

School Leaver Guide

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KendalCollege



**Welcome to
Kendal College**



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Welcome to Kendal College

Dear Future Student,

Thank you for exploring our Kendal College School Leavers Guide. Choosing what to do after school is one of the most important decisions you'll make, and I am delighted you are considering Kendal College as your next step.

Our mission is simple: to give you the very best start to your future. Whether your ambition is to move into employment, progress to university, or develop practical skills for a career you love, we will provide expert teaching, first-class facilities, and personalised support to help you succeed.

At Kendal College, you'll join a welcoming and ambitious community where you are encouraged to aim high, think big, and discover more about yourself than you thought possible. Here, you don't just gain qualifications, you gain the confidence, skills, and experiences that employers and universities truly value.

You belong here. Your story matters, and together we can turn your aspirations into achievements.

Warm regards,

Jason Turton, Principal





Come and say hello

Meet our staff and students, explore our facilities and see if Kendal College is for you.

Open Evenings

4.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th November

Thursday 4th December

Monday 2nd March

Apprenticeship Evening

4.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 29th January

Book your place at
kendal.ac.uk/visit

Your future starts today

Take the leap, apply now!

Full-time courses

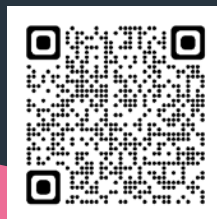
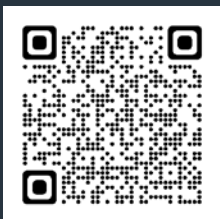
Find the course you are interested in and complete the online application form at kendal.ac.uk/ft-courses.

We advise you to apply as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Apprenticeships

Join our Talent Pool at kendal.ac.uk/talent.

The application process for apprenticeship jobs is different for each business. We can give you information, advice and guidance to help you find opportunities and make a successful application.



Studying in Kendal

A photograph of three students sitting on a grassy hill, looking out over the town of Kendal. The student on the left is a girl with long blonde hair, wearing a green and black plaid jacket. The student in the middle is a girl with dark hair, wearing a beige cardigan over a black top. The student on the right is a boy with glasses, wearing a pink t-shirt. They are all wearing lanyards. The background shows a panoramic view of Kendal, including the town, the River Ribblesdale, and the surrounding hills under a clear blue sky. A large orange circular graphic is in the top right corner.

“Studying in Kendal has given me such a great opportunity to balance my education with my social life. There are so many places to visit and study both with friends or independently, the possibilities are endless. Plus, only being a short train ride from two universities provides such an advantage for social studying, this benefitted me hugely during exam season.”

**Niamh Holliday
A-Levels Student**



Welcome to Kendal

Kendal is no ordinary market town. It has it all – peaceful green spaces, vibrant independent shops, and stunning mountain views. Whether you're unwinding by the river, picking up some shopping, or walking up to Kendal Castle for the perfect photo, this town is a great mix of laid-back and adventurous. Right on the edge of the Lake District, it's the ideal spot to relax, recharge, and discover something new.

Celebrating Kendal

These pages are a celebration of Kendal, through the eyes and creativity of our students.

It all began when Niamh, one of our A-Level students, shared her passion for her hometown and suggested we shine a brighter light on what Kendal has to offer young people.



Meanwhile, our Photography students have been working closely with Kendal Town Council to document the town through their lens. The stunning images on this page are part of that collaborative project, showcasing Kendal's charm and community.

Our talented Art & Design students created the vibrant mural on the next page, capturing our campuses and some of Kendal's must-see spots.



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Nobles Rest & Maude's Meadow

A peaceful green escape in the heart of Kendal. Wander through tree-lined paths, relax on open lawns, or enjoy a quiet moment by the flowers - perfect for a study break, picnic, or just some fresh air.



Serpentine Woods

Climb through Serpentine Woods to Kendal Fell for stunning views over the town and surrounding hills. A great spot for a walk and photo-worthy moment above the rooftops.

Kendal Library

More than just books - Kendal Library is a creative hub with study spaces, exhibitions, and local history. Whether you're researching, relaxing, or discovering something new, it's a welcoming space for curious minds.



Kendal Castle

Explore the ruins of Kendal Castle and take in panoramic views of the town and fells. Steeped in history and perfect for a short walk, it's a must-visit for locals and visitors alike.



River Kent

Flowing through the centre of town, the River Kent is a scenic spot for walks, wildlife watching, or simply unwinding by the water. Its peaceful paths connect Kendal's green spaces and hidden gems.



Tom studied the Business Management HNC, progressing to Durham University, which is consistently ranked among the top 10 universities in the UK. While at Durham, Tom became the treasurer of a sports club, a welfare officer, founded the HR Society, and most significantly, joined the First Aid Society, affiliated with St John Ambulance, which revealed a passion for emergency care.

“The HNC really opened my eyes to the wealth of opportunities out there, and instilled me with the courage to take them. The Business HNC is highly transferable and much of what you learn (whether course material or skills you develop) can be applied to a huge variety of situations & future careers.”

Tom Little
Business Management HNC Alumni
North East Ambulance Service



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Our campuses

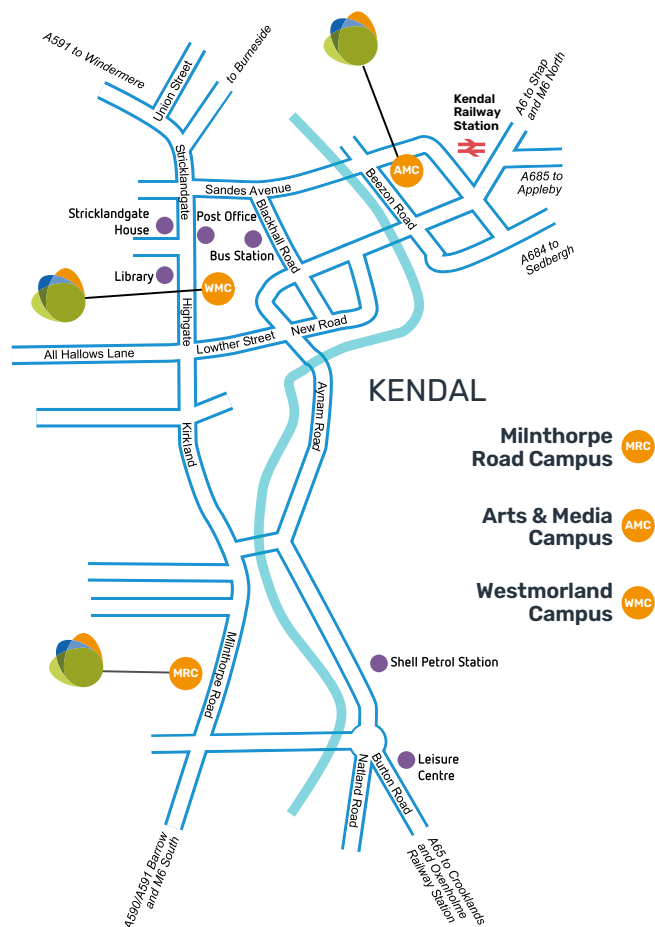
Welcome to our three campuses,
our **Milnthorpe Road Campus**,
Arts & Media Campus and
Westmorland Campus!

Each campus has its own distinct feel and culture, showcased on the following pages.

Our open evenings and campus tours run throughout the year, and offer a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the facilities and atmosphere of each campus. Our YouTube and student-led TikTok are also a great way to see what day-to-day student life is like.

As a Kendal College student you are welcome to use the facilities in all three of our campuses.

For detailed campus maps, addresses and a virtual tour, see: kendal.ac.uk/find.



Watch our
YouTube
Playlist!

Kendal is no ordinary market town. The streets are alive with vibrant events, historic character and a fantastic food scene. It is a wonderful place to study. Discover our town at visit-kendal.co.uk.

Arts & Media Campus

"It's been amazing. We get so much support from the tutors. I've done a massive volume of gigs, which has brought my confidence right up. We've seen everyone grow so much over the last two years. The tutors get excited about our band, they're always in the sound booths with us helping us record, it's brilliant. I'm off to study at Glasgow Royal Conservatoire next year."

Ada Wood
Music Performance and Production Student
and Violinist





A vibrant and creative campus near the town centre, offering a range of courses within Art & Design, Games & Concept Art, Music, Performing Arts, Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management and Film Production.

The Allen Building

The Allen Building is the hub of the Arts & Media Campus. It contains classrooms, workshops, Mac suites, a recording studio, sound booths, digital art suites, and more! It is also where the reception, Student Services, Inclusion Services and the café are based.

The Box

The Box is a stunning, dedicated performance venue, famous for its 'twisted cube' slate construction. A state-of-the-art theatre, it provides a fantastic learning space for performing arts, music and theatre event technology & stage management students.

Kendal Museum

Run by the college, it is one of the oldest museums in the country and houses a fascinating collection.

The Wildman Gallery & Studios

The Wildman Street Gallery & Studios includes a gallery space, a textile and photography studio, specialist workshops, dance studios, theatrical & technical space, and a landscaped courtyard space for outdoor performances.



"Being a part of Kendal College was the best decision I made. It has helped me in so many ways, from building up my career to forming great friendships! College is such a friendly and safe environment; every staff member is so kind and welcoming. The number of new skills we learn every day is amazing. Don't be shy, apply yourself and great things will come your way."

Hannah Elvy
Theatre & Event Technology Alumni

Milnthorpe Road Campus

"I have a lot of freedom and have become much more independent. On my breaks, I'll go for walks around Kendal and explore different places. I can have a laugh with my tutors, they have a relaxed teaching style, as well as giving great advice and guidance. I've also set up meetings with the student experience and progression staff to discuss CV tips and explore all my potential pathways after college."

Alice Pitman
A-Levels Student





The Milnthorpe Road Campus is conveniently located to the south of Kendal and is just a 15-minute walk into town. The campus offers a wide variety of courses, as well as professional public facilities for the community to enjoy.

We are constantly evolving, providing our students with state-of-the-art environments to learn in and be inspired. With the introduction of T-Levels, we built a £3.4 million T-Level Engineering & Construction Block, to train the engineers and construction workers of the future. Facilities include CNC and 3D printing workshops, an electrical lab, and a maker space facility to enable students to turn their ideas into reality.

We have created two new health suites, including a clinical care environment to replicate real-life settings. In recent years, we revamped our café, installed new hybrid and electrical automotive workshops, and opened a newly refurbished Animal Rescue Centre.

The Learning Centre

The Network Team and The Student Experience and Progression (SEPO) Team are based here. SEPOs can support you with work and industry placements, careers appointments, CV workshops, mock interviews and job/university applications. SEPOs are also your main contact for your attendance.

House of Hair & Beauty

The House of Hair & Beauty is our professional hair and beauty training centre. As a student, you will receive 25% off hairdressing services and beauty treatments and 10% off any products.

The Restaurant

The Restaurant is our fine dining restaurant, open to the public for lunches Tuesday to Thursday and evening meals on Wednesdays.

The Café

In the café, you will find comfy sofas and a large balcony with views of Kendal Castle. Students are welcome to bring their own packed lunch or purchase food from the café.

Westmorland Campus

"We get to spend lots of time at the new Westmorland Campus, which is in a great location for travel & food and has spacious classrooms to work in. The tutors and facilities have been amazing. It has been great working with like-minded people, encouraging me to progress as much as possible and preparing me for the workplace and challenges I may face in the future."

Daisy Walton
Film Production Student



Welcome to our Westmorland Campus, on the first and second floors of the former Westmorland Shopping Centre.

During 2025/26 our Westmorland campus will expand to be the home of many of our full-time departments, including KC Sixth and our Business School.

We have completed the current phase of refurbishment to create well-equipped new classrooms, specialist rooms such as science labs and study spaces. The new open central atrium space provides social and study areas, as well as being a fantastic venue for college-wide events and celebrations. The next phase of refurbishment work will further enhance and enrich the current student learning, studying and socialising spaces to create a welcoming, vibrant and enjoyable college campus environment.

The campus also offers a range of support services available to all students, including careers, inclusion services, safeguarding and wellbeing.

The campus is bright and vibrant, with the convenience of the town centre, providing access to Kendal shops, bus routes and the train station.

Our refurbishment of the centre is creating a new, mature café-style campus, that would be the envy of many schools, colleges, and universities!

“The Westmorland Campus is bright, comfortable and a lovely place to learn and spend time with friends from the course. Kendal College has given me the confidence and inspiration I needed to kickstart my dream career. Without the tutors at Kendal College, I wouldn’t be the person I am today. They have provided me with the resources to overcome the obstacles in front of me, making way for a bright future.”

