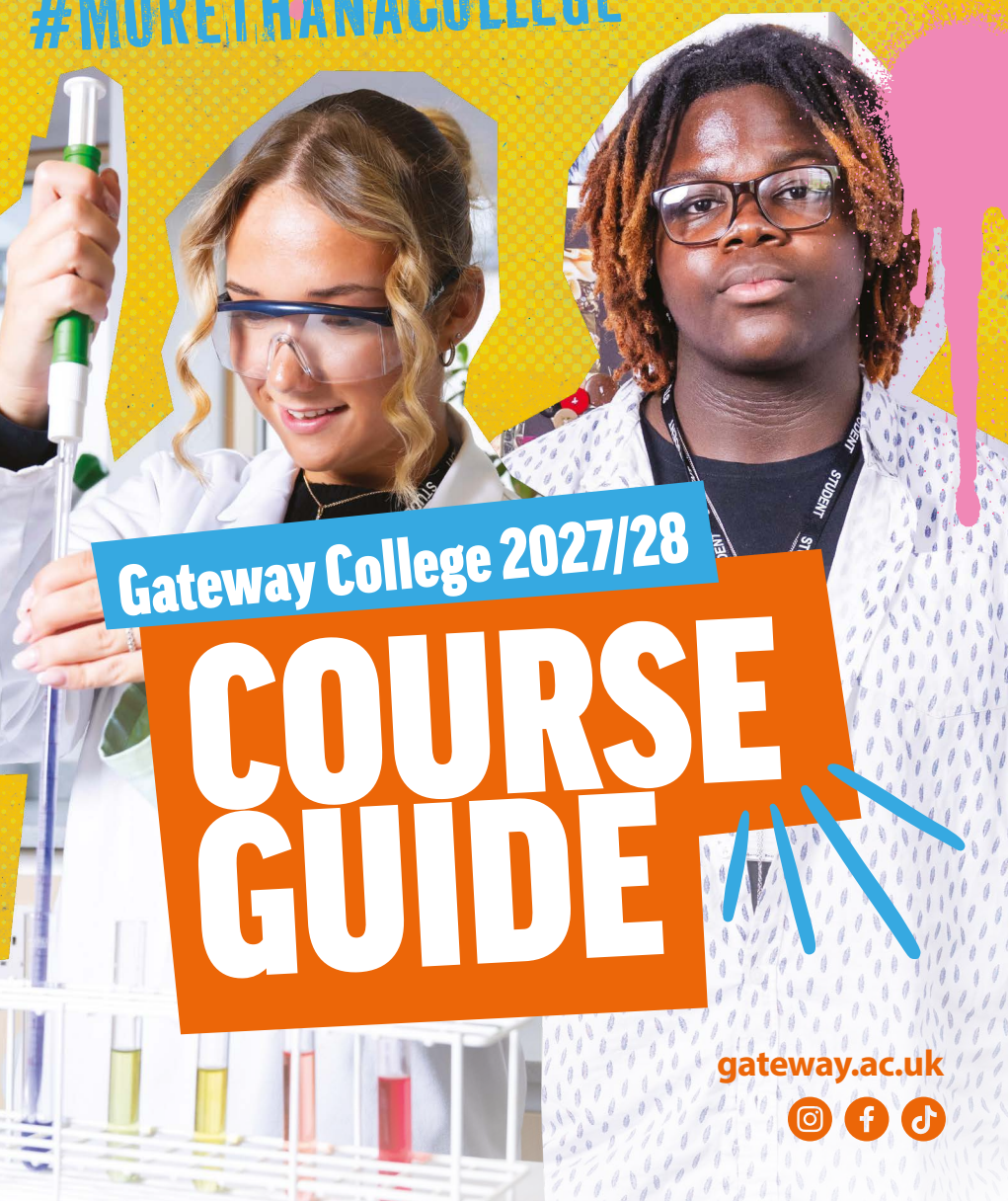
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WAYS TO APPLY

Apply Online
Visit 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

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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 March 2025 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 March 2025, 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.

