

# POST-16 SCHOOL LEAVER OVERVIEW 2023/24

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# WHY CRC?

**97%**

of full-time students said that 'Teaching on my course is good'

Wide choice of courses - join us straight from school or from sixth form



Great transport options including a free shuttle bus from Cambridge North and Huntingdon train stations



Friendly and welcoming CRC community

Great teaching and learning facilities



Tutors with real industry experience, making your course relevant to your chosen career



College life, a new environment and friends



Award winning careers, information, advice and guidance - Matrix accredited

Supportive environment helping you achieve your personal goals

A third of our Level 3 students progress on to a higher education course



**95%**

of students would recommend CRC as a great place to study

**92%**

of 16-18yr old students agreed that college had helped them to learn, work, study and make decisions independently

**92%**

of students continue their studies, go on to university or gain paid employment

# YOUR CAREER STARTS HERE

Our focus is your success

With Cambridge Regional College you can get the edge whether that's in a competitive job market, gaining a place at university or finding the perfect apprenticeship. You might not know yet what you want to do, many don't, but through college you can explore your options and with our suite of tools and advisors on hand to help you every step of the way, you can find your path to the perfect career.

## LIFE, WORK & CAREER READY

We are a careers focused college and work with employers in our region to ensure you develop the skills that are in demand by employers and set you up for personal success.

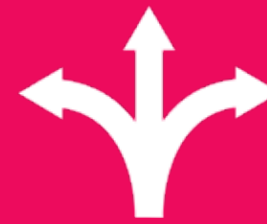
- Impartial careers advice
- Our programmes focus on getting you work ready, in your approach, mind-set and skills base
- Work experience and industry placements
- Support with university applications
- Careers programme including employer talks, HE showcases, careers fairs and more
- Employability skills
- Help finding apprenticeship placements.

## #WeAreCRC

### Our Values

Our #WeAreCRC values are embedded throughout your studies. We will help you grow in confidence and develop the qualities that will help you throughout life.

**WELCOMING**  
**EMPOWERING**  
**ASPIRATIONAL**  
**RESILIENT**  
**EXCELLENT**  
**COURAGEOUS**  
**RESPECTFUL**  
**COLLABORATIVE**



## FIND A CAREER YOU'LL LOVE

Part of the challenge of finding the right career path is the huge variety of jobs and roles to explore.

We tailor our Careers support to your individual needs so that it is relevant to your programme of study and chosen career path.

### Not sure what you want to do?

We have a few tools and resources that are designed to help you find the right career path for you.



Use our online careers assessment tool **Careers Coach** to open up a whole new world of career opportunities that match your interests and preferences, and will advise you on the best course to take to enter into that profession.

[www.camre.ac.uk/careercoach](http://www.camre.ac.uk/careercoach)



If you want to explore careers in a particular industry or subject area then you can **browse careers**, salaries and companies on our website. This tool can give you an idea of what a particular job role looks like and how much you could potentially earn!

[www.camre.ac.uk/browse-careers](http://www.camre.ac.uk/browse-careers)



You can also download our many **Career Maps** which can help you visualise all of the career routes that will be available to you after studying particular courses. Our career maps cover all the vocational subjects we offer.

[www.camre.ac.uk/career-maps](http://www.camre.ac.uk/career-maps)



For quick access to our Career Maps, scan the QR Code!

# CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

Many of our subject areas are available as a full-time course or an apprenticeship. Use this quick guide and checklist to reflect on what would be best for you.

## Professional & Technical Full-Time Route

Professional and technical full-time courses are practical and hands-on courses that prepare you with the skills and knowledge in your chosen subject area. The qualification and skills you gain can lead to university, an apprenticeship or a job.

You would be attending college, typically three days a week through a mixture of on campus and online sessions. To gain real world experience and industry-ready work skills, the courses include work experience and, for some courses, you will undertake an Industry Placement for two days a week in term time.

You will get full access to all of the college support and facilities available on both campuses and online.



You enjoy practical, hands-on learning and want to explore the full range and options of a subject.



You are not quite ready for work yet and love the idea of college life and seeing your college friends every day.



You love getting involved in special projects, work experience and competitions to help you learn.

## T-LEVELS PLANNED FOR 23/24

Technical Levels, known as **T-Levels**, are new two year programmes designed with employers to ensure young people get the industry skills needed.

We plan to deliver T-Levels in subject areas including Digital Industries, Education & Childcare, Health & Science and Construction.

T-Level programmes will include:

- Technical knowledge & practical skills
- Industry placement of at least 45 days
- Relevant maths, English & digital skills
- Common workplace skills.