Annie Tinkler
Film Production Student



Student life

"The tutors and the vast opportunities available within Kendal College altered my perspective of education and I become much more of a developed individual in general. The whole atmosphere and vibe of the college is great and truly allows you to exceed if you put the effort in."

Harrison Brooks
Business Alumni and Student Governor



At college, you are treated like an adult. There are no bells, no uniform, and you have the freedom and flexibility to manage your time outside of lessons.

There are also lots of opportunities and perks of being a student at Kendal College!

Student discounts

As a student at college, you can access a range of exclusive discounts, for example:

- [totum.com](https://www.totum.com)
- [studentbeans.com](https://www.studentbeans.com)
- [myunidays.com](https://www.myunidays.com)

Clubs and societies

Get the most from college life and enhance your skills and CV by choosing from our wide range of extracurricular clubs and societies. The activities may boost your brain, move your muscles or sharpen your skills. These include:

- Cooking on a Budget
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Five-a-side Football
- FPV Drone Club
- Outdoor Adventure
- Origami and Mindfulness
- Sewing Club
- Yoga for Beginners

and many more!

Become a Student Ambassador

Work with our Marketing Team to support open evenings, school events, social media and a variety of other marketing activities, for example, film projects, printed guides and PR. Full support and training is provided, and work can be tailored to your interests and availability.

Student Governors and learner voice

Kendal College is YOUR college, and we value your views and ideas. We recruit Student Governors, who sit on the Board of Governors, the college's highest decision-making body. You will also have the chance to have your say in your termly Learner Voice session with your SEPO, and the chance to be nominated to attend our Student Conference and Principal's Question Time.

IT software

We use Microsoft Office 365 at Kendal College. Once you start your studies, you can download and install the entire Office suite on up to five devices.

Tutor support

Every full-time student has a personal tutor and apprentices have a dedicated facilitator. They will deliver regular tutorial and progression sessions and meet with you individually to review your progress and set targets. You will also be supported by the wider course tutor team, and they will liaise with your parents/guardians (if you give consent) to help you achieve your study goals.

Your wellbeing

Your wellbeing and health are important to us. We offer 1-1 appointments and a dedicated wellbeing website. The appointments are person-centred and offer a chance to discuss your situation in a non-judgemental environment. Support is offered with a focus on safety planning, advocacy, and empowering problem-solving. More information is available at kendal.ac.uk/wellbeing.

Inclusion Services

We provide a wrap-around service, from application to qualification, for students with a range of disabilities or learning differences such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, a physical or sensory impairment or a mental health need that impacts your learning.

Inclusion Services is also the first point of contact for learners who have an Education Health and Care Plan and for learners who require exam access arrangements or other reasonable adjustments to remove barriers to learning. Please ensure you mark on your application form if you have any learning needs, as this helps us ensure the best service for you.

Find out more at kendal.ac.uk/inclusion.

English and Maths

If you don't yet have a GCSE grade 9-4 in English or Maths, then these classes will be part of your study programme. Our experienced tutors will work with you to improve our skills and achieve higher grades, supporting your future progression to employment or other courses.

Add Core Maths

It may be possible to study Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) alongside your course. Core Maths focuses on applying mathematics to solve relevant everyday problems and will prepare you for the mathematical demands of higher-level courses and employment.

Opportunities to consider after Year 11



Full-time courses

A-Levels and AAQs

Level 3 qualifications

- Part of KC Sixth
- 3 or 4 subjects can be studied, including 1 AAQ
- A-Level assessment is all via exams, AAQs are via coursework

See page 21 for more information.

T-Levels

Level 3 qualifications

- Equivalent to 3 A-Levels
- 80% classroom based
- 20% in the workplace on a 45-day placement

See page 27 for more information.

Professional and technical qualifications

Level 1 to Level 4 qualifications

- Combine academic learning with practical experience
- The Level 3, two-year courses, are equivalent to 3 A-Levels

See the department pages for more information.

Apprenticeships

Full-time employment

Level 2 to Level 5

- 20% of your time dedicated to training
- Earn a wage and receive paid holidays
- Highly valued by employers

See page 29 for more information.

Useful careers websites

Your Bright Future

yourbrightfuture.kendal.ac.uk

Everything we do at college is focused on developing your skills and experience for your future employment and/or further study. The 'Your Bright Future' website includes information about all the opportunities available, how to make a decision and an online jobs board.

Start Profile

cumbria.startprofile.com

Explore your skills and interests, consider suggested careers, and find relevant courses, apprenticeships and jobs close to where you live.

Careerpilot

careerpilot.org.uk

Specific careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds.

Prospects

prospects.ac.uk

Insights into different job sectors, advice on applying for university and example CVs.

National Careers Website

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

This site includes a range of job profiles, employability tools and careers advice.

Apprenticeships

apprenticeships.gov.uk

Earn while you learn with an apprenticeship.

Volunteering

doit.life/volunteer

dofe.org/thelatest/volunteering-ideas/

Volunteering is a great way to discover what you like and don't like doing. It also gives you valuable work experience for your CV. If you can't find what you are looking for, contact employers directly.

Becky started college studying beauty therapy. One of her clients was an accountant who inspired her to pursue accountancy as a career, but following a car accident and back injury, she was unable to sit at a desk. While in hospital, she was introduced to art therapy and she discovered her love of creativity. Becky went on to study photography. She now has her own business, Becky Swallow Photography and is a freelance photographer for Horse & Hound magazine.

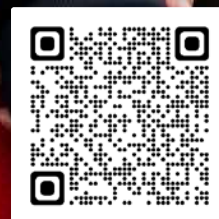


KendalAlumni

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“For me, it all comes back to college. Over the past two decades, I have met people at college, through college, because of college, that have always led me in the right direction. It doesn’t matter if you have it all mapped out or not, life can have other ideas and things can change. You must trust in your own self-worth and be proud of how far you have come and what you have achieved.”

Becky Swallow
Beauty and Art & Design Alumni
Becky Swallow Photography

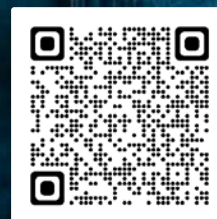


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Whilst studying film production, Ash worked as a barista to help with his travel costs. At university, he worked in a coffee shop in London, which gave him an insight into the speciality coffee industry. He was head hunted to work as a barista trainer, and then moved to another business as a sales & training manager, where he started roasting coffee. Ash and his friend Jonathan then decided to become business partners and start their own company.

"I started college as a very nervous young man. I have Asperger's syndrome and needed the lease of life of going to college, experiencing new things, and going outside my comfort zone. I developed my confidence, learnt how to pitch ideas, and gained skills in graphic design & creative programming. When setting up this company, we were able to design our own website and expand our brand materials. There is no one day that's the same here, I love meeting people in our Kendal shop and working with our trade partners from Carlisle to Preston."

Ash Podda
Film Production Alumni
Podda & Wren Coffee Roasters



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Understanding levels

We offer qualifications from Entry Level to Level 7

Please see the individual course information on the website for entry requirements.

For full-time courses, if you haven't any previous experience of a technical area, e.g. motor vehicle, hairdressing etc, you may need to start on a Level 1 or 2 course to gain the basic practical skills first.

For apprenticeships, the appropriate level of training relates to the job role and responsibilities.

Entry Level

Courses are normally suitable for people who want to build up their personal and study skills, and are a good stepping stone to a Level 1 course.



Level 1

Courses are normally suitable for people who have gained 2 GCSEs at grade 1 and above or who want to study a practical or skills based course.

Level 2

Courses are normally suitable for people who have gained 4 GCSEs at grade 3 and above or who want to study a practical/skills based course. Level 2 courses are equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above.

The T-Level Foundation programme is designed to prepare you for your chosen T-Level. They will enable you to develop your English and Maths, practical, technical and study skills, and provide work experience to help you excel in your T-Level.

Level 3

Courses are normally suitable for people who have either completed a Level 2 practical/skills-based course and want to progress or have gained 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above and want a course with some academic learning, e.g. A-Levels, T-Levels or a Professional and Technical course that is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7

Courses are degree-level and postgraduate courses. Students will need to have completed a Level 3 qualification to progress on to the Level 4 courses.





KC Sixth

A-Levels at Kendal College



At KC Sixth, we promote a culture of high academic standards and performance, promoting commitment, independence and personal growth. We strive to inspire and enable all A-Level learners to achieve their full potential.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers will guide you through your academic programme, offering three interactive and inspiring lessons per subject per week, as well as 'curiosity activities' and regular assessment and feedback to enable you to achieve.

We offer a wide range of A-Levels and offer pathways which include science, law, humanities, social sciences and maths, alongside the flexibility to choose and tailor your own programme.

You can choose up to four subjects as part of your study programme, and this will also include tutorials and study groups to ensure that your timetable is individualised to the programme you have chosen.

There are also additional opportunities available to A-Level learners, including a residential trip and the opportunity to complete the Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh.

As part of being a KC Sixth A-Level learner, you will have regular contact time with our Academic Mentor and KC Sixth Curriculum Lead to support your progress and achievement; the aim of this is to help you succeed to the very best of your ability. Our department also works closely with the Inclusion Services and Wellbeing Team.

Our students progress to a range of universities and apprenticeship employers. You'll be guided through each step, from exploring all the options, making a UCAS or job application, to writing a personal statement and preparing for interview.



A-Levels

A-Level students typically choose three subjects and those with very high entry qualifications may apply to study four.

An Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and/or Core Maths may be undertaken as part of your A-Level studies to help showcase your academic skills for university applications.

- **Art & Design**
- **Biology**
- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Criminology***
- **Economics**
- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Environmental Science**
- **Further Maths**
- **Geography**
- **History**
- **Law**
- **Mathematics**
- **Music**
- **Philosophy**
- **Physics**
- **Politics**
- **Psychology**
- **Sociology**

*This is a diploma, equivalent to one A-Level.

AAQs

Alternative Academic Qualifications are Level 3 qualifications equivalent to one A-Level. The list of AAQ's below can be studied alongside two other A-Level subjects. This type of study programme enables learners to study two academic subjects, such as maths and biology, alongside a sector specific AAQ such as health and social care, engineering or construction.

- **Construction & the Built Environment**
- **Early Childhood Development**
- **Engineering**
- **Health & Social Care**
- **Human Biology**
- **IT: Data Analytics**
- **Medical Science**

**YOU CAN CHOOSE
A COMBINATION OF
A-LEVEL AND AAQ
QUALIFICATIONS - JUST ASK**

**CHOOSE FROM 21
A-LEVEL SUBJECTS**

**GO YOUR OWN WAY WITH
FLEXIBLE SUBJECT CHOICES**

**5 PATHWAYS TO GUIDE YOU
TO YOUR DESIRED FUTURE**

**ACADEMIC MENTORING
THROUGHOUT YOUR STUDY**

**CHOOSE TO ADD
A FOURTH A-LEVEL
AN EXTENDED PROJECT
OR CORE MATHS
TO MAKE YOUR CV STAND OUT**



"My subjects are even more interesting than I thought they would be! I've had a lot of support with all things UCAS and have developed my independent study skills. I like that I only need to be in college for my lectures and have the freedom to manage my own time and go off campus."

**Joshua Lassey
A-Levels Student**

Life at KC Sixth

A typical day

At college your timetable is designed specifically for A-Level study. You will have 3 lessons per subject per week, typically for 1 ½ hours, enabling you to explore topics in-depth and make the step up from GCSE confidently. Depending on the subjects, you may have time between lessons, giving you the opportunity to keep up-to-date with independent study.

Academic mentoring and progress reviews

Your academic mentor will work with you regularly to support your study. They are your guide through successful A-Level study. You will also meet each term with the college's KC Sixth Curriculum Lead to have an honest appraisal of your progress which will help you improve and reach your goals.

Pastoral support

There may be things that affect your ability to study whilst you are at college. Your academic mentor will be the first person you can talk to, but from there we can direct you to more specialist services as required. We will offer to support you so that you can stay focused on your study.

Student support

There are opportunities for study support during the timetabled sessions.

Target grades

All A-Level students will be set target grades that are based on their GCSE results. These target grades will be reviewed as part of the academic review process, and subject advice and guidance will be provided to support your progress and achievement.



Assessment

We believe students need to know exactly where they stand regarding their academic progress. We have assessment points throughout the year that will give you and the team around you a clear picture, and allow you and them to plan the next steps.

Our culture

There are no bells, and you call staff by their first name. You'll have independent study and share public areas with staff and other students. There is zero tolerance of bullying and other behaviour that interrupts study.



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Many of our students go on to higher-level study, attaining degrees in a wide range of subject areas. Others progress directly into employment, higher-level apprenticeships or spend time travelling during a gap year.

Our courses and approach will expand your skills in creative problem solving, attention to detail, communication, teamwork, and leadership. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.



