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Welcome to
Totton College

About Nacro Education

As one of England's largest independent training providers, our focus is on creating a more personalised learning experience through our Get Set! courses and apprenticeships. Empowering students to develop the personal and professional skills employers are actively seeking via our national education network and strategic partners Skills Builder, Money Ready and Empatico.

Nacro Education and Totton College welcome young people aged 14–19+.

Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds and take many different routes into learning. Some have enjoyed school, others found that mainstream education wasn't the right fit, and many are looking for a more practical, hands-on start to their future. We also support students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), offering tailored, one-to-one guidance to help every learner build confidence, skills and independence.

We are rated Good by Ofsted and hold the matrix Standard for information, advice and guidance services. Our mission is simple – we want you to **be who you want to be**.

Success of Nacro Education

- **91% of young people studying with us pass their GCSE English/maths.**
- **80% of students said they felt more confident after studying with us.**
- **96% of young people learning with us pass their qualification.**



“Teachers support learners to produce work that not only meets but often exceeds their level of study.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024

Find out more

To learn more about Nacro Education, visit our website: nacro.org.uk/education or scan the QR code.



Open Events

Visit us

Come and explore life at Totton College and learn more about our community. Explore our campus and meet our students and staff at our Open Events.

Book your place on our website: totton.ac.uk/events

TUESDAY 13 October 2026 17:30–19:30	THURSDAY 19 November 2026 17:30–19:30	MONDAY 1 March 2027 17:30–19:30	TUESDAY 15 June 2027 17:30–19:30
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Your journey to become who you want to be: Vocational and Pathways



Explore

June 2026 – May 2027

Come and explore our student community. We provide first-class vocational and skills training for all our students. Our Open Events are designed for you to explore life at Totton College and speak to our staff. For Pathways, our staff will support and guide you to find the right course for you. Explore our courses on our website and in this prospectus.



Apply

September 2026 – May 2027

Once you have chosen your course, apply via the website or complete an application form at our Information Centre. For Pathways and some vocational courses, any information regarding educational needs or from an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan) will also need to be submitted. Applications after 31st March will be considered late, however, places will be subject to availability.



Discussion

September 2026 onwards

After receiving your application, we will be in touch to arrange a liaison activity with you. This is so we can learn more about you and your ambitions. Discussions are usually held soon after receiving your application.



Receiving & confirming your offer

September 2026 onwards

Following your liaison activity, we will send you your offer for a place on one of our courses. Once you have received your offer, you will need to confirm your place at Totton College.



Welcome Day

July 2027

For students who plan to join us in September, we host a Welcome Day where you will sample your course, meet fellow students, and your teachers, and explore our campus.



Enrolment

August 2027

After you have received your results, you will be invited to attend the enrolment process. Please make sure you are well prepared for your interview and bring all required documents with you. Once completed, you will be formally registered as a student at Totton College.



For more details and to see our admissions policy, visit our website totton.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



Induction Week

September 2027

Welcome to Totton College. As a new student, we will invite you in for Induction. This is where you'll meet your tutor and fellow classmates. You will also be given your timetable and student ID card.

Your journey to become who you want to be: Skills for Life



Explore

June 2026 – May 2027

Come and explore our student community and courses. Our Skills for Life team are professionally trained and experienced in providing the essential support and development students need. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact our team to discuss their child's individual needs and ambitions.



Apply

September 2026 – May 2027

Once you have chosen your course, you can complete an application form on our website **totton.ac.uk**, selecting 'Skills for Life'. Any information regarding educational needs or from an EHCP (Educational Health and Care Plan) will also need to be submitted. Applications after 31st March will be considered late, however, places will be subject to availability.



Interview

September 2026 onwards

As part of your application, you'll be able to choose a date and time for your interview. After receiving your application, we will arrange a liaison activity for you based on your preferred availability, with one of our Skills for Life team members.



Receiving & confirming your offer

September 2026 onwards

Following your liaison activity, if we can meet your needs, as part of the EHCP Consultation process, and have a suitable course, we will send you an offer for a place on one of our courses. As part of your offer, we will also discuss your progression and regular contact and reviews with your parents/guardians. Once you have received your offer, you will need to confirm your place at Totton College.



Welcome Day

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For students who plan to join us in September, we host a Welcome Day where you will sample your course, meet your fellow students and teachers, and explore our campus. For students with more bespoke needs, we can arrange separate dates to come and explore the campus.



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Your journey to become who you want to be: Apprenticeships



Explore

June 2026 onwards

Visit our website for the latest vacancies, browse our apprenticeships (pages 132-135), or come along to one of our Open Events. You can apply to our vacancies at any time. For more information, contact the Apprenticeships Team: **apprenticeships@totton.ac.uk**



Apply

September 2026 onwards

If you're not employed and see a vacancy of interest on our website, apply online, or email your CV to us stating which vacancy you are applying for in the subject line. If you don't have a CV, see our advice about creating a CV on page 137. If your existing employer is interested in you starting an apprenticeship, call us on **0300 123 3385** or email **apprenticeships@totton.ac.uk**.



Initial interview

September 2026 onwards

We will arrange an interview so we can learn more about you. You will need to complete an initial assessment, but don't worry, this is just so we know what support you might need and to ensure we give you the best advice and guidance.



Co-ordinating with employers

September 2026 onwards

We will send your CV to appropriate employers to arrange your formal interview(s). Please note some employers may require further assessments for the role.