## Apprenticeship Route

Apprenticeships combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with an employer, classroom learning at college and self-study. You get started on your career straight away, earn a wage and gain qualifications and experience that will help you progress up the career ladder, move on to degree level apprenticeships or university.

### Apprenticeships are right for you if:



You are ready to commit to a full-time job and start earning.



You are happy to study independently, get support through regular visits from your trainer and, for some programmes, a college day-release to build up your knowledge.



You know which career area you want to go into and want to learn on the job.

### Want to talk it through?

Speak to our Careers Advice and Guidance team on 01223 226315 or come along to one of our Open Days.

Try our Careers Coach quiz to see what careers would suit you, [www.camre.ac.uk/careerscoach](http://www.camre.ac.uk/careerscoach)

## Full-time entry requirements:

### ENTRY LEVEL

These courses will help you build up skills, experience and gain confidence to progress to Level 1. No formal qualifications are needed.

### LEVEL 1 - FOUNDATION LEVEL

You must have achieved an appropriate Entry Level vocational qualification and/or two GCSEs at grade 2 (E) or above.

### LEVEL 2 - INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

You must have achieved an appropriate Level 1 vocational qualification and/or three GCSEs at grade 3 (D) or above (including English or maths), or equivalent experience. On some courses entry will be dependent on vocational experience and may require specific subjects.

### LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED LEVEL

You must have achieved an appropriate Level 2 vocational qualification and/or four GCSEs at grade 9-4 (A\*-C), including maths and/or English; or equivalent industry experience. On some courses specific subjects may be required.

### LEVEL 4/5 - HIGHER EDUCATION

You must have achieved an appropriate Level 3 Extended Diploma or other vocational Diplomas, or two A Levels, or Access to Higher Education qualification or an Art Foundation or University Foundation Programme.

# ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS

Want to start work straight away, learn and gain a qualification in the workplace whilst you are earning money? Then an Apprenticeship could be the pathway for you.

## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships combine work and study by mixing on the job training and classroom learning. You'll be employed to do a real job, with a real wage and other employee benefits whilst studying.

Apprentices follow an approved programme, which means you'll gain a nationally-recognised certification at the end of your apprenticeship that will enable you to progress in your career and studies.

We are a leading provider of Apprenticeships with regular assessments and progress reviews. We work with more than 1,500 local, regional and national employers to offer you the skills that matter.

## BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Earn a wage while you learn
- Receive 'on-the-job' training
- Gain the skills that give you the edge in the job market
- Benefit from an individual learning programme
- One-to-one tuition from CRC's specialist industry experts
- Opportunities to progress into management or higher education

**SIGN UP**

### APPRENTICESHIP JOB ALERTS

Sign up to our apprenticeship job alerts to start your search for the right apprenticeship:

[www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

## STARTING YOUR CAREER

We work with employers in all sectors from engineering and catering, to science, computing and many more.

By studying an Apprenticeship you will already be on the first step of your career, gaining great work experience.

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I GET?

Studying for an Apprenticeship means you will achieve a certification that is relevant to your industry. Often these will be awarded by a relevant professional body to your specialism, for example, in accountancy your certificate might be awarded by the Association of Accounting Technicians. There may be a requirement for you to continue to work towards a qualification in English, maths and ICT.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**LEVEL 2**  
English and maths GCSE at grade 3 (D) or above.

**LEVEL 3**  
English and maths GCSE at grade 4 (C) or above.

**LEVEL 4/5**  
Entry requirements may vary dependent on the subject area.

## TRAINEESHIPS

Traineeships are for young people looking for an apprenticeship or needing to resit their maths and English exams. It is a 10 week programme including classroom-based work and work experience alongside support to secure an apprenticeship.

**BRICKWORK BUILDING SERVICES & ENGINEERING HEATING & VENTILATION SITE CARPENTRY CIVIL ENGINEERING MECHATRONICS GAS ENGINEER ELECTRICIAN PLUMBING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING ENGINEERING MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LOGISTICS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGEMENT TEAM LEADER CATERING & HOSPITALITY ADULT CARE EARLY YEARS SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING COMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN MARKETING ASSISTANT DENTAL NURSE DIGITAL MARKETER BEAUTY THERAPY HAIRDRESSING EVENTS SALES PAYROLL ASSISTANT TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Register your interest! [www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

# ABOUT FULL-TIME COURSES

Studying with us means much more than just gaining a qualification in your chosen subject area. Your study programme is designed to provide you with the skills that are essential for employment, personal and professional development.