Just some of the university programmes our alumni have progressed to:

Aberystwyth University, Celtic Studies

Cardiff University, Biological Sciences (Zoology)

Cardiff University, English Literature

Glasgow Caledonian University, International Fashion Branding

Lancaster University, Biochemistry

Lancaster University, Law

Lancaster University, Medicine & Surgery

Lancaster University, Psychology & Linguistics

Lancaster University, Sociology

Leeds Beckett University, International Relations with Human Rights

Liverpool Hope University, Law

Liverpool John Moores University, Business Management

Manchester Metropolitan University, English & Creative Writing

Newcastle University, Linguistics

Northumbria University, Astrophysics

Northumbria University, History

Nottingham Trent University, Fashion Marketing & Branding

UCFB, Football Coaching & Management

UCFB, International Football Business

University of Birmingham, Aerospace Engineering

University of Chester, Geography

University of Cumbria, Law

University of Nottingham, Biochemistry

University of Oxford, Physics

"It is different from school; I'm treated as an adult, and I've learnt to rely a lot more on myself and manage my own time, which I think will be really helpful for my future. I feel like I can use what I learn in real life, I've been taught different study techniques and I've learnt what works best for me."

Penny Henderson
A-Levels Student



Our A-Level Guide, available on our website, includes more information about our subjects and life at KC Sixth.

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@kendalsixth

WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

T-LEVELS |  Kendal College

WE ARE OFFERING T-LEVELS IN:

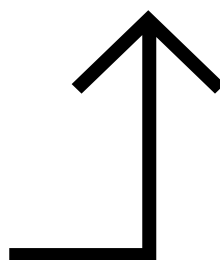
AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS
ENGINEERING
FINANCE IN BUSINESS
HEALTH
SALES & MARKETING

T-Level qualifications are designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

The 2-year qualification brings classroom and work placement together, on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION





80%

CLASSROOM

20%

WORKPLACE

80% of your time will be in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement to equip you with the knowledge and skills companies are looking for.

Your T-Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

Wherever your future is heading, take it to the next level.

For more information, visit:

gov.uk/dfe/t-levels

kendal.ac.uk/t-levels





Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a job with training. There has never been a better time to consider a career as an apprentice. We work with over 400 employers who are keen to invest in people and provide on-the-job training.

Key benefits of being an apprentice include gaining job-specific skills, working alongside experienced staff, earning a salary, getting paid holidays, and receiving training to enhance your career.

Apprenticeships are open to people of all ages; from 16-year-old school leavers to working-age professionals who want to progress in their workplace, change their career, or as an alternative to paying for a degree.

Apprentices receive regular monitoring and support from our dedicated and experienced team of lecturers and apprentice facilitators. Apprenticeships are offered from Level 2 to Level 5 (degree-level study).

“UHMB NHS Foundation Trust works with Kendal College as one of its main providers of apprenticeship programmes. The ongoing and highly successful relationship has enabled us to support staff to complete training in business, hospitality, engineering, management, healthcare and plumbing. All our apprenticeship jobs are advertised on the NHS jobs website.”

Kate Casey
Head of Learning & OD
UHMB NHS Foundation Trust

Apprenticeships available

- Accounting (AAT)
- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Business Administration
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Childcare Teaching, Learning & Assessment
- Electrical Installation & Maintenance
- Engineering
- Hairdressing & Barbering
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Marketing
- Motor Vehicle
- Pharmacy
- Plumbing & Gas
- Property Maintenance
- Outdoor Activity Instructor
- Team Leading & Management



"I really love the job, I love that every day is different, and no day is the same, we're never sat down doing nothing. I would really like to stay on at the school and continue to work here. We run the breakfast and after school clubs for the children. During the day, we're able to put what we've learnt at college, about the different areas of development, into the activities we do with the kids. It's so nice to come to work and really enjoy it."

**Bella Berriman
Early Years Apprentice
Castle Park School**



"There is all sorts of work that we can do, anything from plumbing and bathroom fittings to servicing boilers and fires. I felt like college set me up very well for the position I'm in now. I was very well supported by my tutors at college where I developed soldering, pipe bending and other skills. Day-to-day I'm meeting new people and helping them with their problems which is very rewarding. If I could give any advice to people looking to get engineering qualifications, I'd say work hard and you'll get there."

Adam Baxter
Gas & Plumbing Apprentice
Cumbria Gas



Finding an apprenticeship

The right apprenticeship for you will depend on your skills, interests and experience. You can't study an apprenticeship without being employed first, but we can help and advise you with this.

- Read our guide to apprenticeships and register with our Talent Pool at kendal.ac.uk/talent.
- Create an account on the national website and search for vacancies at gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.
- Go to apprenticeships.gov.uk for more information about apprenticeships and nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk for careers and employability advice.
- Contact local businesses directly with a CV and cover letter, and try to speak to the manager in person if you can.
- Ask employers if you can volunteer to gain work experience. This will make a good impression and you will be the first to know when other opportunities arise!

“Working at Gilkes as an apprentice has allowed me to learn and earn. While conducting my apprenticeship, the company has put me through numerous courses, enabling me to build up a qualifications portfolio, for example, the HNC in Engineering at the college. I have the opportunity to learn both in the classroom and in an exciting real working environment with various people with years of experience in different aspects of engineering. This has really helped me develop my practical skills and knowledge.”

Jack Gardner
Engineering Apprentice
Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd



“The hospitality apprenticeship has had a noticeable impact on each individual's growth, not just in terms of skills but also in confidence. Many of them have taken on new responsibilities and are showing clear potential for progression within the company. We're seeing them develop into more well-rounded professionals, capable of handling more complex tasks. The skills they're learning are highly relevant and align well with what we need to drive the business forward. We couldn't be happier with the support and communication we receive from the college, especially from their tutor who is fantastic.”

Maria Boyd
HR Manager
Lake District Hotels



Our Student Guide to Apprenticeships, available on our website, includes more information about finding an apprenticeship and making a successful application.

kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Degree-level study on your doorstep



We offer full-time and part-time qualifications, working in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire, the University of Cumbria and other professional bodies.

Art & Design, UAL Foundation (1 Year)

A transformative course encouraging exploration, experimentation, and risk-taking. Designed for students progressing from A Levels or Level 3 Diplomas. Develop skills in Creative Media, Artistic Voice, and Reflective Growth. Practical, student-focused learning to prepare for higher education or industry.

Children, Young People & their Services, Foundation Degree

Delivered in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire. This course enables progression on to the BA (Hons) Children, Schools and Families, and then qualified teacher status (QTS) or master's degrees e.g. in social work.

Engineering, HNC (HTQ)

We offer two Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) in engineering: Manufacturing Engineering and Electrical & Electronic Engineering. They include an enhanced work-related curriculum, mapped to Level 4 apprenticeship standards. HTQs equip students with the right skills and competencies for the workplace or progression to further study.

Marine Biology & Rehabilitation, Foundation Degree

Within our Animal Rescue Centre, students work alongside our veterinary team to gain expertise in marine animal rehabilitation & aquarist skills. Delivered in partnership with the University of Cumbria.



Music Production for the Creative Industries, Level 4

This one-year course prepares you for a career in music production and sound design, both studio and live. You'll gain hands-on training in recording, mixing, and electronic music production. Learn industry-standard software: Logic Pro, Ableton Live, and Pre-Sonus Studio One. Work with professional hardware and develop high-level, industry-ready skills. A strong foundation for higher education in Music Production, Sound Engineering, or Live Event Management.

Outdoor Adventure, HNC/HND

Equivalent to the first two years of a degree, this course offers £1,000 towards NGB qualifications to support career progression in the outdoors.

Performing Arts, Level 4

This intensive one-year course prepares you to audition for drama school or develop your own theatre practice as a performer aiming to work in the industry. Whilst training, you will work as a small-scale theatre company with performance at the core of your learning. The course is delivered over two days a week.

Wildlife Conservation & Rehabilitation, Foundation Degree

This programme combines practical wildlife rescue and rehabilitation of native species with broader studies of wildlife conservation and management. Central to the programme is the treatment of wildlife casualty cases carried out onsite by our Animal Rescue Centre. Delivered in partnership with the University of Cumbria.

We also offer:

- **Higher-level apprenticeships,**
e.g. Assistant Farm Manager, Level 4
- **Part-time professional courses,**
e.g. AAT Accountancy

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Agriculture



This department is a fast-growing department offering a range of full-time and apprenticeship-based courses in land-based studies and agriculture. We have agricultural courses running from both Kendal College and Wigton.

Our students undertake their practical lessons at a range of farms throughout Cumbria. This means they can experience a wide variety of different farming methods, breeds and machinery and are exposed to the most up-to-date industry standards and practices.

Agriculture is a vibrant industry and vital for food production and environment management. British farmers produce more than 60% of the food eaten in the UK (Defra).

As one of our students, you will benefit from hands-on practical experience and taught sessions in the classroom with our highly experienced tutors. This will allow you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you need to become excellent in practice and highly employable.

Why study with us?

► A specialist teaching team

Our tutors are specialists in many areas of agriculture, ranging from sheep, beef and dairy to machinery, crop production and management.

► Up-to-date knowledge and skills

Cumbria, Lancashire, and Yorkshire have diverse land-based sectors. Our programmes will teach you modern techniques for productivity and business methods that will allow you to embrace the opportunities that will arise in the years to come. The national Future Farming and Countryside Programme is one of the most significant industry changes in any sector in the UK. It includes a range of environmental land management schemes, including sustainable farming, nature recovery and landscape recovery. Our courses and apprenticeships will give you the skills and experiences to access these new grants and incentives.

► Our partnerships

We work with a wide range of industry partners. We use an extensive network of local employers to give you a diverse, relevant set of experiences. This isn't just tied to one place or type of location, so we can ensure you receive the training you need to be ready for what faces you after you leave college.



In 2024, the UK government allocated £427 million to support investment in agricultural productivity and innovation to support and boost the 4 million agri-food sector roles (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Agriculture

Level 2 (1 year)

Agriculture, Land Management & Production, T-Level

Pathway: Livestock Production

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T-Levels.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course,
please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Animal Care – page 37
- Business – page 43
- Construction – page 45
- Engineering – page 51

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

General Farm Worker

Level 2

Livestock Unit Technician

Level 3

Assistant Farm Manager

Level 4

For more information, see page 29 and visit
kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

There are a variety of progression options for
agricultural students to consider.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and
communication, adaptability, proactive networking,
and business management. This will make you
highly adaptable and attractive to employers
and universities.

After your course, you could progress directly
into employment either in farm management, or
alternatively with agri-businesses in the supply chain
or quality assurance in the agriculture industry.

You may wish to continue your studies and progress
on to another college course, or study for a degree
in agriculture, animal science or crop management,
or perhaps environmental sustainability or business
management. Last year, our apprentices progressed
onto Harper Adams University to study Agriculture
with Animal Science, and Newcastle University to
study Agriculture.

There are also higher-level apprenticeship options,
including a Level 4 Assistant Farm Manager
apprenticeship.

**“Our learners see a variety of
farming systems through our
extensive range of local farmer
partners. They experience best
practice in action.”**

Dan Stamper
Head of Faculty



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Animal Care



We are one of the first colleges in the UK to have an Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre alongside our teaching department.

Why study with us?

► Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (lovingly known as the 'ARC')

Facilities include an intensive care and treatment room, with industry-standard surgical equipment and digital x-ray facilities, providing the highest level of care for wildlife and the best possible learning environment for students.

We also have an exotics room with various species, including a bearded dragon, tree frogs, snakes and tortoises (to name a few!) and a mammals room housing rabbits, guinea pigs and degus.

► Experienced, passionate tutors

Our teaching team includes veterinary surgeons, conservationists, marine biologists and animal care professionals. Our Marine Biologist, Sarah Neill, works with British Divers Marine Life Rescue to provide rescue and care support to local seals.

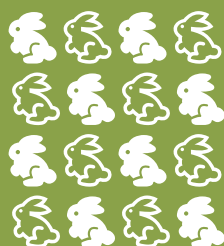
She was the only woman in the UK selected to join the Sedna Epic expedition to the High Arctic in 2022. The team have also recently achieved a Silver Award for the Hedgehog Friendly Campus scheme!

► Academic and industry partners

We work with the University of Cumbria, the RSPCA inspectorate and wildlife hospitals, local veterinary practices and conservation organisations at both local and national levels. These links provide our students with work placements, insightful guest speakers and up-to-date industry knowledge.

► Inspiring trips and visits

As well as various local visits, you will have the opportunity to take part in international trips – last year's students went to Ecuador, Eswatini and South Africa!



The workforce is projected to grow by 11.6% by 2027, creating 8,700 jobs (LMI For All).