Eco-Schools Merit 2023-2024

Arts Council England — Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust | Coventry University

Gold School Mental Health Award

disability confident COMMITTED

Ofsted Good Provider

APPLICATION PATHWAYS



01 **LIAISON** - September to December '26

Engagement with schools by Gateway staff and student representatives to explain the application process and answer any questions regarding the College and entry in 2026.

02 **OPEN DAYS** - 12th Nov '26, 14th Nov '26 and 4th Feb '27

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 '26 to July '27

Students should apply online using the PS@16 system or directly through our website. Application forms can be obtained at **www.gateway.ac.uk** or email **studentservices@gateway.ac.uk**.

04 **INTERVIEW** - February to May '27

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 '27

Applicants should decide whether to accept or decline their offer and notify the College of their decision.

06 **WELCOME** - June '27

Applicants are invited to a Welcome Event with taster sessions and activities to ensure they have picked the right courses.

07 **ENROLMENT** - August '27

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.

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 Collective Values**
- Eco-Schools **Green Flag Award with Merit**
- **Finalists in the UK Maths Trust** (UKMT) Regional Maths Challenge
- Selected for **Sixth Form Colleges Association National Exhibition**
- Winner of **Industry Choice Award** and **Student Choice Award** for the NextGen VFX Programme of Study as voted for by industry professionals and peers three years in a row
- **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
- **Nominated host** for schools regional **STEM Challenge** event for four years running

Case Study: Xoreen

WHERE DID YOU STUDY BEFORE GATEWAY?

"I lived and studied in the Philippines at the FEU, (Far Eastern University), before I came to the UK and joined Gateway College."

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

"GCSE English, GCSE maths and Level 2 Health and Social Care."

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GATEWAY?

"Gateway offers the courses and support I need to be able to progress and help me to get into the career I want to do in the future."

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

"I want to achieve a lot of things, especially in my career. I want to work so that I can support my family and help my parents so that we can be financially stable and not have to worry about money."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS MAKING THEIR FUTURE CHOICES?

"Just because it is hard it doesn't mean it is not worth having. If you have set your heart on something, a goal, a dream, don't let anyone tell you otherwise that it's not good. It's your future. DREAM BIG! 'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.'"

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT BEING AT GATEWAY?

"The staff and teachers are really nice. Whenever you need help in anything they're there to help out."

Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust | Coventry University

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



LEVEL 3 ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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

LEVEL 3 T-LEVELS

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

LEVEL 2 T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

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

LEVEL 2 FURTHER STUDY PATHWAY AND OCCUPATIONAL PATHWAY

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

LEVEL 1 ENTRY AWARDS + CERTIFICATES (foundation learning)

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

Progression to: Level 2

LEVEL 1 ENTRY LEVEL 2 (foundation learning)

GCSEs at grade 1 or other qualifications or assessment.

Progression to: Level 1

STUDY PROGRAMMES

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LEVEL 3: ACADEMIC PATHWAY

A Level, AAQ Level, V Level.
Choose a combination of 3 subjects: equivalent to 3 A Levels.

A Level
- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Criminology
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Fashion & Textiles
- Law
- Maths
- Mathematical Studies *(Core Maths)* (AS Level)
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

AAQ
- Engineering*
- Health & Social Care

V Level
- Education
- Finance & Accounting
- IT: Digital Systems & Data

*Engineering AAQ to be taken with A Level Maths + A Level Chemistry OR A Level Physics

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LEVEL 3: VOCATIONAL & APPLIED PATHWAY

BTEC Extended Diplomas OR BTEC National Diplomas with ONE V-Level. Choose ONE Pathway: equivalent to 3 A Levels.