## Subject Specialism



## Work Experience or Industry Placement

All study programmes will involve some work experience. Some courses will be part of the new Industry Placement initiative and you will be required to undertake approximately 315 hours experience in the workplace.



## Enrichment

Take part in activities outside of your main vocational area, such as clubs and societies.



## Personal Development



## English & Maths

English and maths are highly valued by employers and at CRC you will continue to develop your skills in both. If you have not yet gained a GCSE grade 9-4 (or A\*-C) in English and/or maths you will attend classes to study for nationally-recognised qualifications.



## Professional Development Plan

# HOW TO APPLY

## 1 Apply

You can apply for a course with us at any time, but the sooner you apply the sooner we can secure your place. If you attend a school which uses the MyChoice@16 application portal then your careers teacher will advise you on how to apply. If your school does not use this portal or if you are a mature student, you can apply online on our college website by finding your course and clicking apply.

[www.camre.ac.uk/apply](http://www.camre.ac.uk/apply).

On receipt of your application, we will invite you to a Welcome Event and you will have a 1-to-1 guidance call for your chosen course.

## 2 Reserve your place

On application you will receive an offer of a place subject to achieving the required grades and entry criteria\*. You will be asked to attend a Welcome Event where we will provide you with more information about your chosen course and offer you a place if suitable.

Accept the offer to confirm your place.

## 3 Taster Days

In the college calendar, the Taster Days are typically scheduled for the last week of June. They give you the opportunity to participate in taster activities related to your course and meet other people who will be studying with you from September.

## 4 GCSE Results Day

Whether you do better than expected, or not as well as you'd hoped, get in touch and let us know or visit our Advice Cafés that take place from GCSE Results Day onwards to discuss your options. Whatever the outcome we will work with you to ensure your career stays on track.

## 5 Enrol

You will be invited to enrol with the college, subject to meeting the entry requirements. Make sure to have your results to hand! You will be given all the details about your first day once you have enrolled.

## 6 Starting College

During the first half term you will have a full induction to familiarise yourself with the college and other new students.

# FULL-TIME COURSES

2023/24\*

HC Huntingdon Campus CC Cambridge Campus

Area	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4/5
Apprenticeships		Traineeship (pre-Apprenticeship) Programme CC HC	Level 2 Apprenticeships in a wide range of occupational areas CC HC	Level 3 Apprenticeships in a wide range of occupational areas CC HC	Level 4/5 Apprenticeships in a range of occupational areas CC
Art & Design	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC	Art & Design CC	Art & Design CC	Art & Design CC Level 3/4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (Post 18) CC	Level 4 HNC in Art Practice CC Level 5 HND in Art Practice CC
Beauty Therapy		Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy HC Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy & Make-up CC	Beauty Therapy CC HC	Beauty Therapy CC HC	
Business & Law		Vocational studies in Travel, IT & Business CC	Business CC	Business CC Business with Law CC	HNC/HND in Business CC
Childcare & Early Education		Caring for Children CC Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's & Young People's Settings CC HC	Early Years Practitioner CC HC	Childcare & Education (EYE) CC HC	ARU Foundation Degree in Early Years Education CC

\*Course overview is correct at time of print. Cambridge Regional College reserve the right make changes to the course offering at any time. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.

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Culinary Arts & Hospitality		Professional Cookery CC	Professional Cookery CC	Professional Cookery CC	
Computing Technologies		Vocational studies in Travel, IT & Business CC	Information & Creative Technology CC	Computing CC	
Construction		Carpentry & Joinery CC HC Bricklaying CC HC Painting & Decorating CC Construction CC HC Electrical Installations CC HC Plumbing CC	Site Carpentry CC HC Bricklaying CC HC Painting & Decorating CC Electrical Installations CC HC Plumbing Studies CC Property Maintenance CC HC	Construction and the Built Environment CC	ARU Foundation Degree in Construction Management CC ARU Foundation Degree in Architectural Technology CC HND in 3D Design (Interior Design) CC HNC in 3D Design (Interior Design) CC
Engineering		Engineering CC	Engineering CC	Engineering CC	HNC/HND Diploma in Mechanical Engineering CC HNC/HND Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering CC
Forensic & Criminal Investigation and Applied Science				Forensic and Criminal Investigation CC Applied Science CC	HNC/HND in Policing CC HNC/HND in Public Services CC
Games Development & esports				Creative Media Production in Games Development CC Creative Media Production in Esports CC	