"I studied both a BTEC and A-Level, and I cannot fault the teaching and support I received. The teachers were always happy to help if I didn't understand something or if I needed help with my university application. I'm now studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol."

Emma Thexton
Animal Management Alumni

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Employment and apprentice opportunities include veterinary nursing, laboratory and ecological work, or pursuing animal-related roles in the police, retail and agricultural industries. Our students have progressed to various higher-level courses after college, including zoology, marine biology, ecology and veterinary medicine at university.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and communication, persistence and commitment, organisation and attention to detail, and flexibility and patience in academic research. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment, for example with South Lakes Safari Zoo, started apprenticeships in a range of animal related fields, progressed onto our degree-programmes, and gained the following university places:

Harper Adams University - Veterinary Bioscience,
Anglia Ruskin University - Zoology, University of Salford - Wildlife Conservation with Zoo Biology,
Manchester Metropolitan University - Animal Behaviour & Conservation, University of Plymouth - Ocean Science & Marine Conservation, Liverpool John Moores University - Animal Behaviour, University of Cumbria - Animal Conservation Science



Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Animal Care

Level 1 and Level 2 (1 year)

Animal Care and Management, T-Level

Pathways: Animal Behaviour or Animal Science
Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T-Levels.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth - page 21
- Agriculture - page 35

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Marine Biology and Rehabilitation, Foundation Degree**

A solid foundation in ocean science and animal care, combining academic study with practical training for careers in marine biology and rehabilitation.

- **Wildlife Conservation & Rehabilitation, Foundation Degree**

Develop the skills to protect habitats and rehabilitate animals, preparing for rewarding roles in conservation and wildlife welfare.



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Art & Design



Art & Design is the launch pad for a wide range of career paths and professional destinations, from fine artists to textile and product designers, photographers, illustrators and animators to graphic and fashion designers. Our qualifications allow students to achieve places at top universities and progress into employment within the creative industry.

Why study with us?

► Vibrant spaces

We teach all the latest skills and techniques in vibrant, exciting spaces. The £2.9m Wildman Street Studio and Allen Building include a professional gallery, multidisciplinary creative spaces, a photography dark room, print and ceramic studios and a metal and wood workshop.

“You might start this course thinking that you want to do photography and end up doing 3D animation and virtual augmented reality. You just don’t know what you’ll be introduced to. The course gives you a lot of input with your development and practice.”

Graham Day, Art & Design Alumni

► Professional tutors

Our passionate teaching team includes a professional graphic designer, a photographer who works for BBC publications, a fashion and textile specialist, a professional fine artist, a product and design specialist, a moderator for the University of Arts London and a ceramics and craft specialist.

► Build your portfolio for future success

Our students have long-standing success in skills shows and competitions, exhibiting alongside world-class artists at the Abbot Hall Gallery, Blackwell Arts and Crafts and Brewery Arts Centre.

Students progress to top universities, including The London College of Fashion, The Royal School of Needlework Hampton Court, University of Arts London, Manchester Metropolitan University, Northumbria University and Glasgow School of Art.



Government plans to support the growth of the creative industries by £50bn and support a million more jobs by 2030, with £77m of new funding for the sector (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Art & Design

Level 2 (1 year)

Photography, Graphics & Film

Level 2 (1 year)

Art & Design

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Fashion & Textiles Pathway

Level 3 (2 years) equivalent to 3 A levels.

Graphics & Product Design Pathway

Level 3 (2 years) equivalent to 3 A levels

Art & Design UAL

Foundation Art & Design (1 year Level 3)

A transformative arts qualification, designed to encourage independent exploration, experimentation and risk taking. Created for students who've completed **A-Levels** or a **Level 3 Diploma** and want to achieve progression to higher education or the industry.

This course is all about you – your ideas, your growth, your future. You'll develop skills in:

- **Creative Media** – From sketchbooks to screen, explore a wide range of visual tools
- **Artistic Voice** – Learn how to shape and share your unique perspective
- **Reflective Growth** – Understand your creative journey and where it can take you next

A highly practical course focused on you and your creative goals.

Starts September – 3 days a week.

Free if you're 18 or under.



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students exhibit alongside world-class artists and have progressed to top universities.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and communication, persistence and commitment, organisation and attention to detail, and flexibility and patience in academic research. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to:
Costume Design at Edinburgh University,
Fine Art at Falmouth University,
Internship at Burberry, **Product Design** at Central St Martins, **Practising artist** exhibiting in high profile galleries as far as St Ives,
Photography at Manchester Metropolitan University, **Graphic Design** at Northumbria University, **Film** at London College of Communication, **Fashion buyer** at Asos, **Illustration** at Leeds Arts University, **Digital Marketing apprentice**, **Textiles** at London College of Fashion



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 [@kendalartdesign](https://www.instagram.com/kendalartdesign)



Barbering, Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy



Start your career in a versatile, ever-changing industry!

Why study with us?

► **House of Hair & Beauty**

The House of Hair & Beauty is our professional hair, barbering and beauty training centre. Our salons are open to the general public and will give you hands-on practical experience in a range of treatments.

The department has four training salons with excellent facilities and equipment to match the industry.

► **Professional tutors**

Our highly skilled teaching team keeps abreast of the latest trends, passing on emerging themes and techniques to their students.

Many of the teaching team still work in the industry and have fantastic links with highly recognised manufacturers and international companies, for example, GHD, Cloud Nine, Crystal Clear, Bespoke Aroma, Dermalogica and Neil & Wolf.

► **Strong employer links**

We work with over 40 local employers across the hair, barbering and beauty sector who have considerable experience working in the industry.

As part of your course, you will be supported to gain work experience in a salon, barber's shop or spa. This will help further develop your confidence and experience in different settings.

Leading experts in hair and beauty come to the college to teach special classes and give exciting demonstrations.

The college is well respected for training professionals proficient in using industry-standard equipment and understanding the day-to-day running of a busy salon environment.

► **Inspiring trips**

The department organises various trips to enhance learning and understanding of the many opportunities available, such as Hair & Beauty UK, Pro Beauty Live, Edinburgh, Glasgow and London.

► **Competitions**

You will have the opportunity to participate in regional and national competitions, as the department is a well-established member of the AHT (Association of Hairdressers and Therapists). World Skills will be a potential gateway for you to achieve on a world stage.



The beauty industry in the UK is forecasted to be worth £32 billion by 2026 (researchandmarkets.com).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Barbering

Level 2 (1 year)

Hairdressing

Level 2 Diploma (1 year) and Level 2 NVQ in year 2

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Business – page 43

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Professional Hairdressing**, Level 2
- **Professional Barbering**, Level 2

For more information, see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Many of our students have gone on to work for major employers in the travel and tourism trade, including Low Wood Bay, Brimstone, luxury hotel groups, and cruise ship operators, as well as in local salons or renting chairs on a self-employed basis. It is also possible to progress to higher-level study in areas like salon management and advanced treatments.

Our courses will expand your skills in customer service, Maths and English, enterprise, client care, health & safety, and mental health awareness. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities. For example, after gaining further confidence in building relationships with people, one of our recent alumni has now progressed on to a career in midwifery.

"I'm creative and like interacting with people, so barbering was perfect for me. The teaching style was hands-on, so you could learn from your mistakes. I'm now working in barbering and hope to have my own shop in the future."

Juraj Smigovsky
Barbering Alumni



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 [@kendalhairbeauty](https://www.instagram.com/kendalhairbeauty)



Business



Explore the range of diverse departments that work together to form a successful business. You will benefit from the industry experience of our expert tutors, who have had successful careers in human resources, marketing, finance, retail and management.

Why study with us?

► Strong employer links

Our business department boasts strong links with some of the top-performing businesses in the local area. The curriculum has been designed to utilise the knowledge of these employers and how they can benefit our students. Continuing with the theme of employer engagement, the courses we offer have been designed by educators alongside UK businesses to provide learners with the skills required within the workforce. On our T-Level programme, learners participate in an Employer Set Project, mirrored to real work-life tasks that may be required of them as duties within employment.

► Work placement

One benefit to our T-Level course is the industry placement that our students are involved in. The course requires that all students experience 45 days, 20% of the course, with local employers. This allows our students to apply the knowledge they have developed from lectures to real-life practical experiences. On our Level 2 course, students will also complete a unit based around work placements and developing skills required by employers.

► Real-life application

We aim to provide our students with the tools they need to gain meaningful employment once they have progressed to the next step in their career path. Networking, practising skills and applying knowledge to placement prepares students for this progression. We do this through departmental trips to visit successful businesses, observing them in action, and guest speakers who visit us in college to share their knowledge and advice. Students have particularly enjoyed our 'Dragon's Den' task over the last few years, which involved pitching some fantastic start-up business ideas and a cash prize for the winning pitch!

► Developing skills

We have a strong focus on skill development and bridging the employability skill gap that has been identified by employers. We encourage our students to work on communication, organisational, time management, and presentation skills. We cover business context, business behaviours, finance, people, marketing principles and project management.



From larger multinational employers through to growing SMEs, Cumbria is home to over 23,755 active businesses and enterprises employing a workforce of 235,000 people across a range of industries (CLEP).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Business

T-Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Management & Administration, T-Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Finance, T-Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Sales & Marketing , T-Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Westmorland Campus

See page 27 for more information about T-Levels.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course,
please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Accounts or Finance Assistant (AAT)**, Level 2
- **Business Administrator**, Level 3
- **HR Support**, Level 3
- **Team Leader or Supervisor**, Level 3

For more information, see page 25 and visit
kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Business Management**, HNC/D

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

A business course is a perfect stepping-stone to careers and degree courses in various business-related topics such as marketing, HR, finance and law. Studying alongside maths can also open doors to jobs related to finance and accounting.

Our courses will expand your skills in critical reasoning and problem solving, curiosity and creativity, collaboration and teamwork, leadership and project management, and organisation and time management. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment, for example with Netherwood Spa and Hadwin Motors, started apprenticeships with Deloitte and BAE Systems, progressed onto our HNC/D Business course, and gained the following university places:

Durham University - Business & Management,
Lancaster University - Management & Information
Technology, University of Salford - Business
Management, University of Sheffield - Business
Management, Manchester Metropolitan University -
Human Resource Management (CIPD)



“A business qualification can take students anywhere and opens up a world of possibilities; from climbing the ladder in the corporate world to using the skills learned on the course to start up their own business. Financial and business education gives students practical and valuable skills in whatever employment area they choose to follow.”

Beverley Davis
Business Lecturer



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Construction



Employment prospects within construction are highly varied. There are thousands of jobs under one umbrella! You could be working in an office designing and pricing electrical systems, delivering contract work on an oil platform or wind farm, creating bespoke furniture for private clients, building homes, connecting home theatre systems, installing thermal heat pumps for a commercial company, running your own business, or anything in-between!

Why study with us?

► State-of-the-art facilities

Our £3.4 million T-Level Engineering and Construction Block includes a renewable centre and electrotechnical suite, providing world-class facilities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be at the forefront of exciting new technologies and developments. Our additional workshops in the Construction Centre provide our students with industry-standard facilities and equipment.

► Meaningful work placements

We work with various employers across the sector to offer meaningful work placements to all our students.

VolkerStevin welcomed learners from full-time courses to undertake work experience as part of the Kendal Flood Defence Scheme. Learners were given the opportunity to support local primary schools to create enrichment areas for their outdoor play areas, encouraging hands-on experience to develop valuable construction skills.

► Experienced specialist tutors

Our teams of tutors have decades of combined teaching experience with backgrounds across a range of construction specialisms – examples detailed on the following pages!

"I am a gas engineer for Cumbria Gas. I like the variety of my job as it gets my mind working. During my time at college, I developed a lot of skills. It made me see that if I put my mind to most things, I can accomplish them."

Byron Bell, Plumbing Alumni

Go Construct

Providing information around careers in construction www.goconstruct.org



There is a need for an extra 251,500 extra construction workers by 2028 to meet the expected levels of work, with an estimated 2.75 million workers in construction if projected growth is met by 2028 (Construction Skills Network).

Construction

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Construction Skills

Level 1 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Property Maintenance Operative**, Level 2

Electrical

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Electrical Installations

Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Installation Electrician & Maintenance Electrician**, Level 3

Plumbing

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Plumbing

Level 1 (1 year)

Plumbing

Level 2 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician**, Level 3
- **Gas Engineering Operative**, Level 3

Carpentry & Joinery

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Carpentry & Joinery

Level 1 (1 year)

Site Carpentry

Level 2 (1 year)

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Carpentry & Joinery (Architectural Joinery or Site Carpentry)**, Level 2
- **Craft Carpentry & Joinery (Advanced Architectural Joinery or Advanced Site Carpentry)**, Level 3

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

For more information about apprenticeships,
see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

The Construction & the Built Environment AAQ is also
available, which can be studied alongside A-Levels.
See page 22 for information.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course,
please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Engineering – page 51
- Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management – page 71

"We're developing a new renewable centre, which is going to give our students a fantastic introduction into how we can achieve the carbon neutral goals. In the centre we'll have heat pump technology, hybrid technology, solar thermal, photovoltaic and rainwater harvesting - there are so many exciting things that are going to happen."