- Applied Business & Finance Pathway *(National Diploma + ONE V Level from Academic Pathway)*
- Applied Information Technology & Digital Pathway *(National Diploma + ONE V Level from Academic Pathway)*
- Art & Design Pathway *(BTEC Ext Dip)*
- Creative Digital Media Practice Pathway *(BTEC Ext Dip)*
- Health & Social Care Pathway *(BTEC Ext Dip)*
- Next Gen Games Animation & VFX Pathway *(BTEC Ext Dip)*
- Science & Engineering Pathway *(National Diploma + ONE A Level or V Level from Academic Pathway)*

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LEVEL 3: T-LEVEL COURSES

- Digital Data Analytics
- Digital Support & Security Services
- Education & Early Years
- Health
- Marketing
- Science: Laboratory Science

LEVEL 2: T-LEVEL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

- Health
- Science: Laboratory Science

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LEVEL 2: GCSE

- English Language
- Maths

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LEVEL 2: FOUNDATION AND FURTHER STUDY PATHWAYS

- Art & Design
- Business
- Digital Systems & Data
- Education & Early Years
- Health & Social Care
- Media
- Science

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ENTRY LEVEL 3 & 1

- Business Administration
- Employability Skills
- English GCSE Pathway
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Maths GCSE Pathway

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ENTRY TO WORK

- E3 Life Skills Pathway
- Multiskills
- Pre Project Search

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PROJECT SEARCH

- Health & 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.

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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.
Visit **www.gateway.ac.uk/about-us/careers-progression** for more information.

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 Strategic 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 36) and the Supported Internship Programme (Page 48).

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.

LEARNER EXPERIENCE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Offered to students to enhance their ability to progress, this includes:

- The Phoenix Plus Personal Development Programme sponsored by Coventry University
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Chess Club
- College Cultural Events Team
- Cricket
- Debate Society
- Football
- Fundraising for Charitable Organisations
- Gym
- LGBTQ+
- Science Club
- 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

The Student Experience Team is dedicated to ensuring you have an exceptional time at Gateway College. The Head of Student Experience, Pastoral Leaders (PLs), and Pastoral Mentors (PMs) focus on offering support, guidance, and helping you make the most of your Programme of Study (PoS). Gateway College is proud of the care and support we provide and the positive impact it has on students.

For access to additional support, careers advice, or counselling, the Student Experience Team is your first point of contact. You'll have a weekly group tutorial and regular 1-1 sessions with a dedicated staff member to help keep you on track. Guest speakers will share valuable insights, and your achievements will be recognised with celebration assemblies and prizes. The team also supports you through UCAS, helps you explore university options, apprenticeships, or the world of work - whatever your path may be.

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.

FINANCIAL HELP

The Government provides funding to support students experiencing financial hardship whilst studying at the College. All students are invited to apply. Visit **www.gateway.ac.uk/students/money-matters** for more info.

STUDENT VOICE

Each academic year students are elected by their peers to represent their views as part of the Student Union (SU). This is the voice of the student body where issues and concerns are raised and discussed. They convey the student experience to the College Board of Governors and play a central role in the development of key strategies for students. They also arrange trips and fundraising events.

All students are invited to provide regular feedback on the SWAYA platform, allowing them to shape their own experience and provide the Senior Leadership Team with valuable insights to guide decision making.

"Get involved in governance, it develops your skills."

Israel, Member of The Student Union

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.

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.

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.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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.

For more information **visit www.gateway.ac.uk**

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



Case Study: Farjeen

WHERE DID YOU STUDY BEFORE GATEWAY?

"Moat Community College"

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

"A Level Textiles
A Level Health and Social Care
WJEC Level 3 Criminology (A Level equivalent)"

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GATEWAY?

"I went to the Open Day and the teachers were friendly and willing to help."

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

"I would like to study and pursue a career in Criminology or Law. I am researching universities and higher degree apprenticeships with the support of the Careers Team."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS MAKING THEIR FUTURE CHOICES?

"Try your best and remember that a few years of hard work is worth the freedom for the rest of your life once you have achieved your goals."

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT BEING AT GATEWAY?

"How friendly the teachers are, they are always smiling and ready to help. And, every student is sweet. With the right friend group, you will be influenced to achieve a lot."



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



CHOOSING YOUR 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 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**.

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 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: 2-Year Advanced Level	Level 3: 2-year Vocational and Applied Programme	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 pathway	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 industry placement 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 **visit www.gateway.ac.uk**

Case Study: Tamjid

WHERE DID YOU STUDY BEFORE GATEWAY?