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Hairdressing		Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy CC HC Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy & Make-up CC	Hairdressing CC HC	Hairdressing CC HC	
Health & Social Care		Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's & Young People's Settings CC HC	Health & Social Care CC HC	Health & Social Care CC HC	
Media	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC	Creative Media CC	Creative Media CC	Creative Media Production in Film & Broadcast Media CC Creative Media Production in Animation & Visual Effects CC	
Media Make-up			Hair and Make-up Artistry CC	Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up Artistry CC	
Motor Vehicle		Motor Industry CC	Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair CC	Vehicle Maintenance (Light Vehicle) CC	
Music	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC	Music CC	Music Performance & Production CC	Music Performance & Production CC	HNC Level 4 in Music CC
Performing Arts	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC		Performing & Production Arts CC	Performing & Production Arts (Acting) CC	

Course	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4/5
Sports Studies	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC	Vocational studies in Sports and Uniformed Services CC	Sport Studies CC	Sport Studies (Coaching, Development & Fitness) CC Football Scholarships, Available with Cambridge United FC CC and St. Neots Town FC HC	HNC/HND Diploma in Sport CC
Supported Learning	Learning for Life Entry Level 1-2 CC HC Gateway to Improving Choice Pre-Entry CC HC Introduction to Supported Internships CC HC Supported Internships CC HC Aspire Entry Level 1-2 CC HC Pathway Entry Level 1-2 CC HC Preparation for Independence Entry Level 1-2 CC HC Archway Entry Level 3 CC HC Vocational Pathways Entry Level 1 - Level 3 CC HC	Options CC HC			
Travel & Tourism		Vocational studies in Travel, IT & Business CC	Travel & Tourism CC	Travel & Tourism CC	
Uniformed Public Services	Vocational pathway, see Supported Learning CC HC	Vocational studies in Sports and Uniformed Services CC	Public Services CC	Uniformed Protective Services CC	HNC/HND Diploma in Public Services CC HNC/HND Diploma in Policing CC



# OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

Study your specialism of choice in outstanding facilities that are designed to help prepare you for your chosen career. CRC has some of the best facilities in the country and you'll get the chance to work on live, real-world projects.

So whether you choose to study at our **Cambridge Campus** or our **Huntingdon Campus**, you'll benefit from CRC's award winning staff and outstanding facilities.



**Brand new Construction Hub facilities at our Huntingdon Campus**



**Industry standard facilities for your chosen career**



View campus facilities at [camre.ac.uk/virtualtour](http://camre.ac.uk/virtualtour)

## SUPPORT

Our Student Support teams are here to help you succeed and overcome any challenges you face. You can access them in The Hub at our campuses, as well as an online.

[www.camre.ac.uk/support](http://www.camre.ac.uk/support)

Our Award Winning Student Support Services can help you with:

- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Financial support including transport costs and free meals
- Learning Support in-class or on a 1-1 basis
- Supported Learning to provide support for a range of disabilities, including EHCPs

# TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

CRC is one of the easiest colleges to get to. There are discounted train and bus tickets for students and we run a FREE shuttle bus to and from the local stations to our campuses. Choose the college buses, use public transport or travel by car, bike or foot.

Feel free to get in touch if you are worried about getting in to college, or the cost of transport. We will be more than happy to give you advice and to help you find out if bursaries are available to assist financially.

## Train

Save 50% off rail fares with a 16-17 Saver Railcard, visit [www.16-17saver.co.uk](http://www.16-17saver.co.uk)

Students who attend CRC qualify for discounted season tickets of up to 50% either through Great Northern Rail or Greater Anglia. Visit our transport section of the website for details of how to apply. Our campuses are within walking distance from nearby stations and we run a free shuttle bus between Cambridge North Railway Station and our Cambridge Campus and between Huntingdon Station and our Huntingdon Campus.

## FREE SHUTTLE BUS:

**Huntingdon Train and Bus Stations and Huntingdon Campus**

**Cambridge North Station and Cambridge Campus**

From the station to the campus at the start of the day and back to the station at the end of each day.

**Disclaimer** The information in this prospectus is believed to be accurate at the time of going to press (June 2022). The College reserves the right to amend or withdraw any published services as necessary. Bus routes may be subject to change. Please visit our website [www.camre.ac.uk/transport](http://www.camre.ac.uk/transport) for further details.

## Public Buses

The college campuses are served by many public bus routes, new routes have been added this summer. Students can often get discounts, such as 50% off on Stagecoach buses. Always check for the latest bus routes and see the providers' website for discounts.

The Guided Busway runs between both campuses with stops next to our campuses. The college has two stops on the Guided Busway in Cambridge: 'Science Park/ Cambridge Regional College' and 'Orchard Park East' (Route A & B). For Huntingdon Campus the Guided Busway (Route B) stops at 'Huntingdon Campus'.