Employer interview

September 2026 onwards

We will organise an interview with your employer (if not already employed). In addition to any final assessments, we'll then provide you with feedback and guide you through to the next stage. See page 137 for more information on how to prepare for your interview.



Confirmation of position

September 2026 onwards

When you have been offered a position in a workplace, we will liaise with the employer to confirm your start date, sign-up appointment and study sessions.



For more details and to see our admissions policy, visit our website **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code.



Starting your apprenticeship

August 2027 onwards

Once you have started in the workplace, we will arrange a sign-up meeting between you, your manager and a member of our team. This will be to confirm your apprenticeship details as well as your schedule for attending college (if needed).



At Totton College, we are focused on one thing – helping you to achieve your potential. Whatever you want to do, whoever you want to be, we can help you achieve that.

We work alongside you to understand what your goals are, and give you the opportunities and support you need to succeed, whether you're still at school or still working out what you want to do.

As a national charity, we bring experience and knowledge of working in communities all across the country, and we are proud of the accomplishments our students achieve at Totton College.

I encourage you to read and explore our prospectus, in particular the success stories which showcase the achievements of our past and current students.

We believe that not only will you thrive here, you will enjoy it as well.

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Elise Temple

Principal & Director of Education and Skills
Nacro Education

“Leaders and teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the character and bolstering the confidence of learners and apprentices. Learners with high needs take part in activities outside of their immediate peer groups. This allows them to grow their friendship groups and practice good behaviour with new people. As a result, many learners with high needs overcome their anxieties and become more resilient.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024



I am pleased to welcome you to Totton College.

We believe in providing a creative and supportive environment to cater to your individual learning needs. We aim to give you a wealth of opportunities to ensure you have the skills, confidence and knowledge you need to go even further.

We collaborate with leading industry experts and local businesses to ensure our courses provide the teaching, skills and learning opportunities you need for your CV and future.

After completing your course at Totton College, you will be able to progress on to further levels of study or start your career.

For those looking to progress in their existing career, or for those ready to take on a new challenge, our apprenticeships are designed to help you gain the desired skills and training while working.

Don't forget to book your place at one of our Open Events where you can discover our fantastic facilities and discuss options with our knowledgeable and friendly staff.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member of the Totton College community.

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Jade Roots

Assistant Principal and Centre Lead
Totton College



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Why Totton College?

We're proud of our student community. From the inspirational and innovative learning to our friendly and experienced staff, our students get the very best from their time with us. We'll support you to discover your passion, encourage you to perform to the best of your ability, and celebrate your successes alongside you.

Top five reasons to join Totton College

1 We treat you as an individual

We're different to other colleges. We've created a friendly and personable community. With just over 500 students, we know each of our students as an individual. Our maximum class size of 16 students means we not only tailor your learning to your needs, we ensure you have the support you need.

2 We're specialists in vocational education

We prepare you for your future. Our courses are designed to give you the skills you need for employment. We not only teach you the theory, we teach you how to apply it, giving you a competitive edge in the workplace.



3 Our industry-standard facilities

Our facilities are designed to give you real-world experience. From our fantastic Opus Salon to our state-of-the-art industrial kitchen, our facilities are industry-standard to make sure you learn and experience the real-world of work.

4 Earn while you learn

We are specialists in apprenticeships for Hairdressing and Early Years. We work with local enterprises and industry-leading experts to ensure our apprenticeships cover the latest skills, knowledge and practices.

5 Student support and enrichment

We support and encourage all our students. Our teams are expertly trained to give students the support they need, and encourage independence. All of our courses are designed to encourage students to participate in various enrichment opportunities. The vast majority of our students have work experience planned into their courses, enhancing their employability skills and CV.



“Leaders develop ambitious curriculums to prepare learners and apprentices with the skills they need to succeed in both their work and personal lives.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024



What we do differently

Our approach to education is to empower you to become who you want to be. Our courses are designed for those looking to take a different path to achieve their ambitions. We will encourage you to go further in your studies and will support you to gain the skills and confidence you need.

We focus on our students

Our student-focused approach means we treat each student as an individual. Through our small classes, we take the time to understand your motivations and needs, and tailor your learning experience to suit them.

Our courses are taught by experienced, qualified teachers, in a safe, friendly environment for all students. Small class sizes mean we can provide you with the time and attention you deserve to support you throughout your studies.

We offer you the opportunity to expand your skills, in preparation for further or higher levels of study, through enrichment and other opportunities (more information on page 21).

For those wanting to start their career early, our courses include work experience and employability, giving you the practical and desirable skills and knowledge employers are looking for. Our Employability Hub (more information on page 18) provides you with expert advice and guidance to support your next step.

Find out more

Totton College is part of Nacro Education, England's largest independent training provider of education and skills for 16-18-year-olds (and 19+ for those with an EHCP) and we're rated Good by Ofsted.

To learn more about what we offer and what we do, visit our website **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code to book onto an Open Event to come and speak to our staff and students.



Our community

We pride ourselves on our inclusive community. We welcome students from diverse backgrounds and ensure each student has the opportunity to participate in shaping our community by sharing their voice.

Student Voice Council

We continually look for ways to improve the opportunities, facilities, and learning experiences for all of our students.

We give our students a voice and platform where they can share their feedback and suggestions to inform and shape our approach. Through surveys exploring different aspects of college life, to promoting debate and sharing ideas in the classroom, we encourage students to share their thoughts and experiences.