"Crown Hills Community College"

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

"Level 3 NextGen Games Animation and VFX"

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GATEWAY?

"They are the only college that offer the course that I wanted to do and had the same support I needed for visually impaired students."

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

"Either 3D Modelling for Games or Architecture."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS MAKING THEIR FUTURE CHOICES?

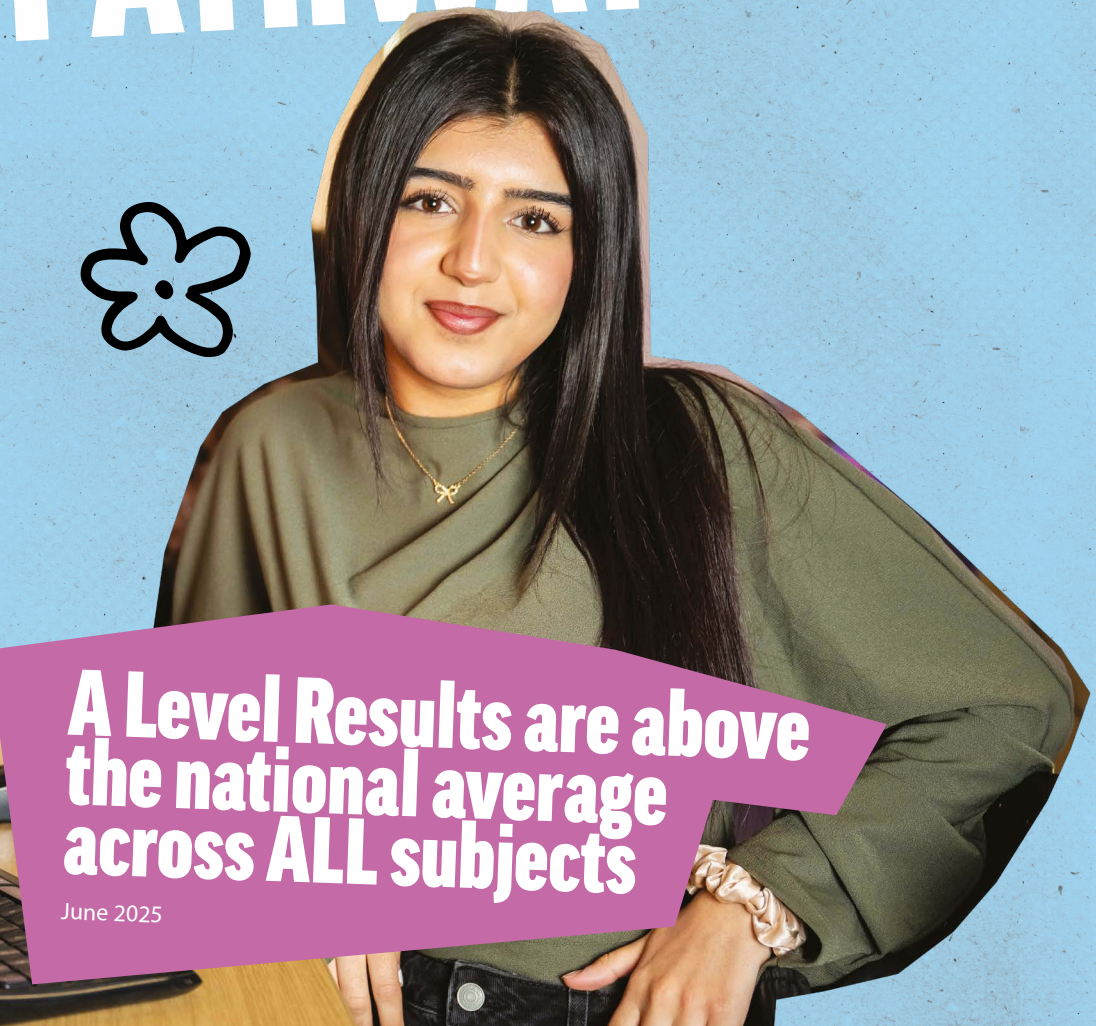
"Choose a subject YOU want to do. Don't follow anyone else's choices!"