Stuart Lovell
Curriculum Lead for Plumbing, Heating & Gas



Our specialist carpentry and joinery workshops have high-quality Format-4 Felder woodworking machinery, including spindle moulders, mortice and tenoning machines, CNC, dimension saws and more. You have space to explore a range of trade knowledge and hone your craft skills.

Construction Skills

This course is a great introduction to construction. It will develop your knowledge and skills in plumbing, electrical, brickwork and joinery.



Technical Services: Electrical and Plumbing

Technical Services covers all aspects of technology around electrical, plumbing, environmental technologies, heating and gas work.

Students from these courses will be involved in designing, installing, maintaining and testing all aspects of technical services in the built environment. This work can be as small as repairing a leaky tap or faulty socket to installing the complete heating or electrical system for a hospital or large factory. As energy costs increase, employment in this area looks to grow even further, ensuring a secure and exciting career for years to come.

Our plumbing and heating team has comprehensive industry experience, born from working on commercial, industrial, and domestic sites for many

Site Carpentry

A site carpenter works with timber to create a variety of building structures, from commercial to domestic projects. Our courses will develop your skills in hand and power tools, hanging doors, skirting and architraves, roofing, walls, flooring, and introductions to installation work of kitchens, windows and staircases.

Bench Joinery

Bench joiners make workshop timber-based products to be delivered or installed on-site. Our courses will develop your knowledge of technical drawing, marking, and manufacturing objects such as furniture, doors, windows, and staircases.

You will have a fantastic opportunity to learn the safe and correct way to use hand and power tools and our workshop machinery.

We have strong local links to site carpentry and bench joinery companies, time served craftsmen and degree - qualified designers. Our tutors have worked on some truly amazing projects, from domestic to commercial works, events, conservation and museums in the UK and worldwide.

years. Contracts with Best Western Hotels, NHS commercial plant rooms, and schools throughout the Northwest, delivering industry training for manufacturers, plus contributions to development and research in environmental technologies.

Our electrical team has over 100 years of site experience between them! They have been involved in large and small commercial, industrial and domestic systems, for example, working on the Millennium Dome, Euro Hub, Manchester Airport and many others.

This experience will give you invaluable insight into the industry and the many career pathways to choose from.

The construction industry accounts for approximately 3 million jobs, 10% of total UK employment, and is expected to grow by 14.1% to reach £227,627.2m by 2026 (Designing Buildings & GlobeNewswire).

The built environment is transitioning towards increased digitalisation, sustainable construction and automated production, assembly and delivery. Sustainable construction involves changing the traditionally used material and rethinking waste and energy consumption. This is in response to government strategies and increased awareness around cost, efficiency, and health & safety benefits.

The government's target to decarbonise all sectors of the UK economy and meet their net-zero targets by 2050 is expected to drive further sustainability innovation and growth in the industry.

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our courses will expand your teamwork, communication, organisation, time management, and problem solving skills. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Our courses enable our students to progress onto apprenticeships and employment with a wide range of industries, and set up their own businesses.

Previous students have progressed to:

HNC degree courses with James Cropper Plc, Apprenticeships at BAE Systems, They run businesses large and small, Trainee manager at Morrisons, Groundworker, Keel University - Engineering Degree, Music teacher and Folk band, Electrical Technician at college, Compete in WorldSkills competitions, Take their skills and qualifications abroad to gain further valuable experience



"We work with contractors passionate about supporting young people to develop the skills needed in the industry. Students gain experience in all areas of the build. They are given the opportunity to work with different trades, helping them decide on their future career path and understand how a project comes together. Being on a real construction site and working with people with different backgrounds, ages and ethnicities helps develop their confidence and skills."

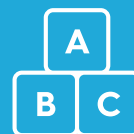
Ian Reynolds
Chartered Construction Manager
EQUANS



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@kendalconstruction



Education & Early Years



Our tutors are all education and early years professionals with extensive experience working in primary schools, early years settings and international schools.

Why study with us?

► **Develop your professional industry skills**

Our full-time courses include work placements with Ofsted-rated Good or Outstanding organisations, which model good practice. You will work in various preschool, nursery, and primary school settings for two days a week. This allows you to put the theory of child development into practice, for example, when planning and implementing activities or observing a child's progress.

You will gain detailed knowledge of the national curriculum and develop your confidence and communication skills working with children and professional practitioners. This will prepare you well for university or higher-level study in the workplace.

► **Excellent links with academic and sector partners**

As well as your work placement, you will benefit from guest speakers from local universities, Schools Direct and Children's Services, and visits to outdoor learning and Montessori settings. An international trip to visit an early year's educational organisation is planned each year and can vary as to location.

► **Up-to-date industry knowledge**

Our tutors understand the sector, current thinking and modern developments. You will learn about forest schools, phonics and planning in the moment (to name just a few!)

► **Gain a licence to practice**

On completion of the T-Level, you will gain Early Years Educator (EYE) status giving you a licence to practice. This means you can become a teaching assistant in a school or a nursery practitioner without additional training.

► **A new interactive facility at our Milnthorpe Road Campus**

We have developed a new real working environment with state-of-the-art technology, where local children will visit us for activity sessions.

"Kendal provides great social and educational opportunities. There is a comforting and welcoming atmosphere, which makes me thankful for having studied here."

Kerry Cambray, Education & Early Years Student



The teaching and educational professions are projected to grow by 9.4% over the period to 2027, creating 21,600 jobs.

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Education & Early Years

T-Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Education & Early Years, T-Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 27 for more information about T-Levels.

The Early Childhood Development AAQ is also available, which can be studied alongside A-Levels. See page 22 for information.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Health & Social Care – page 59

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- [Early Years Practitioner](#), Level 2
- [Early Years Educator](#), Level 3
- [Teaching Assistant](#), Level 3

For more information, see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- [Children, Young People & their Services](#), Foundation Degree
- [Children, Schools & Families](#), BA (Hons)

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our training equips students with the necessary skills and experience to progress their careers and gain employment.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and leadership, organisation and time management, staying calm in challenging situations, and academic research and writing. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

The Early Years Educator (EYE) status enables our students to gain direct employment in a wide range of preschool, nursery, and primary school settings.

Our full-time level 3 students move on to a wide range of higher-level courses, including our Foundation Degree in Children, Schools & Families.

Previous students have progressed to:

[University of Salford - Occupational Therapy](#), [Leeds Trinity University - Primary Education](#), [Working with Children, Young People & Families](#), [Edge Hill University - Primary Education with QTS](#), [University of Cumbria - Primary & Early Years Education](#), [University of Surrey - Nursing Studies](#), [Liverpool John Moores University - Primary Education](#)



“Early Years Apprentices are a key part of promoting strong and positive relationships amongst the children and between children and adults. Castle Park School has a strong and effective relationship with Kendal College, training the next generation of early years practitioners and teaching assistants. Early Years Apprentices support teachers to continually develop and change our indoor and outdoor learning environments to support play based learning, helping our pupils to learn and thrive.”

Neil Stoker
Deputy Headteacher
Castle Park School



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Engineering



Our £3.4 million T-Level Engineering and Construction Block includes CNC and 3D printing machines, an electronics lab, and a maker space facility to enable students to turn their ideas into reality.

The additional workshops house numerous manual lathes, welding and fabrication bays and project-related technologies and equipment.

Why study with us?

► A teaching team with a diverse background

The engineering team has a diverse background of industrial and academic knowledge to support your career direction. This includes experience in aeronautical and turbine manufacturing at Rolls-Royce, mechanical audio acoustic at Primasonics, electrical engineering in the Royal Engineers, mechanical design at Don-Bur commercial vehicles, and a senior research associate at Lancaster University who researched lithium technology for Tesla!

► Develop your technical skills in our professional facilities

You will have access to CAD software to visualise something in a 3D space and then manufacture a prototype on the 3D printers. Our Precious Plastics

shredder and moulds enable you to turn plastic waste into new products, for example, building materials for the construction industry. Your skills in design and manufacturing will be developed, as well as your digital and project management skills.

► Employer partnerships

The department has strong links with local businesses that rely on the college to meet their current and future business needs. The team organise guest speakers and trips to engineering firms in the UK and abroad, and you will complete valuable work placements to develop your knowledge.

► Inspiring work placement opportunities

Our T-Level programmes include a 45-day placement, enabling you to put the academic theory into practice and gain a deeper understanding of this exciting and ever-changing industry.

Anord Mardix will be offering various work placement opportunities across their business, where you will build relationships and networks in the industry, and gain insights into the many career pathways available.



The UK Engineering sector employs approximately 5.5 million people, which is about 18% of all UK employment (ENGCE).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Engineering Technology

T-Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Design & Development for Engineering & Manufacturing, T-Level

Pathway: Mechanical Engineering

Pathway: Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

For more information about T-Levels see page 27.

The Engineering AAQ is also available, which can be
studied alongside A-Levels. See page 22 for information.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course,
please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Motor Vehicle – page 63

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician**, Level 3
- **Engineering Fitter**, Level 3
- **Engineering Manufacturing Technician**, Level 4

For more information, see page 29 and visit
kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Engineering**, HTQ
- **Electrical**, HTQ
- **Mechanical**, HTQ

Many of our students go on to higher-level study,
attaining degrees in mechatronics, energy,
motorsports, and aeronautics. Just as many secure
apprenticeships with local and national employers,
including Gilkes, Anord Mardix and BAE Systems, or
go on to study our Higher National Certificate (HTQ).

Our courses will expand your skills in creative
problem solving, attention to detail, analytical
skills, communication, teamwork, and leadership.
This will make you highly adaptable and attractive
to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to:

Leeds Beckett University – Quantity Surveying,
Lancaster University – Electronic and Electrical
Engineering, **Manchester Metropolitan
University** – Electrical and Electronic Engineering,
University of Nottingham – Engineering & Physical
Sciences, **Electrical Engineering**, **University of
Portsmouth** – Mechanical Engineering,
Teesside University, Middlesbrough – Aerospace
Engineering, **Nottingham Trent University** –
Mechanical Engineering





Film Production



Our courses are fast, fun, practical and engaging, with students constantly challenged to develop the skills they'll need for a career in the growing digital media sector. Whether you want to be a director, editor, writer, cinematographer, sound designer or any of the hundreds of jobs available, we'll give you the space to learn your craft and the crews to bring your stories to life.

Why study with us?

► Highly practical learning

Learning is delivered through demonstrations, presentations, film screenings, and group and class discussions, but mainly through practical filmmaking and working in crews.

► Develop your skills and knowledge

You'll learn the fundamental processes used in all film production, with group productions developing skills in planning, writing, producing, using industry standard cameras and sound equipment, editing, post-production and presentation. You will gain a grounding in the core principles of cinematic storytelling, experience working in crews, understanding production roles and develop an industry specialism.

On top of these vocational skills, you'll learn how to work to a brief, research, analyse, schedule and evaluate your projects. You'll gain experience in teamwork, problem solving and negotiating solutions. You will be treated as a filmmaker from day one, making a variety of work that challenges you to discover a voice of your own.

► Professional teaching team

Every member of our teaching team has extensive professional experience and backgrounds in camera, sound production, script writing and production; all remain active in the film industry.

► Strong external partnerships

The film department has strong partnerships with the Aesthetica Film Festival, Brewery Arts Centre, Cumbria Tourism, Manchester Film School, Kendal Mountain Festival, Signal Film and Media, and many other local businesses. As well as being involved in live community projects, you will also gain relevant work experience, hear from a range of guest speakers and take part in trips to Aesthetica Film Festival York, London residencies and Manchester.



Increased growth means there will be a need for an estimated 20,770 additional full-time film production employees in the UK by 2026 (BFI).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Photography, Film & Graphics

Level 2 (1 year)

Creative Media Production & Technology

Pathway: film

Level 3 (2 years) equivalent to 3 A -levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus and Westmorland Campus.

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL)

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Art & Design – page 39
- Music – page 65
- Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management – page 71

Our students move on to various universities, film schools, freelance jobs and industry training schemes, including BFI Film Academy, ITV & BBC Training Schemes, and set up their own production companies. Alumni films have been selected, screened and won awards at national film festivals.