Our Student Voice Council enables students to share their ideas with Totton College and the wider Nacro Education teams. We invite students to take part and meet fellow representatives from across our education network to discuss the issues that matter to them.

Contemplation Room

We welcome students of all faiths as well as those without religious beliefs. Our Contemplation Room is designed to allow reflection, space, and prayer for all faiths. We have links to a wide variety of community groups and alongside our Student Wellbeing Officers, we will happily put you in touch with local representatives from any religion or faith.



Find out more

To learn more, visit our website **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code.



Life at Totton College

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Student support at Totton College

At Totton College, our students are our top priority. That's why all our students have access to personalised, holistic support services.

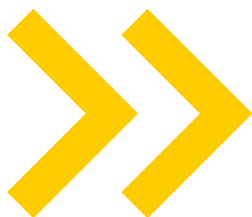
We want to make sure you have everything you need to succeed during your time with us. Whether it's support with your progression or wellbeing services, careers guidance or learning support, help with a disability, dyslexia or anxiety, or financial advice – we're here for you.

Information Centre

If you have a question or need some guidance, our Information Centre is your first point of contact. Our experienced, friendly team is always ready to help, or can connect you with the right person or service either at college or externally.

Student wellbeing and safeguarding – need to talk?

Our wellbeing team is available to offer confidential help and advice to any students who need to talk about anything from relationship or health issues to finance or housing problems. Some students are referred by a teacher while others just drop in for a chat. Sessions can be either booked in advance or you can drop in with our team to discuss further.



Our support services

Student Bursary - Apply for support from the 16-19+ Bursary Fund and Free Meals

You can apply for a Bursary Fund if you need financial support to enable you to participate in your course. The fund can be used to pay for things associated with your course, for example, travel, study books, equipment, and work placement clothing (eligibility criteria apply).*

Learning Support – unlocking your potential

Everyone's journey is unique. If you need help with reading, writing or numeracy, have dyslexia or want to gain better research or exam skills, we're here for you. Our friendly and approachable Learning Support Team will give you expert advice and tuition to help you maximise your potential at college.

Health and Fitness – staying healthy

In addition to our own Sports Hub, we are located next to the Totton Health & Leisure Centre. Students will be able to use the gym equipment and swimming pool (membership required).

*You will be invited to apply for the Bursary from July onwards. You must provide the correct evidence for it to be processed and approved. Late applications will delay transport, free meals, kit etc. being available for the start of your course.

Employability Hub and UCAS applications – mapping your future

Once you complete your course at Totton College, you will have access to a wealth of opportunities. During your time here, regular tutoring sessions will allow you to talk about your goals and seek guidance on how you can achieve them. Whether it's pursuing further education courses, moving on to university and applying through UCAS, exploring apprenticeships or traineeships, or diving into the workforce, we can help.

Students receive regular updates via Microsoft Teams on careers, apprenticeships and next-step opportunities, supported by personalised guidance from our experienced careers advisers

Your journey at Totton College is just the beginning...

With comprehensive support and a community that believes in your potential, we're here to guide you towards a brighter, successful future. Join us at our next open event and take the first step towards achieving your ambitions.

Scan the QR code or visit **totton.ac.uk/events** to book your place.



SEND support at Totton College

At Totton College, we understand that every student is unique. We encourage students with additional needs or disabilities and ensure they feel supported. Our team focuses on helping our students gain important skills for work and independent living so they are empowered to achieve their goals.

For students with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), we have additional support available to ensure they feel comfortable and are actively part of the wider student community. This can range from classroom assistance to more bespoke care assistance.

“Many learners start with significant barriers. Staff support them to enjoy and value their studies, including subjects like English and mathematics where many learners had previously had negative experiences.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024

Find out more

At Totton College, we believe that the personalised tailored support we offer to students is second to none. We want to make sure your experience of learning is the best it can be.

For more information about the support we can provide, see our Supporting your studies as a student with SEND section (pages 48-51), scan the QR code, or visit our website: **totton.ac.uk**



Your next step

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Careers and enrichment

There is much more to college than just studying. We believe in providing a fulfilling and enriching programme of extra-curricular activities and events to expand your interests, your CV and personal development.

Careers and progression

Providing excellent career advice is one of our top priorities. Within our Employability Hub, our career adviser can offer guidance on your future and help you to map a learning and employment pathway to your career or goal.

We support and encourage you to participate in work experience and develop your professional profile and CV. We offer one-to-one tutoring so you can discuss your future aspirations and explore the options available to you. Our regular employer events give you the opportunity to speak to local employers to learn more about the industry you're interested in pursuing, and receive advice on how to apply for roles.

All of our students are expected to undertake meaningful work experience as part of their course.

For more information, scan the QR code.



Enrichment activities

As part of Nacro Education, we use the Get Set! framework for all our courses meaning you will have the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities in addition to work experience, as part of your course (learn more on page 37).

These opportunities are designed to support you in developing the skills required for the working environment as well as meeting new people and trying something new. Our fantastic range of enrichment activities include:

- Excursions and events
- Guest speakers and leading industry experts
- Futures day
- And much more...

Applying to university

We know that for some students, going to university is their ambition. Our courses and support are designed to help get you there.

We will support you throughout the entire UCAS application process. From choosing the right course to writing your personal statement, we offer complete guidance for your application. We also invite universities in to speak to our students, and encourage you to attend university open days and events.