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT BEING AT GATEWAY?

"I love my course and being part of the Student Union."



LEVEL 3 ACADEMIC PATHWAY



A Level Results are above the national average across ALL subjects

June 2025

Choose 3 subjects from the A Level, V Level and AAQ Level 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 @artdesign_gatewaycollege
A Level

BIOLOGY
A Level

BUSINESS STUDIES
A Level

CHEMISTRY
A Level

CRIMONOLOGY
A Level

ECONOMICS
A Level

EDUCATION
V Level

ENGINEERING*
AAQ

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
A Level

ENGLISH LITERATURE
A Level

FASHION & TEXTILES
A Level

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING
V Level

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
AAQ

IT: DIGITAL SYSTEMS & DATA
V Level

LAW
A Level

MATHS
A Level

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)
A Level

MEDIA STUDIES
A Level

PHOTOGRAPHY
A Level

PHYSICS
A Level

PSYCHOLOGY
A Level

SOCIOLOGY
A Level

*Engineering AAQ to be taken with A Level Maths PLUS either A Level Chemistry or A Level Physics

All courses

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: **www.gateway.ac.uk**

LEVEL 3 VOCATIONAL & APPLIED PATHWAY



Gateway College offers a range of Vocational Level 3 (Extended Diplomas or National Diplomas + V Levels and V Levels. Students will choose only one pathway from the list below to study in depth over two years.

Each course is equivalent to three A Levels.

APPLIED BUSINESS & FINANCE PATHWAY

National Diploma in Business with a V level in Accounting & Finance

APPLIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL PATHWAY

National Diploma in Information Technology with a V level in Digital Systems and Data

ART & DESIGN

BTEC Extended Diploma

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRACTICE PATHWAY

BTEC Extended Diploma

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PATHWAY

BTEC Extended Diploma

NEXT GEN GAMES ANIMATION & VFX PATHWAY

BTEC Extended Diploma

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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING PATHWAY

National Diploma + ONE A Level or V Level from Academic Pathway courses

Gateway saw a 12% increase in high grades across A Level and Level 3 Vocational course profiles

June 2025

All courses

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: **www.gateway.ac.uk**

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T-Levels help students progress into skilled employment, university or apprenticeships.

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.



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

LEVEL 3 T-LEVEL COURSE

2 year programme. Students can choose to study:

DIGITAL DATA ANALYTICS

Pathway into IT

DIGITAL SUPPORT & SECURITY SERVICES

Pathway into IT

EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

Pathway into Early Years Educator

HEALTH

Pathway into Adult Nursing
1. Adults
2. Midwifery
3. Mental Health

MARKETING

Pathway into Business

SCIENCE: LABORATORY SCIENCE

Pathway into Laboratory Science

LEVEL 2 T-LEVEL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

1 year programme that leads to Level 3 T-Level. Students can choose to study:

HEALTH

Pathway into Adult Nursing
1. Adults
2. Midwifery
3. Mental Health

SCIENCE: LABORATORY SCIENCE

Pathway into Laboratory Science

All courses

For the most up-to-date course listing go to the website: **www.gateway.ac.uk**



Case Study: Israel

WHERE DID YOU STUDY BEFORE GATEWAY?

"Fulhurst Community College"

WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

"Level 3 T-Level Digital Business"

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GATEWAY?

"Because it is more than an academic institution, it is a big family that nurtures students from being teenagers to becoming responsible adults. It is flexible and has a positive atmosphere. It is not just high school all over again"

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

"I would like to do a degree apprenticeship"

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS MAKING THEIR FUTURE CHOICES?

"Get involved! Don't stick on one path and be rigid. Attempt many things and be around ambitious people. It will better guide your choices"

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT BEING AT GATEWAY?

"Gateway is a home outside of home. I have loved being part of the Student Union and I enjoy the relationships I share with teachers and colleagues, and I enjoy the company of friends. Gateway is a very positive environment"

LEVEL 2 GCSE



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

"In GCSE mathematics, teachers adjust course plans based on students' existing knowledge to meet their individual needs."

Ofsted Inspection, March 2025. Awarded Grade 2 'GOOD'.