Our courses will expand your skills in creativity, artistic vision, storytelling ability, analytical frame of mind, programming teamwork, and communication. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to:

University for the Creative Arts - Animation,
BBC - News Producer & Broadcast Producer,
UCEN Manchester - Film & TV Production, The Crown
and His Dark Materials - Digital Image Technician,
University of the Arts London - Film & Television,
Naik Media - Editor, Film on the Brain - Business
Owners, Leeds Beckett University - Filmmaking,
Kendal Mountain Festival - Content Producer,
University of Westminster, London - Film, Oxford
Media Factory - Videographer, BIMM Institute -
Film Business & Production, Hawkshead Brewery
- Marketing, University of Sunderland - Digital
Imaging, BT - Broadcast Engineer, University of
Salford - Post-Production & VFX, Photographer
for Rene La Vice

“My experience at Kendal College has been immensely rewarding. The Film Production course has provided me with extensive knowledge, numerous opportunities to enter the film industry, and I've formed valuable connections and friendships.”

Susie Thomas
Film Production Student



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Foundation Learning



Our Foundation Learning courses are designed to give students a secure start to studying at college in a well-supported environment. You will develop confidence, resilience, and decision-making skills to support your independence. The Foundation Learning programmes will prepare you for supported internships, further study within the college, apprenticeships or supported employment.

Link 2

The Link 2 programme supports learners to develop their personal and employability skills. Learners take this programme to give them the skills to Link 2 supported internships or further study elsewhere in the college.

Link 2 is individualised according to your needs, some learners will spend one year on the programme, whereas others may spend longer before linking to their next step.

Link 2 prepares learners for adulthood. Through real-life projects and trips you will focus on future goals in education and employment, independent living, community and relationships, and being healthy.

Link 2 learners have the opportunity to experience a variety of different vocational areas throughout the year, such as:

- Art & Design
- Animal Care
- Catering
- Construction
- Motor Vehicle

Your learning experience will be tailored towards your interests.

No formal qualifications are set for this course, but you need to demonstrate that you are committed to continuing to study Maths and English. You will be invited to attend two taster sessions. You and your parent/s or guardian/s will then be invited to attend an interview and asked to bring your Education and Health Care Plan if you have one.



"The course really helped me get the job skills I needed for my future."

Finn Ramsey,
DFN Project SEARCH Alumni

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Link 2

Level 1 (1 year)

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

Supported Internships

Practice and learn essential skills in a real
working environment

DFN Project SEARCH

1 year

Based at the NHS.

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our courses will expand your communication, teamwork, time management, organisation and English and Maths skills. This will support you in moving on to employment and/or to other courses in the college.

In the last few years, our Foundation Learning students have progressed to a range of full-time vocational courses, including hospitality, art and design, animal care and the supported internship. They have also gained employment in the local community, health and social care, and retail.

Successful completion of the Supported Internship is likely to lead to paid employment with the NHS or other placement providers. Nationally 5.1% of young people with a learning difference gain employment, but 75% of those supported by DFN Project SEARCH and Kendal College secure paid roles after graduation.

Supported Internships

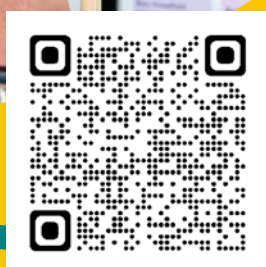
Kendal College is excited to offer two different supported internship programmes. The programmes are specifically aimed at young people aged 17-25 with an EHCP who are ready to make the transition from education and aspire to paid employment.

DFN Project SEARCH

The supported internship is a 5 day-a-week programme based within the NHS, at Westmorland and Furness Hospital. Alongside learning valuable life and work skills, you will work in at least 3 different areas, either within NHS departments, or in a workplace outside of the hospital. Our placements are bespoke and based on the skill set you need to achieve your final employment outcome, careers aspirations and interests. Throughout the programme, you will have the support of a work-based tutor and job coach, and a workplace mentor.

"I am now working for the NHS. I really understood my first pay slip because we had covered tax and national insurance within the employability skills curriculum when I was an intern."

Becca Fell
DFN Project SEARCH Graduate



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Games & Concept Art



Games & Concept Art is the place to be if your interests lie in creating stories, characters and worlds.

The course provides students with a fully equipped PC suite and Wacom drawing tablets. Tasks will be given that allow students to explore their creativity and apply it to challenges and mini-briefs. These will push them to strive for professionalism and are built around expectations within the industry. Furthermore, group-based creative endeavours allow students to experience what it is like to operate as part of an innovative team. This will allow leaders to emerge and communication skills to flourish. The team has a wealth of complementary experience. Alice Lawrence Bell provides experience of 3D model making skills in blender and unreal engine gained from her training as an architect, whilst Stephanie Fulke focuses on design strategy and technology platforms to help visualise students' ideas. Both tutors will deliver an engaging, highly creative course that is tailored to suit your specific skills and areas of interest.

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Games & Concept Art

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

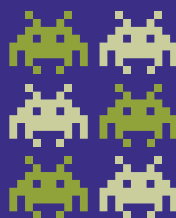
Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

This course is awarded by University Arts London (UAL).

It may be possible to add Core Maths, or an A-Level in English Literature or Psychology, to your course. Please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Art & Design – page 39
- Film Production – page 53



With the global market for video games estimated to be worth \$190 billion and 95% of the 2,000 UK games studios and business exporting around the world, there is huge opportunity for the UK to reinforce its position as a world leader in games development (TIGA.org).

Why study with us?

► Develop your creative decisions and skills

Games & Concept Art focuses on creating characters, props and environments with 2D and 3D modelling software to aid storytelling and create experiences via various media. Throughout the course, you will explore how your research, subject understanding and creative decisions making influence the development of professional work.

► Project-based learning

There will be opportunities to work on client briefs to demonstrate technical and creative skills in producing a complete project. For each project, you are encouraged to follow the creative process to properly structure your approach to creative conceptual thinking and problem solving work, replicating industry. This starts with a foundation of solid research, followed by simple ideation / sketching of initial ideas before seeking feedback to re-evaluate the outcome and develop it further.

► Understand the latest trends and developments

You will participate in lively discussions about new gaming technology and media campaigns. You will also review the latest developments within the sectors as they are released. You will regularly benefit from opportunities to meet industry specialists from the gaming industry, for example, through events organised in collaboration with Lakes International Comic Art Festival. You will gain a first-hand understanding of the industry and understand how professional creatives think and rationalise their work.

► Vibrant spaces and specialist software

We teach all the latest skills and techniques in vibrant, exciting spaces, which include industry-standard software and equipment within specialist creative art workshops. Students can access specialised studios, dedicated Mac suites, and Wacom drawing tablets. You will be taught to use various digital software, such as Adobe Creative Suite, Blender and Augmented Reality applications.

► A variety of trips and visits

To help learning and make better connections for progression routes, the department organises various trips and talks about the industry. The course links with local universities and events, such as the University of Cumbria, Lakes International Comic Art Festival, the Manchester UCAS Fair, and organises an annual trip to Liverpool.



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

This course leads to employment in the sector or higher-level study. You could potentially move to a career in level design, concept or character art, game design or any degree-level course linked to games development.

Our courses will expand your skills in creativity, artistic vision, storytelling ability, analytical frame of mind, programming teamwork, and communication. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.



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Health & Social Care



Our courses provide a practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background, giving you the knowledge, confidence and skills you need to prepare for university and employment.

Why study with us?

► Experienced, professional tutors

Our teaching team includes a mental health nurse, psychology specialist, health promotion specialist and registered care managers.

► Our partnerships with the sector

We have strong partnerships with a wide range of industry and academic organisations, including the NHS, University of Cumbria, Oaklea Trust, HC One Care company, Cumbria County Council and Pearl Care. Our links with employers give you valuable insights into the sector and first-hand experience through guest speakers, visits, trips and work placements.

Our Level 2 students have two weeks of placement to prepare them for progressing to the Level 3 courses.

Our T-Level students gain direct clinical and ward experience with the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. They work in at least two nursing wards, for example, medical assessments, gynaecology, operating theatre, paediatrics, and dementia. The course will enable you to progress to all areas of nursing, including mental health, paramedics, and midwifery.

► Dedicated Health Suites

You will have access to two Health Suites within the college. These simulated health environments replicate real-life care settings, enhancing your practical development. Our facilities include a clinical care environment featuring a replica ward area with simulation mannequins. The suites also have a clinical treatment/therapy area and a seating area simulating a consulting room.



1.54 million people currently work in health and social care and there will be half a million extra jobs available by 2030 (healthcareers.nhs.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Health

T-Level Foundation, Level 2 (1 year)

Health, T-Level

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

See page 23 for more information about T-Levels.

AAQs in Health & Social Care, Human Biology and Medical Science are also available, which can be studied alongside A-Levels. See page 18 for information.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth - page 21
- Education & Early Years - page 49

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Adult Care**, Level 2
- **Lead Adult Care Worker**, Level 3

For more information, see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students progress to various degree programmes, higher-level apprenticeships and full-time employment. Lancaster University, Kings College London and Northumbria University are just some of the destinations of our former students. They are now studying subjects including midwifery and paramedic and all strands of nursing.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and communication, commitment and compassion, organisation, flexibility and patience, and academic research and referencing. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Our recent alumni have progressed directly into employment with the NHS and gained a variety of university places, including:

University of Birmingham - Adult Nursing, Liverpool John Moores University - Midwifery, Edge Hill University - Child Nursing, Psychology, University of Sunderland - Paramedic Science & Out of Hospital Care, Manchester Metropolitan University - Adult Nursing, Northumbria University, Newcastle - Nursing Science, University of Central Lancashire - Paramedic Science, Lancaster University - Psychology, University of Chester - Mental Health Nursing, Northumbria University, Newcastle - Nursing Science, Health, Education & Social Care

"A placement whilst on a T-Level course offers an invaluable and immersive experience, helping the students to understand what real working life is like. At UHMBT we prepare students thoroughly, providing extensive training and inductions prior to placements commencing."

Iain Hook
Careers Lead
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS
Foundation Trust

"T-Level NHS placements enable you to gain essential skills, valuable hands-on experience and form lifelong connections, which could prove vital for your future career."

Abbie Dow
Placement Co-ordinator
University Hospitals of
Morecambe Bay NHS
Foundation Trust



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Hospitality & Catering



The college has an unrivalled reputation for delivering some of the UK's most talented chefs, managers, and industry professionals. Situated in one of the country's most popular tourist destinations, students have no shortage of opportunities to gain experience in first-class hospitality businesses.

Why study with us?

► Highly trained staff

Our highly experienced tutors have worked as head chefs and sommeliers across the country, including Michelin-starred and AA Red Rosette restaurants. They have a dedication and passion for the job that is second to none.

"I'm usually a shy person, but this course made me come out of my shell more. The tutors are great. I love their sense of humour, and there's a really friendly vibe in the kitchen."

Remy Ayres, Hospitality & Catering Alumni

► Modern kitchens with up-to-date technology

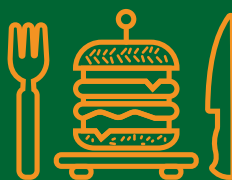
The department has 'world-class' facilities, including a fully electric kitchen, induction hobs and a state-of-the-art TV and camera system to enhance teaching.

► Well-established professional restaurant

You will gain experience in the college café and The Restaurant, which is open to the public for lunch and dinner, serving modern fine-dining cuisine. The team regularly hosts and supports prestigious events at the college, such as The Cumbria Food Awards.

► Excellent industry links

The department has strong partnerships with various employers, including Simon Rogan, Forest Side and English Lakes Hotels. Work placements, 'surprise' guest chef events, and international trips will expose you to current industry standards and expand your awareness of modern food and drink service trends. This will develop your confidence and expertise to carry forward your future careers.



The hospitality industry is the UK's 4th largest industry. 1 in 6 new jobs created are in hospitality, and 170,000 new chefs will be required in the UK by 2027 (LMI For All) (Careerpivot).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Bakery

Level 2 (1 year)

Food & Beverage Service

Level 2 (1 year)

Professional Cookery

Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (1 year)

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Business – page 43

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Commis Chef**, Level 2
- **Hospitality Team Member**, Level 2
- **Chef de Partie**, Level 3
- **Hospitality Supervisor**, Level 3

For more information, see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

“Kendal College, home to one of the most influential cooking courses in the country.”