Qualification levels and progression explained

We want to see you succeed and achieve your goals. Our courses and apprenticeships are designed to help you to achieve this. From Entry Level to Level 3 (which is equivalent to A Level), our courses will give you the skills and knowledge you need to progress further and enhance your CV.

Choosing your level

Based on your achieved or predicted GCSE grades, we can help you to choose the right level for you. Those applying to a Level 2 or Level 3 course who are accepted without GCSE Maths and/or English will be required to retake these qualifications, or study Functional Skills as part of their study programme. (see page 40 for more information).

Entry Level

What you will learn

You will build basic skills, knowledge, and confidence to progress.

Qualifications you can achieve

GCSEs (grade 3-1)
City & Guilds 1
NVQ 1
BTEC Introductory Diploma

Qualifications you need

No qualifications or previous experience required.

Level 1

What you will learn

As an introduction to the subject, Level 1 is designed for students wanting to progress to a level 2 qualification and need to improve their English, maths, or IT skills.

Qualifications you can achieve

GCSEs (grade 3-1)
City & Guilds 1
NVQ 1
BTEC Introductory Diploma

Qualifications you need

At least three GCSEs at grade 2 or 1.

Find out more

For more information about our qualification levels, come and speak to our staff at an Open Event, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

What you will learn

Building your foundations on the subject matter, Level 2 is designed for students wanting to progress to a level 3 qualification, apprenticeship or employment.

Qualifications you can achieve

GCSEs
City & Guilds 2
NVQ 2
Cambridge Technical 2
BTEC First Diploma
Apprenticeship*
(intermediate)

Qualifications you need

At least three GCSEs at grade 3, or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1**

Level 3

What you will learn

Taking your subject knowledge and skills further, Level 3 is designed for students wanting to progress to university, further education, apply for an apprenticeship, or start employment in the relevant subject/sector. You must have experience or demonstrate a passion for the subject.

Qualifications you can achieve

City & Guilds 3
NVQ 3
Cambridge Technical 3
BTEC First Diploma
Apprenticeships*
(higher technical qualification)

Qualifications you need

At least four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, or a Merit or Distinction at Level 2.

Higher Education

What you will learn

Mastering your craft, at university or college, you will learn more about the subject and enhance the employability skills you learnt from Totton College to shape your professional portfolio.

Qualifications you can achieve

Degree
Degree Apprenticeships (advanced)
Higher education levels (level 4 and above)

Qualifications you need

Will vary depending on the entry requirements of the institution and the course studied.

*Dependent on pre-assessment for apprenticeships.

**Some courses such as motor vehicle, hairdressing and beauty therapy courses may require different entry criteria.

See our courses pages on our website for more details: [totton.ac.uk/courses](https://www.totton.ac.uk/courses)

UCAS tariff points for Level 3

Our courses are crafted to support your ambitions. While some students may wish to progress into their career, some of our students pursue higher levels of education at university. With our Level 3 courses and apprenticeships, you can earn UCAS points to apply to a course of your choosing. We'll support you through every step, from finding the right course, to encouraging you to go to university open days and writing your personal statement.

Awarding bodies and UCAS points

Depending on the route you take and the awarding body, UCAS points can differ. We offer Level 3 courses and apprenticeships with various awarding bodies. As an example, the tables below highlight the differences between the UCAS points offered by the NCFE and UAL awarding bodies.

Level 3 NCFE Extended Diploma	UCAS points*
Distinction* (D*)	168
Distinction (D)	144
Merit (M)	96
Pass (P)	48

Level 3 UAL Extended Diploma	UCAS points*
Distinction (D)	168
Higher Merit (HM)	144
Merit (M)	120
Higher Pass (HP)	96
Pass (P)	72

(Source: <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/information-new-ucas-tariff-advisers>)



For more information you can talk to our career advisors at one of our Open Events. Book your place at: totton.ac.uk/events



*The amount of UCAS tariff points you can gain depends on which awarding body and diploma pathway or qualification you take. Refer to the UCAS website and tariff calculator ([UCAS.com/tariff-calculator](https://www.ucas.com/tariff-calculator)) for further details and the latest information.

Positive behaviours and Student Charter

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Positive behaviours

We are committed to creating a positive learning environment for all our students. We will challenge poor engagement and misbehaviour, and celebrate and reward positive engagement and behaviour. Our positive behaviours are a model for how we want all our students to behave when they join our community.

be safe

Our learning community is a safe place to be. You should feel physically and emotionally safe, and able to share and learn without fear of judgement or retaliation. You are part of an inclusive community and your behaviour matters. By sharing this learning space, you are forming a safe environment for you, your peers, and our staff.



be respectful

We all deserve to be treated with respect, and your behaviour matters. We want you to treat others as you wish to be treated. By showing respect, you're helping to create a positive learning space. Everyone has something to teach us. We share ideas, listen, and learn from each other.



be ready to learn

Your learning is a journey, not a destination. Being ready to learn means you're physically, mentally, and emotionally prepared to take in new information and skills. You should have the same high expectations for your behaviour as we do. You're part of a learning community. We learn from our mistakes, and we celebrate and reward our successes.