All courses

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LEVEL 2 FOUNDATION & FURTHER STUDY PROGRAMMES



This is a 1-year programme designed to prepare you to progress to Level 3 study.

ART & DESIGN
BUSINESS
DIGITAL SYSTEMS & DATA
EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
MEDIA
SCIENCE

100% Pass rates in many of our Level 2 courses including Art & Design and Health & Social Care

All courses

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ENTRY LEVEL



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.

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

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
Level 1

ENGLISH GCSE PATHWAY
Entry Level 1 - 3

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
Level 1 & 3

IT
Level 1

MATHS GCSE PATHWAY
Level 1 - 3

All courses

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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.

MULTISKILLS
Level 1

E3 LIFE SKILLS PATHWAY
Level 1

PRE PROJECT SEARCH
Entry Level 1

"Students build their skills and confidence in a supportive work environment."

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All courses

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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

DFN Project SEARCH

MARRIOTT LEICESTER

Leicester City Council

Chartwells

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY LEICESTER

NHS University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

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

Visit **www.gateway.ac.uk/course/project-search** 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 BUS

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

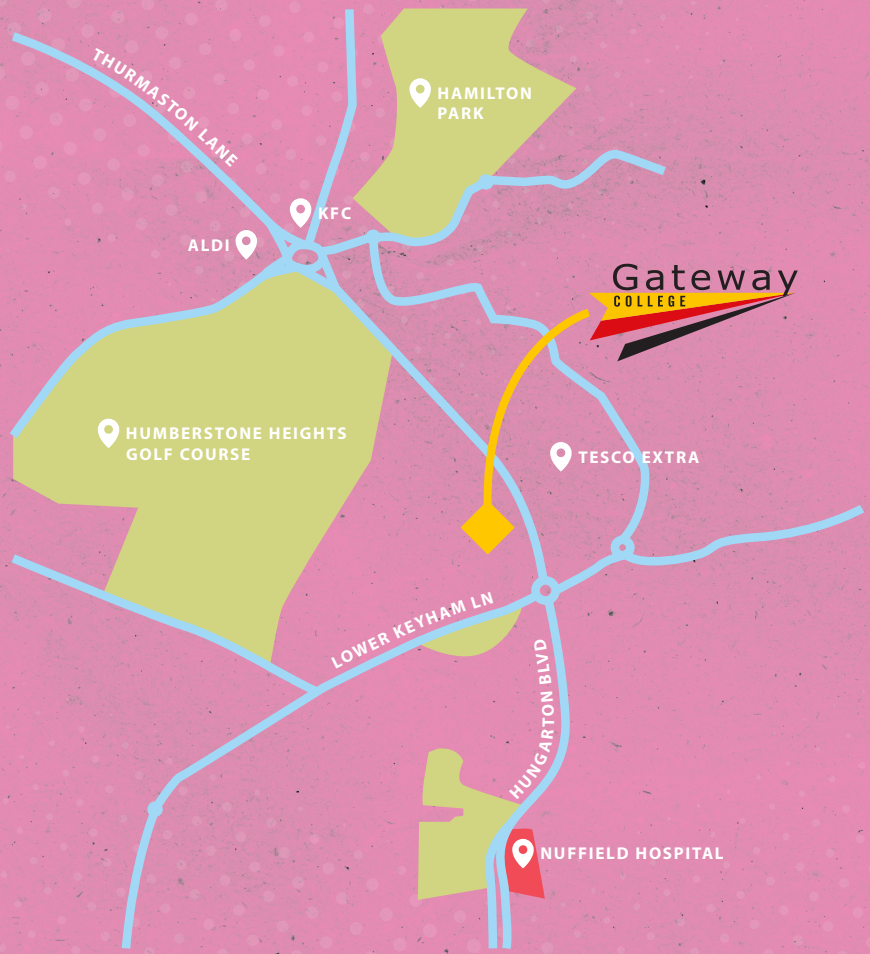
Arriva: 58, 58a
First: 38, 38a
Centre bus: 40
UHL: Hospital hopper

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**

WHERE TO FIND US



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