**Bursaries may be available to help support travel costs**

## College Buses

Our buses travel from Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk to pick up students. Operating during term-time, the buses are timed to arrive prior to 9:00am, Cambridge Campus, and 9:15am, Huntingdon Campus, and depart at 4:20pm, Cambridge Campus, and 4:25pm, Huntingdon Campus. Our bus pass charges, for college buses only, are available online. We have extensive bursaries available to support those who may need help with travel costs. Here you can find an overview of the bus routes. These may change year to year, for the full timetables, fees and latest information, visit [www.camre.ac.uk/transport](http://www.camre.ac.uk/transport)

### Cambridge Campus Bus Routes

#### Eynesbury

Abbotsley  
Great Grandsen  
Caxton  
Lower  
Cambourne  
Cambourne  
Highfields  
Comberton  
CC

#### Bishop's Stortford

Stansted  
Quendon  
Newport  
Wendens Ambo  
Ickleton  
Duxford  
Sawston  
Stapleford  
Great Shelford  
CC

#### Soham

Fordham  
Burwell  
Exning  
Newmarket  
Bottisham  
Quy  
CC

#### Great Dunmow

Great Easton  
Duton Hill  
Thaxted  
Wimbish  
Saffron Walden  
Little Chesterford  
Great Chesterford  
Trumpington  
Park & Ride  
CC

#### Haverhill

Horseheath  
Linton  
Great Abington  
Fulbourn  
Great Wilbraham  
Little Wilbraham  
CC

#### March

Wimblington  
Doddington  
Chatteris  
Somersham  
Colne  
Bluntisham  
Earith  
Willingham  
CC

#### Ely

Witchford  
Witcham  
Mepal  
Sutton  
Haddenham  
Wilburton  
Cambridge  
North Station  
CC

#### Wimpole

Bassingbourn  
Royston  
Melbourn  
Foxton  
Harston  
Hauxton  
CC

#### Eaton Socon

Eaton Ford  
St. Neots  
Caxton Gibbet  
CC

#### Littleport

Ely  
Little Thetford  
Stretham  
Cottenham  
Histon  
CC

### Huntingdon Campus Bus Routes

#### March

Wimblington  
Doddington  
Chatteris  
Benwick  
Ramsey  
Bury  
Warboys  
HC

#### St. Ives

Fenstanton  
Bar Hill  
Cambourne  
Papworth  
Eaton Socon  
Eaton Ford  
St. Neots  
Eynesbury  
Little Paxton  
Great Paxton  
Offord D'Arcy  
Godmanchester  
Huntingdon Bus  
Station  
HC

## Cars

We have plenty of designated parking spaces for students at each campus. Parking is free at the Huntingdon Campus, with a £2 per visit parking charge at the Cambridge Campus.

For full transport and up-to-date options and information on financial support, visit [www.camre.ac.uk/transport](http://www.camre.ac.uk/transport)

## Cycling

We actively encourage our students and staff to choose a green method of transport when travelling to college. We have plenty of cycle racks available including covered spaces. Students aged under 19 may be able to claim a cycling allowance from Cambridgeshire County Council.

# OPEN DAYS

Find out about our courses, meet our tutors and tour our facilities at our Open Days. Whether our Open Days are online or in-person, you will be able to explore your options in detail and ask the questions you need to find the right next step for you.

## Cambridge Campus

- Wednesday 12th October 2022  
4:30pm-7:00pm
- Saturday 12th November 2022  
9:30am-12:30pm
- Thursday 24th November 2022  
Apprenticeship Information Evening
- Saturday 14th January 2023  
10:00am-12:30pm
- Tuesday 7th March 2023  
CRC Apprenticeship Jobs & Careers Fair  
4:30pm-6:00pm
- Thursday 27th April 2023  
4:30pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday 4th July 2023  
4:30pm-7:00pm

Cambridge Campus  
Kings Hedges Road  
Cambridge  
CB4 2QT

## Huntingdon Campus

- Thursday 6th October 2022  
5:00pm-7:00pm
- Saturday 5th November 2022  
9:30am-12:30pm
- Thursday 17th November  
Apprenticeship Information Evening
- Thursday 9th March 2023  
Open Day and CRC Apprenticeship Jobs & Careers Fair  
4:30pm-6:00pm
- Saturday 10th June 2023  
Open Day & Family Fun Day  
10.30am-1.00pm

Huntingdon Campus  
California Road  
Huntingdon  
PE29 1BL

**Register at: [www.camre.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.camre.ac.uk/open-days)**

Please note Open Days may change, always check the website for the latest information.