Find out more

For more information about our positive engagement behaviour policy, come and speak to our staff at an Open Event, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Totton College Standard

Being part of Totton College means you're part of our learning community. We want you, and every other member of our community, to maximise the opportunities and learning experiences available, to help you broaden your skills – both personally and professionally. We ask every person to adhere to our student charter, an agreement outlining what we'll provide for you, and what you'll bring to our community.

We will

- > Make every lesson enjoyable and challenging
- > Set work which reflects our high aspirations
- > Be prompt and well prepared
- > Not cancel lessons without ensuring work is set
- > Negotiate and monitor targets with you
- > Give you regular, timely feedback so that you know how to improve
- > Foster employability skills of reliability, tenacity, and teamwork
- > Set work which helps prepare you for exams and assessments
- > Treat you with respect and help to make the learning environment a safe and inclusive place for everyone
- > Celebrate your achievements with you

You will

- > Take an active part in every lesson
- > Take responsibility for your own learning and stretch yourself to do more than you think you can
- > Attend all lessons promptly and be well prepared
- > Explain unavoidable absence and ensure missed work is covered
- > Agree and monitor your own targets
- > Act on feedback
- > Practise employability skills
- > Complete all work set punctually
- > Treat others with respect and help to make the learning environment a safe and inclusive place for everyone
- > Take pride in your achievements

Be safe. Be respectful. Be ready to learn.

Find out more

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Our campus and facilities

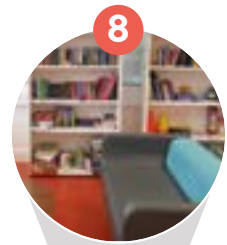
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1. Opus Salon
2. Sensory Garden
3. Construction Area
4. Industrial Kitchen

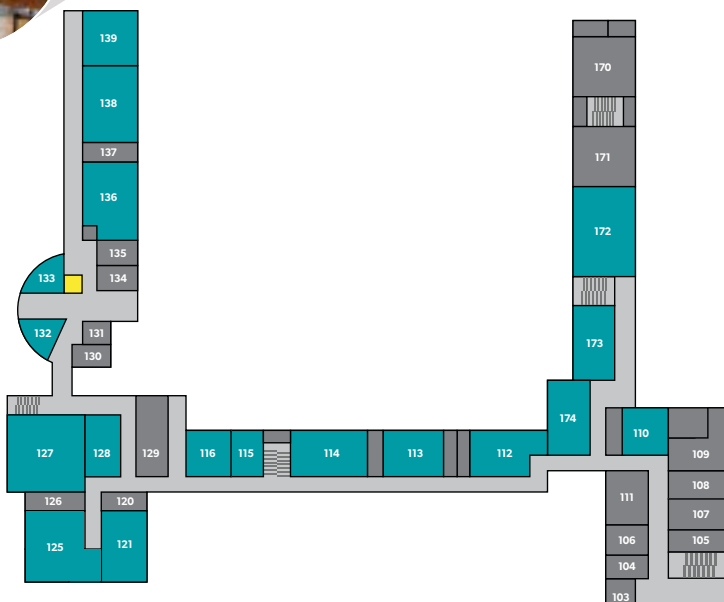
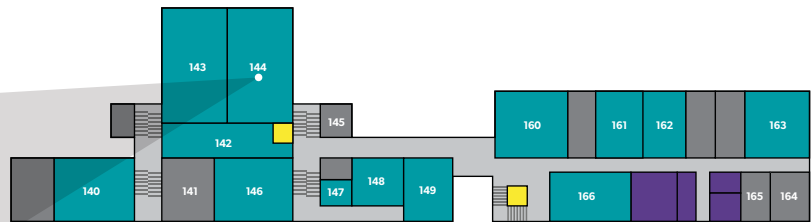
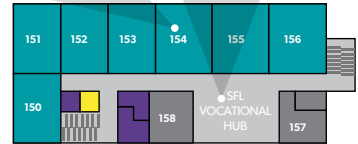
5. Refectory
6. Reception
7. Vocational Hub classroom

8. Skills for Life Vocational Hub
9. Art & Design studio



First Floor

- Learning Spaces
- Offices
- Lift
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Discover more

Explore our facilities for yourself at our Open Events.

Book your place by visiting our website: totton.ac.uk/events

Our facilities

Our campus provides a modern learning space for our students with industry-standard facilities purposely designed to replicate real working environments. We have dedicated spaces for quiet study and group work with access to a variety of online resources and specialist software.

Art & Design studios

Our fantastic art and design studios are equipped for even the most creative student. With specialist equipment for sculptures and large-scale masterpieces, you can take your art to the next level.

Motor vehicle garage

Currently based on an industrial site, our motor vehicle garage gives students the full experience of what it's like to work in a real-life garage with the latest industry-standard equipment.

Industrial kitchen

Our state of the art, industry standard, Industrial Kitchen hosts Hospitality and food and hygiene courses. Enabling students to become ready for their next steps into hospitality careers or education.

Foundation Hub & Vocational Hub

We're fully accessible and welcome students with all levels of need. Our specialist learning area, the Foundation Hub, has a multi-sensory room, a specialist simulated living environment and a garden to encourage independence, and personal and professional development.

Sports Hub and Freedom Health & Leisure Centre

Our Sports Hub provides specialist equipment for strength and conditioning. For students wanting something different, Freedom Health and Leisure Centre is located adjacent to our campus, and hosts a gym, swimming pool and other sports facilities. Our students can purchase a membership*

Pinecones Nursery

For those students who may want support with nursery care, Pinecones Nursery is independently run and provides childcare for children aged three months to five years and is located next to our campus.