Jay Raynor
Journalist and Food Critic

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students have progressed to a wide range of roles in some of the most prestigious venues in the country, including Forest Side Hotel, L'Enclume and The Samling Hotel.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and communication, customer service, commitment and passion, organisation, and flexibility. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to:

Development Chef at Tesco, Teaching qualifications, Working in cafes, hotels and larger establishments, Personal Chef in a private yacht, Outside catering businesses, Front of House L'Enclume, Front of House Hand & Flowers (Tom Kerridge), Head Chef at Dallam School, Setting up their own business, Local Chocolatier, Artisan Market Bakers, Pastry Chef in a Spanish 3 Michelin Star Restaurant, Sous Chef in a Spanish 3 Michelin Star restaurant, Chef and Front of House jobs with Simon Rogan and his restaurant group, Private chefs on yachts, Food development for a national award company

“I've established the Simon Rogan Academy as a way of doing something positive, and because Kendal College share the same values and requirements for excellence that I do. I want to show people that choosing a career in hospitality is an exciting prospect, one that can literally take them anywhere in the world. It's an incredibly rewarding industry, you are surrounded by people who are passionate and creative in everything they do, and you can't help but be inspired.”

Simon Rogan
Michelin-Starred Restaurateur



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Motor Vehicle



Our facilities and garage are equipped with everything a main dealership might have, including the latest diagnostic computer equipment, new post lifts with shaker plates for MOT checks, and a hybrid technical board.

Why study with us?

► Electric and hybrid technology

The college has recently purchased an electric Nissan Leaf and hybrid Honda Civic, and has specialist tools and equipment to maintain electric vehicles.

As automotive technology evolves, and customers look for sustainable driving options with enhanced features, you will learn the skills required to be at the forefront of this dynamic industry.

► Daily, real-life experiences in our garage

The garage provides a range of vehicle maintenance services, thus giving you real-life

experiences and daily challenges to expand your learning and development. Laptops are built into the toolboxes, enabling you to assess technical data, take measurements, monitor filling capacities and view circuit diagrams.

► Experienced tutors

Our teaching team has worked in the automotive industry for Renault, Volvo, BMW and Volkswagen, to name but a few!

► Links with local employers

The department has strong links with local employers and support students to gain relevant experience through work placements.



IMI analysis indicates that there is a requirement for 111,400 jobs over the next 10 years and that by 2030, we will need 103,000 Tech Safe qualified technicians to work with electric vehicles (The Institute of the Motor Industry).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Vehicle Maintenance

Level 1 (1 year)

Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 (1 year)

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course,
please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Construction – page 45
- Engineering – page 51

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Autocare Technician**, Level 2
- **Motor Vehicle & Maintenance**, Level 3

For more information, see page 29 and visit
kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Our students progress on to employment with
national and international car dealerships, as well
as successfully running their own garages and
working abroad.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork,
problem solving, attention to detail, communication,
customer service, and professionalism. This will make
you highly adaptable and attractive to employers
and training providers.

**“I was very nervous and anxious
when I started, but it’s the
best decision I have ever made!
Everyone made me feel so
comfortable and respected me,
and I enjoyed every bit of it.
I now have an apprenticeship
with Land Rover.”**

Bethany Walshaw, Motor Vehicle Apprentice

**“I was an apprentice straight from
school, so I can really relate to
the vocational study route in
practical careers such as this one.
A hands-on learning experience
is immensely valuable and we are
fortunate to have such fantastic
facilities and equipment at the
college to prepare our students
for the exciting next steps in
their careers.”**

Craig Brook
Motor Vehicle Lecturer



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Music



Our Music Department offers courses that perfectly balance music performance and production. Whether you are an instrumentalist, vocalist, songwriter or producer, our experienced and industry-trained lecturers will help you to take your work to the next level.

Why study with us?

► We offer two exciting pathways of study

A **performance** route and a **production** route, both of which interlink and involve collaboration. Combined study is also an option.

► Dedicated performance and production facilities

Our music facilities are the best in Cumbria, allowing for a wide range of practical learning. We have a dedicated Live Venue space, a professional recording studio with industry-standard equipment, a Mac Suite for Electronic Music Production and well-equipped rehearsal booths for band practices.

► Industry relevant projects

Our specially designed curriculum is finely tuned and will prepare you for university entry and employment within the music industry. Subjects include instrumental and vocal skills, studio recording, live performance skills, composition, digital music production, practical theory skills and critical listening.

► Practical learning

We understand that everybody learns differently, and our teaching styles reflect this. You will be involved in performance workshops, studio sessions, 1:1 tutorials, research and evaluation classes, practical and theoretical sessions and band rehearsals. Each learner has access to an individual workstation for Electronic Music Production, and you will eventually produce a portfolio of work to support your academic studies.

► Live performance experience

You will be able to perform at professional live music venues, including the Brewery Arts Centre, Ruskins and our in-house performance facilities. We have also performed at venues in Liverpool, Newcastle and Manchester and organised field trips to professional concerts. You will be actively supported to work with local musicians on industry-led projects such as podcasts and recording sessions, as well as opportunities for involvement in local events and festivals such as Kendal Calling and Kendal Music Festival.



The global music industry is forecast to more than double to about \$131 billion by 2030. The UK is currently the world's second largest music exporter, home to iconic global festivals, venues, artists, producers and studios, presenting very clear opportunities (UK Music).

"I have performed gigs all over the UK at professional venues and festivals such as Glastonbury, Kendal Calling and Edinburgh Fringe. I have recorded and produced music for a number of local artists, as well as my own bands and side projects. Teaching at Kendal College allows me to share my experience and practical knowledge with the next generation of musicians."

Wayne Scurrah
Music Lecturer

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Music Performance & Production

Level 2 (1 year)

Music Performance & Production

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL).

It may be possible to add Core Maths, or an A-Level
in English Literature or Psychology, to your course.

Please ask us about this if you are interested.

New for Sep 2026 Music Production for the Creative Industries

Level 4

This one-year course is designed for those who want to launch a career in music production and sound design both in the studio and live. You'll gain hands-on experience in **studio recording, mixing, and electronic music production** using industry-standard software such as **Logic Pro, and Ableton Live and Pre-Sonus Studio One**, as well as production hardware. Through professional, industry-based practice you will develop skills and knowledge that will help you to work to a consistently high level, and give you the confidence explore further opportunities both in Higher Education and the Music Industry.

Career Pathways: Music Producer • Recording Engineer
Live Sound Engineer • Sound Designer • Stage Manager
Event Coordinator



YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

After completing these courses, students continue their studies at universities, conservatoires, and Higher Education accredited recording studios. They also gain direct employment in various industries. The many transferable skills gained from completing our courses, such as IT skills, teamwork, creativity and marketing, make our students competitive when applying for jobs and universities.

Previous students have progressed to:

Royal Northern College of Music, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, BIMM (British & Irish Modern Music Institute), Spirit Studios Manchester, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal Calling, Self-Employment as Peripatetic Instrument Teachers, Employment in the Music Industry as Musicians, Promoters, Managers and Sound Engineers

"After college, I gained a 1st class degree studying Music Management at LIPA and secured work at Polydor Records (Universal Music Group) as part of the A&R team. I am now Assistant Manager to Paloma Faith and Nicole Scherzinger at Lateral Management in London. My time at Kendal College was incredible, and if I could, I would do it all over again!"

Nicole Fallowfield
Music Alumni



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Performing Arts



The Performing Arts department is widely respected throughout the country for the professional quality of the work students present and the range of industry experiences offered. It has a strong record of propelling students into creative careers, not only as performers but also into the opportunities studying performing arts opens up.

We make no excuses for having some of the highest success rates in the country and for supporting students to follow their dreams.

Why study with us?

Our tutors are industry-trained professionals who have worked extensively as actors, dancers, choreographers, and theatremakers.

Using our experience, we will develop your performance skills in acting, dance, and musical theatre through challenging and innovative projects. Examples of areas you will cover include 'Scare Night,' full-scale plays, musical theatre shows, and acting for TV and films.

New for September 2025

LAMDA Qualifications – please enquire

► Professional performance spaces for your training

The department has professional performance and rehearsal spaces in our £4.2m Box Theatre and Wildman Street/Museum Studios. We also work with various partnership venues, including Kendal Town Hall, The Brewery Arts and The Old Laundry Theatre. Students are encouraged to book spaces outside of classes to continue to rehearse.

► Work experience opportunities

We work with organisations such as Kendal Torchlight, where, for example, you are trained as street performers and carnival dancers. You will also work with local primary schools as workshop leaders in acting, dance, and puppetry and with Rachel Ashton Apprentice Actors, where you may experience touring with a company whilst being paid.

► Practical training with academic challenge

The performance elements of your course are vital to developing your skills and knowledge for the industry; academic development is also part of this as you learn to reflect, analyse, and apply your learning through the progression of each industry focused unit. Your digital literacy will be developed as we work with electronic portfolios, Instagram and TikTok throughout projects.



The creative industries sector is growing more than 5x faster than the national economy. UK's creative industries contribute almost £13m to the UK economy every hour (Gov.uk).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Performing Arts

Acting, Dance & Musical Theatre pathways
Level 2 (1 year)

Performing Arts

Acting, Dance & Musical Theatre pathways
Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL).

It may be possible to add Core Maths, or an A-Level
in English Literature or Psychology, to your course.
Please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management – page 71

UAL Level 4 Diploma in Performance

1 year

Ready to take your training further? This intensive course is
designed for students who've completed A Levels or a Level 3
Diploma and want to step up to drama school or the industry.

Work like a mini theatre company, training
with industry professionals in:

- Acting for Camera
- Musical Theatre
- Performance Techniques

A highly practical course focused on you and your
performance goals.

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After completing these courses, our students
progress to leading conservatoires and universities,
training, or employment in various industries.
You are not limited to a performer's career, as
the skills and knowledge gained open you up to a
wide variety of career routes. Our courses will expand
your skills in creativity and imagination, adaptability
under pressure, organisation skills and planning
skills in academic preparation for university. This will
make you highly adaptable and attractive to
employers and universities.

You can also completely change direction into nursing,
forensic science, arts marketing, event and venue
management, drama therapy and teaching as examples
of some of our student's progression routes.

Former students now work as characters, dancers, and
events managers at Disney Paris, Florida and Singapore.
They've also gone on to work as front-of-house
management for The Lion King, various casting and
talent agencies, drama teachers, children's coaches,
choreographers and, of course, actors on stage and
screen. Other students are working as drama and dance
therapists; in community theatre, touring with Theatre
for Young Adults and creating their own work.

Previous students have progressed to:

Trinity Laban – Professional Dance & Musical Theatre,
Royal Scottish Conservatoire – Musical Theatre, East 15
– Acting & Physical Theatre, Leeds Beckett University –
Adult Nursing, Glasgow University – Paediatric Nursing,
Liverpool Hope – Forensic Science, Circa Media Bristol
– Circus School, Arts Ed – Acting, Rose Bruford –
Costume Design and Making, London Contemporary –
Dance, Salford – Journalism

“Being at Kendal College has given me
a community of people who uplift
me. This has been one of the greatest
experiences. The campus feels cosy,
like a home away from home.”

Evan Oram
Performing Arts Student



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Sport & Outdoor Adventure



Where better to learn than in the stunning natural adventure playground of the Lake District? Surrounded by possibilities and with excellent links with local specialist facilities, there are hands-on challenges at every corner.

Why study with us?

► **Inspiring, practical environments**

An outdoor adventure practical day could be walking the highest mountain in England, canoeing the longest lake or climbing one of the iconic rock faces in the Langdales Valley in the heart of the Lake District. Our sports students benefit from using the best facilities for the sport being studied. For example, we have strong partnerships with Carus Green Golf Club, Kendal Squash Club, Kendal Rugby Club and local gyms.

► **The practical / theory mix**

The practical sessions are underpinned by theoretical knowledge. You will develop your skills and techniques whilst understanding the theory behind them.

► **Tracking the trends**

We keep up-to-date with the latest trends and developments in the industry. For example, we have introduced canyoning and paddleboarding into our outdoor adventure course due to the increasing consumer demand in these areas.

► **Gain additional qualifications**

Our Level 3 outdoor students are offered the opportunity to gain additional qualifications, e.g. First Aid, British Canoeing Performance Awards and Leaders Awards.

► **Local, national and international experiences**

Various trips and visits are organised throughout the year to broaden your experiences in the sector. For example, day visits to St George's Park, National Cycling Centre and Institute of Sport in Manchester, and trips to North Wales, Isle of Skye, Morocco and Barcelona.

► **Professional, experienced tutors**

The teaching team includes outdoor instructors who have worked as freelancers for a range of providers and led expeditions to Thailand, Morocco and throughout Europe. Our sports tutors have experience in sports rehabilitation, injury management, football coaching, lifestyle consultation and fitness club management.



The sports industry in the United Kingdom is projected to grow to a market volume of £98.98m in 2027 (Statista).