*Terms and conditions apply



Opus Salon

Situated on campus, Opus Salon is a hair and beauty training centre of excellence. It operates commercially so you can work with real clients, refine your skills and develop confidence in contemporary therapies, hairdressing and beauty treatments.

Hair and Beauty Services

Our training salon offers a wide range of treatments and services to a professional standard but at a fraction of high street prices. Our beauty therapists and stylists are undergoing training and this is reflected in our charges and the length of time taken. Our stylists are under supervision at all times so you can be assured of a good service. Parental consent is necessary for all clients under the age of 16.

We offer*

Nails and face



- Facial treatments
- Eye treatments
- Make up

Body



- Massage
- Body treatments

Hair



- Perms
- Colouring

Opening hours*

Hair Services

- Monday 13:15 – 16:30
- Tuesday 9:15 – 12:30
- Wednesday 17:00 – 21:00

Beauty Treatments

- Wednesday 17:00 – 20:00
- Thursday 13:15 – 16:30

Your beauty therapists and stylists are all training at Totton College and they will be under careful supervision at all times.

Providing you with high-level treatments and customer service, and providing our students with the real-world experience to start their careers.

Find out more

To book your treatment at Opus Salon, visit **opusalon.co.uk**, or to learn more about our hair and beauty courses, see pages 68-73 or scan the QR code.



*Opening times and treatments are correct at time of publication. Opening times and treatments may change depending on timetables and curriculum requirements. Check the Opus Salon website for the latest details.

Campus and travel information

As your college experience approaches, it'll be time to start planning how you will travel to Totton College. Whether you walk to college, cycle, take the train, arrive on bus, or get dropped off by car, getting to Totton College has never been easier.



Walking and cycling



There are pedestrian and bicycle accesses to the college campus via Water Lane and Calmore Road. Students who cycle can use our secure bicycle spaces outside the back of the college entrance on Calmore Road.

For the safety and security of your bicycle, we recommend using a good quality, robust bike lock as all property left anywhere on site is at the owner's risk.

Train



Totton train station is a short walk away from Totton College, with regular trains running to and from Southampton Central. Students can apply for a railcard to help with travel costs.

A 16 - 25 Railcard currently costs £35,* and will save you up to 1/3 on a wide range of tickets, including all Standard and First Class Advance fares. Visit railcard.co.uk for more information.

Bus



The number 11 Bluestar bus stops just outside Totton College, making travel to college by bus simple to do.

Totton College students can buy discounted termly bus tickets via their Bluestar App - you need to complete a one-off verification process within

the app. And then you will be ready to travel. Make sure you select the ticket for the correct fare zone depending on where you start and end your journey each day. For more information, visit the Bluestar website: bluestarbus.co.uk

Car



The Totton College Campus is accessible via the M27, off junction 2, joining the Totton Western bypass.

We have limited spaces for student parking by our Water Lane entrance. Students who park on campus must give their registration number to reception. We encourage parents/guardians dropping off students, to do so by our main reception entrance on Calmore Road.

Arranged transport



Unlike school, all post-16 SEND transport is arranged between the parent/carer and the Local Education Authority. Our support staff will meet students from their transport every morning from 08:30am. We encourage drop-off using our Calmore Road entrance (postcode: SO40 8GN).

Find out more

For more information visit our website totton.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



Information for parents and guardians

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Information for parents and guardians

Leaving school to progress into further education is a big step. We know that as a parent or guardian, your child's education is of the utmost importance, so we do everything we can to make sure that your link with us is as strong as possible.

Parent updates

We currently hold Parents' Consultation events twice a year to discuss each student's performance. We have a number of ways for you to keep in touch and have access to your child's tutor.

For students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) our specialist teams will hold an annual review with you during the academic year. For more information, see pages 112-113.

For more information, visit our website **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code.



Student wellbeing

We are renowned for our student support (pages 18-19) and will be there every step of the way for your child, making sure their learning experience is the best it can be. We offer a broad range of support for our students, from support with progression options through to counselling, careers guidance, and learning support.

We cover a broad range of topics to help students through their time with us, including health and fitness, drug awareness, and understanding healthy relationships.



Student finance

We know that funding your studies can sometimes be a concern. We provide help and guidance on all student finance queries as some students may be eligible for extra support in the form of bursaries or additional funding.

For more information, see pages 44-45 visit our website **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code.



Our commitment to you

We want your child to succeed and achieve their ambitions so we will work in partnership with you to ensure they are reaching their full potential. To support this, students should aim for a minimum 95% attendance rate while they study with us.

If you or your child have any concerns regarding their course or wellbeing, or if you wish to discuss a personal matter, please contact their tutor or call: **023 8087 4874**.

Making payments via iPayimpact

For payments to Totton College, we encourage all parents and guardians of students to use iPayimpact – a simple and secure cashless way to pay for all purchases at college. iPayimpact can be used to buy meals and snacks via our catering facilities, and to pay for trips, events, tickets, and kits, all via a desktop, tablet, or mobile phone.

Through iPayimpact you can:

- > Manage all college purchases
- > Keep track and view your payment history
- > View your live 'cashless' balance
- > Top-up anytime or set up automated payments

All payments made through iPayimpact are covered under the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), providing parents and guardians with the highest level of payment protection.

For more information, visit: **ipayimpact.co.uk**

Travel information

For details on travel options to and from Totton College, see page 32 for more details.

“Staff work closely with learners and apprentices to help them develop positive attitudes towards their training.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024

Studying at Totton College

We want you to maximise your potential both at college and in your future. We will make sure you are studying the right type of qualification for the career path you want to follow.

#BeWhoYouWantToBe



Our courses

Our courses accelerate your learning and enable you to identify and make progress towards your aspirations. Based on Nacro Education's Get Set! framework, we combine vocational learning with essential English and mathematics qualifications, enriching experiences and workplace encounters to equip you for career success. Crafted alongside industry, taught by experts.

Vocational Subject + ***English and/or maths** + **Work Placement** + **Employability** + **Enrichment**

Vocational subject

An Entry Level or Level 1, 2 or 3 qualification such as 540 Diploma, Foundation Diploma, Extended Diploma, Cambridge Technical, City & Guilds, or other professional qualification provides the main focus of our course.

English and maths

If you're aged 16-18 at the start of your course and haven't achieved a GCSE grade 4 or above in English and/or maths, then classes in Functional Skills or GCSE will be a key part of your study programme. We'll help you to achieve the grades you need to progress to the next step of your education and career.

Work placement

Broadening your skills and experiences is essential for your personal and professional development. We encourage all students to undertake a work placement to put theory into practice. We will support you in finding a suitable placement as part of your course.

Employability

Our courses will help you hone the employability skills employers are actively searching for. We'll ensure you have access to the knowledge and expertise you need to achieve your career aspirations and help you develop the transferable skillset to go further in your education.

Enrichment

To support your learning, we encourage all students to participate in a range of enrichment activities as part of your course. Not only does this look good on your CV, it will enhance your professional and personal development through a wide range of activities.

All full-time students undertake a course which includes all of the above elements. This equates to 580 hours of tailored study per year. In most cases, our courses run over three or four days per week from 9:00 – 16:15* (some courses may include an earlier start or an evening session). You may have one day a week to use as a study day or as a regular work placement day. Part-time courses or apprenticeships usually run one day a week in the day and evening.

Pathways

Vocational

Skills for Life

Apprenticeships

Our Pathways courses

We have a long history of providing a supportive and nurturing environment for students of all abilities and ages. We pride ourselves on being able to recognise individuals' needs and that not all students are ready to study at a higher level.

Some students may also require additional support to help them develop the skills they need in order to progress into a vocational course at college or onto employment.

Our Pathways courses are specifically crafted to support students in their transition from school or home education to further levels of study. Our dedicated Pathways Team will work with you to ensure you have the confidence and knowledge to progress onto a vocational course, apprenticeship, or employment.

What can you achieve?

Our Pathways courses are designed to help you progress through the vocational technical levels. That means through each course you'll be able to develop the skills and confidence you need to progress to further levels of study in a subject that interests you.

We'll support you throughout and tailor your learning to your needs and pacing.

Find out more

To learn more about our Pathways courses, see pages 54-61, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Our Pathways courses are aimed at students who...



Are not yet ready to progress to further levels of study



May experience anxiety or need confidence-building support



Are unsure which career path they wish to take



May want to explore and experience multiple subject areas



Our courses for students aged 14-16

We offer specialist vocational education and training for students aged 14-16. We aim to build confidence and develop self-esteem while ensuring that students gain the skills and qualifications they need for their future.

We work closely with local schools to ensure that all students explore their interests and realise their potential. We offer Entry Level 3 or Level 1 vocational qualifications, normally delivered one morning a week, covering a wide range of subjects. These include:

- Child, Health and Social Care
- Construction
- Hair and Beauty
- Hospitality and Catering
- Motor Vehicle
- Creative Media
- Sport

How to apply

We work with a range of schools across the New Forest and Southampton areas. These courses are arranged through your local school, so you will need to discuss this with them before making an application to us. For further details please email: **info@totton.ac.uk**



Project Fresh

Project Fresh, commissioned by local authorities, is a specialist programme of learning for 14-16-year-olds who are not currently in full-time education.

Students on this programme have previously experienced social, emotional, or mental health difficulties and find mainstream education challenging. In most cases, the students have been disengaged from learning for some time.

Our programme is to gradually support the integration of students into mainstream college programmes. It's designed to be flexible and is based on the individual's interests and aspirations.

As a Project Fresh student, you will complete maths and English qualifications at the appropriate level and will develop personal, social, and life skills. We'll also encourage you to engage in enrichment activities such as sports, construction, or art. Starting with one-hour sessions building to a maximum of 15 hours per week.

How to apply

Applications need to be made via your local authority or school who will then refer you to us where appropriate.

Find out more

Email: **info@totton.ac.uk**

Call: **023 8087 4874**

GCSE retakes

We know how important GCSEs are for you to succeed and how challenging it can be if you didn't achieve the grades you worked hard for.

At Totton College, no matter what GCSEs you left school with, we'll help you achieve the grades you need to move on to college, university, an apprenticeship, or work. We offer the chance to retake your GCSE English and/or maths or functional skills as part of your vocational course, meaning you can gain multiple qualifications within the year.

Do I need to retake my GCSEs?

If you have a grade 3 or below in English and/or maths, in line with government policy these will be added to your study programme as you will likely need these qualifications for progression onto further levels of study or employment. If you have a grade 2 or less in GCSE English and/or maths you must take Functional Skills which is designed to build your confidence in your numeracy and literacy skills.