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Sport

Level 2 (1 year)

Sport

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Outdoor Adventure

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

GT-7 Football & Sport Academy

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Education & Early Years – page 49
- Health & Social Care – page 59
- Uniformed Services – page 73

Apprenticeships

Paid employment with training

- **Outdoor Activity Instructor**, Level 3

For more information, see page 29 and visit kendal.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Higher Education

Degree-level study on your doorstep

- **Outdoor Adventure**, HNC/D

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

The sport and fitness industry consists of organisations providing sports clubs, leisure centres, fitness, sports analysis, sports rehabilitation and injuries and personal training. The sector focuses on improving physical and mental well-being and developing skills, techniques, and tactics within sport.

Previous students have progressed to: **Senior Instructor at Tower Wood**, **BA Law at Newcastle University**, **Forestry employment with the National Trust**, **BA Outdoor Adventure Leadership and Management at University of Worcester**, **Football Scholarship in America**, **Sports Therapy at Edge Hill University**, **Ski Instructor in the French Alps**, **Personal Trainers (after competing the Level 3 Personal Training)**, **Apprenticeship with Pulse Fitness**, **Travelling around South America**

"I coach tennis and chose this course because I wanted to experience different and unique sports like jujitsu and lacrosse and gain top-level teaching from specialist staff, to then adapt and use this knowledge for my tennis career. College is different from what I expected. You're treated like a grown-up and you're in charge of your own learning, which gives you more independence and allows you to learn in a professional environment."

Issy Younger
Sport Student



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  [@kendaloutdoor](https://www.facebook.com/kendaloutdoor)



Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management



Our courses will introduce you to all aspects of production for live performance such as: dance shows, festivals, corporate events, music gigs, musical and theatre shows. You will develop the necessary skills to work in this exciting and ever-changing industry.

Why study with us?

► Dedicated performance spaces

The department utilises the £4.2m dedicated performance spaces of The Box and Wildman Street Studios, which boast top of the range technical equipment specially designed to host theatre and events.

► Practical learning

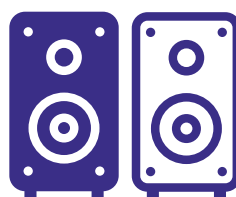
Students learn in a creative, hands-on environment and are given a grounding in the five core disciplines: lighting (including design), projection (including design), scenic construction and set design, sound (studio and live), stage management.

► Experience supporting a variety of events

You will support and lead on internal and external productions including a show which engages over 2,000 primary school children; full scale end of year musicals; fully teched dramas and music gigs in the Box and local music venues. You will be involved with several community partnerships with Kendal Torchlight, Kendal Mountain Festival and Kendal Calling, amongst others. Students are at the forefront of our productions. You will explore and experiment with your ideas and see them transform into a public performance or event.

► Industry-trained teaching staff

Our teaching staff are well experienced in the industry and have strong partnerships with the Brewery Arts



The UK's events industry is estimated to be worth £70bn, accounting for over 50% of the UK visitor economy (BVEP).

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning
with practical experience

Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management

Level 2 (1 year)

Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

These courses are awarded by University Arts London (UAL).

Based at the Arts & Media Campus.

It may be possible to add Core Maths, or an A-Level
in English Literature or Psychology, to your course.
Please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- Art & Design – page 39
- Construction – page 45
- Film Production – page 53
- Performing Arts – page 67

Studying Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management can be a direct training route to employment as an event and venue technician or a sound and lighting engineer. Recent students have progressed to lighting roles for Strictly Come Dancing and The Voice, a props master on the West End, Kendal Calling roles, festival managers, artist liaisons, event technicians, and sound on Disney Cruises.

The transferable skills gained in creativity, leadership, IT and budgeting will also make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Previous students have progressed to leading conservatoires and universities to train further in lighting, sound, set design, and stage management. Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Guildhall, Royal Central, and Backstage Academy, to name a few, are examples of recent student destinations.

Students have also diversified into estates management, paramedics, IT managers, and primary school teachers!



“Applying for Kendal College was one of my best decisions. The course opened my eyes to the many avenues you can go down in the industry. Even though I started college strongly leaning toward sound, I ended up leaning more toward the set building and props side of things. I can’t recommend Kendal College enough! The tutors and staff are all friendly and supportive! You can make new friends, new memories and really let your creative side flourish!”

Adam Cox
Theatre & Event Technology Alumni



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Uniformed Services



The uniformed services help aid and protect the public. The main work areas are the police, fire and rescue, paramedics, and armed forces. If you are interested in a career in these areas, responding to emergencies, or progressing to degree-level study, this is for you!

Why study with us?

► Hands-on experience

The department works with many different uniformed services, enabling you to gain hands-on experience with the work conducted by these vital services and put what you learn into practice.

You will gain fire service and major incident training, work with the MOD Police and Royal Navy, complete assault courses with the Army and compete with other colleges.

► Specialist tutors

Your course tutors include a serving member of the British Army Reserve with a specialism for physical training and a strength and conditioning coach with the Kendal Rugby Club first team.

► Prepare for your future career

The courses are designed to be mentally and physically demanding in preparation for your chosen career in uniformed services. You will be given support and training to prepare for specific fitness tests and learn how to cope with the pressures of working in these services.

You will develop the skills and values required, for example, honesty, a positive mindset, discipline, integrity and commitment. You will also have opportunities to lead a team and be confident in doing so.

All students wear a uniform, so you can become familiar with them and wear them with pride.

Every day will be different, diverse and exciting!



Defence sector supports 239,000 jobs across the UK, with plans to boost Reserve numbers by 20% by 2026

"Using current training methods alongside hands-on experience from a variety of protective services, you will develop the key skills for your chosen service. Do you want a course that's different every day, and will challenge you to be at your best? If the answer is yes, click APPLY on our website!"

Guy Heath, Lecturer

Full-time courses

Combine academic learning with practical experience

Uniformed Services

Level 3 (2 years), equivalent to 3 A-Levels

Based at the Milnthorpe Road Campus.

AAQs in Health & Social Care and Human Biology are also available, which can be studied alongside A-Levels. See page 18 for information.

It is possible to add Core Maths to your course, please ask us about this if you are interested.

You may also be interested in

- A-Levels, KC Sixth – page 21
- Animal Care – page 37
- Health & Social Care – page 59
- Sport & Outdoor Adventure – page 69

YOURBRIGHT FUTURE

Following this course, you may pursue a career in the Police, Armed Forces, Fire and Rescue, Prison Service or other uniformed services. The Level 3 course can also lead to study at a degree-level in areas including (but not limited to) policing, emergency planning, disaster management, sociology, criminology, and outdoor adventure.

Our courses will expand your skills in teamwork and communication, problem solving, leadership, discipline, and physical fitness. This will make you highly adaptable and attractive to employers and universities.

Our recent students have progressed directly into employment and gained the following university places.

University of Central Lancashire – Nursing,
Lancaster University – Criminology, University of Cumbria – Professional Policing, Liverpool John Moores University – Policing

"You're trusted to be independent and treated like an adult. I'm thinking of joining the fire service or marines, and we're advised on the different training needed for each service. We're taught about discipline, having a healthy mind and body, and we're out every day, often at Kendal Rugby Club. We are pushed outside of our comfort zone, with various drills, developing our team building and communication skills."

Ben Parker
Uniformed Services Student



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FAQs

What transport is available to get to college?

The college works with Stagecoach to offer discounted bus passes to students, and runs a number of dedicated services in Lancashire, Eden and South Lakeland. There is financial support for students living in low-income households or experiencing financial hardship. We can also provide you with information and advice about other options, such as car sharing and local council transport. A car park permit is available to college students. The permits cost £1 and can be purchased from reception. Cycle bays are also available. For more information see: kendal.ac.uk/transport

Are there any course fees?

Full-time courses and apprenticeships are free to students aged 16–18. You need to be 18 or under on 31st August of the relevant academic year. For example, if you wish to start a full-time course in September 2026, you will need to be 18 or under on 31/08/2026.

What kit and equipment will I need?

Some courses may require you to purchase equipment for your course. More information will be given when you apply and are offered a place. If you have any questions about a specific course, please contact us.

What are the options for lunch?

Our cafés offer a range of homemade food and cater for all dietary needs. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring a packed lunch or go off campus.

Can I get help with the costs of coming to college?

Financial support is available to students in low-income households or in financial hardship. We administer a government Bursary Fund to support students, which can help pay for things like transport, equipment, trips, emergency living costs and other expenses.

The Residential Support Scheme provides financial help with residential costs (e.g. rent) for eligible students living away from home because their full-time Level 2 or Level 3 qualification is not available locally. For more information see: kendal.ac.uk/money

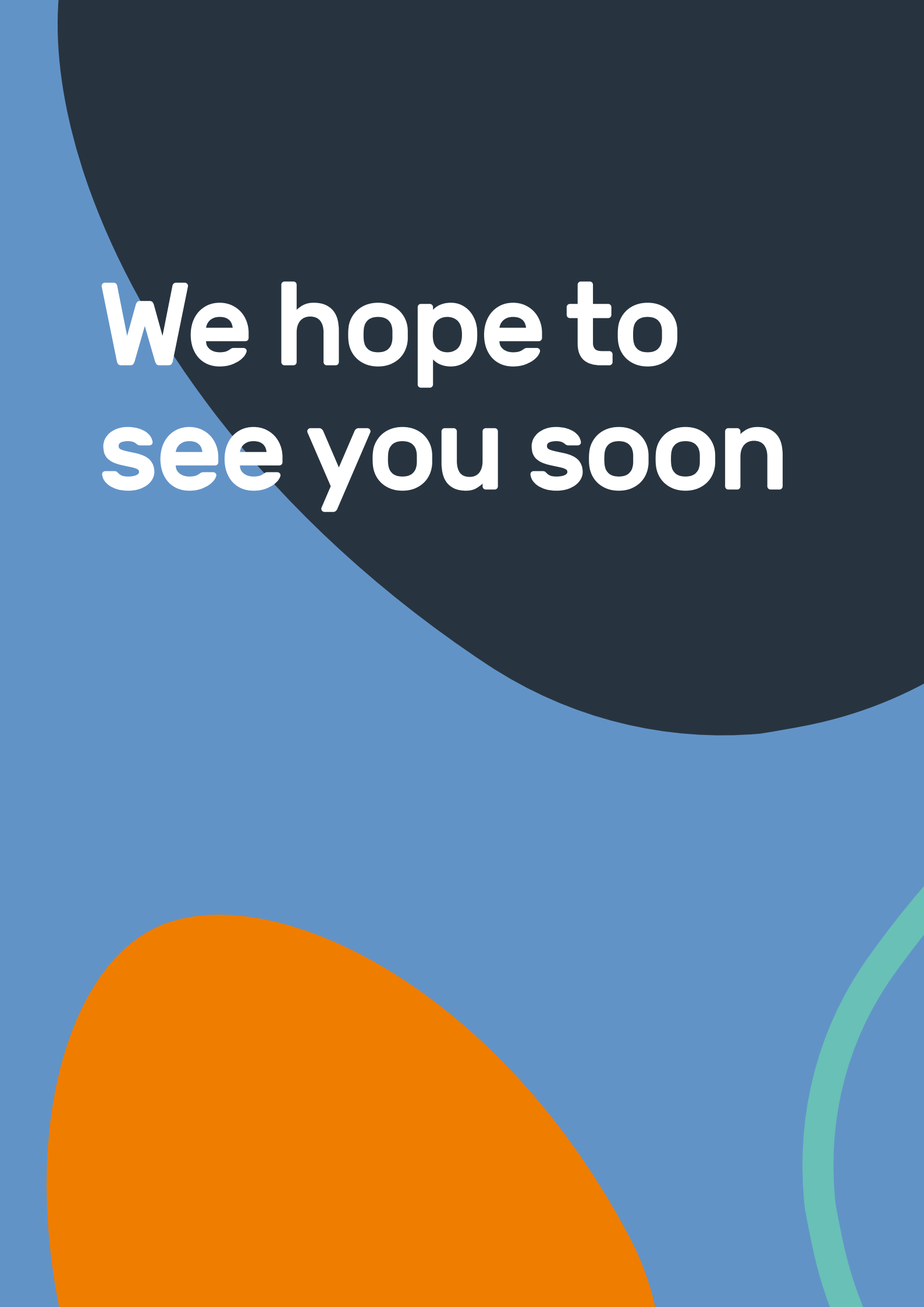
What are your access arrangements?

We're committed to ensuring that students with disabilities can access all parts of the college. Both campuses have lift access, disabled facilities and designated disabled parking spaces. If you have any access needs, please disclose your requirements as soon as possible to ensure the right level of support is in place for you to enjoy your time at Kendal College.

How do you work with parents, guardians and carers?

We believe that maintaining close and professional relationships with parents, guardians and carers is key to the success of our students. Parents, guardians and carers can request access to information about attendance, targets and progress (if student consent has been given). Progress Evenings are also held to review overall performance and allow any potential problems or concerns to be discussed.



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**We hope to
see you soon**

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