Achieve with our support

Our supportive and professional teachers will help and guide you through the theory and give you the confidence to retake your GCSEs and attain the grades you need.

For those interested in applying for an apprenticeship, we can help you achieve your Functional Skills maths and/or English alongside your apprenticeship.

Our classes are small and friendly, with experienced teachers who understand the challenges and context learners face on a daily basis. With this in mind, we make sure you have the opportunity to learn and work in a way that suits you, all within a supportive learning environment.

Please note: GCSEs can only be taken alongside a vocational learning aim.

Find out more

To find out more visit our website **[totton.ac.uk/GCSEretakes](https://www.totton.ac.uk/GCSEretakes)** or scan the QR code.



Our Vocational courses

Vocational courses encourage students to take a different approach, focusing on teaching and developing practical skills for a specific career or job which enables you to put theory into practice. We promote hands-on learning and ensure our courses are developed in collaboration with the latest industry knowledge and insights to ensure you have the employability skills employers are actively seeking.

What can you achieve?

We have a broad range of subjects you can choose from, including Art and Design, Construction, Care, Hair, Beauty Therapy, Business, Sport and more (see pages 62-109).

With our Vocational courses, you'll be taught the skills and knowledge about your subject, and through our employability and enrichment, have the opportunity to apply these skills in a real-world setting. As part of your course, you'll also be able to retake your GCSE maths and/or English if you haven't achieved a grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills maths and/or English. This means you can achieve multiple qualifications in one course.

Our courses are nationally recognised BTEC, Cambridge Technical, NCFE, Gateway, IMI, UAL, and City & Guilds qualifications. This means you can progress onto further levels of study after completion.

Our Vocational courses are aimed at students who...



Enjoy putting theory into practice



May require additional support



Are still exploring options in terms of their career/ambitions



Have a passion for a particular subject

Find out more

To learn more about our Vocational courses, see pages 62-109, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Our Skills for Life courses

We are committed to providing ongoing support for students, helping them build on their existing strengths and skills. Whether they are continuing their educational journey or transitioning into new opportunities, we aim to empower them with the confidence and resources to thrive both personally and professionally.

What can you achieve?

With our Skills for Life courses, we will support you to become independent in life and work. We will tailor our teaching to your needs and offer a range of different learning formats including group work, individual study, workshops, and extra-curricular activities.

Find out more

To learn more about our Skills for Life courses, see pages 110-125, visit our website **totton.ac.uk**, or scan the QR code.



Our Skills for Life courses are aimed at students who...



Need support in order to prepare for adulthood



Require tailored and individual support and hold an EHCP



Want to become more independent



Enjoy learning new skills



Our Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to earn while you learn. They are designed for those who wish to start their career early because they know which direction they would like to take, have a passion for the subject, and enjoy learning on the job.

Our apprenticeships are designed in collaboration with the latest industry standards and our employer partners. We work closely with industry to ensure our apprenticeships give apprentices the latest skills and confidence while supporting them to find the role that's suitable for them.

As part of your on-the-job training, you'll also dedicate a portion of your time to workshop-based learning either at your place of employment or at Totton College, depending on your apprenticeship standard, leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

What can you achieve?

With our apprenticeships, you'll be able to achieve your qualification, build and refine your professional experience, and be able to earn an apprenticeship wage.

Our apprenticeship standards are designed to help you progress onto higher levels of education, degree apprenticeships, or start your career straight away.

Our dedicated Apprenticeships Team will help and guide you throughout the whole process, from application to your first day.

Find out more

To learn more about our Apprenticeship courses, see pages 126-138, visit our website **[totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships](https://www.totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships)**, or scan the QR code.



Our Apprenticeships are aimed at students who...



Want to pursue work-based learning opportunities



Are able to study independently and deliver to deadlines



Have a clear ambition for the career they want to pursue



Enjoy learning on-the-job

Funding your course

Education is an investment in your future that enables you to go further both personally and professionally. We know, however, that it can have financial implications in the short term. Our college advisors will provide you with free, impartial advice and guidance on course fees and bursaries.

As a further education (FE) college, we're funded by the Department of Education. They will fund:

- Students aged 16-18
- Students up to the age of 25 when they have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) and suitable study is available
- Students aged 14-16 who are directly enrolled with us

We'll support you to ensure you receive the extra help you're entitled to, to support your studies.

Pathways and Vocational courses

Students aged under 19 and students aged 19+ with an EHCP

For students who fall in this category, if you are a UK citizen and have been a resident for the last three years you will not need to pay tuition or examination fees.

If you are an EY/EEA National and were resident in the UK before 1 January 2021, you'll need to advise us about your current settled or pre-settled status.

If you have received your pre-settled or settled status, you will need to provide us with a 'share code' to prove your status here in the UK. To create a share code, visit the UK government website: **gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status**



Bursaries and financial support

Depending on your household income, you may be able to apply for financial support to help towards the costs of travel, accommodation, essential equipment and childcare costs. We offer two types of financial bursaries for eligible students:

- **Student Discretionary Bursary:**
We can offer assistance to cover the costs of essential items needed for your studies. Our friendly advisors will discuss this with you in more detail, including how to apply for this bursary. We will always strive to help as many students as possible.
- **Vulnerable Student Bursary:**
We have a bursary for students who currently live in care, are a care leaver, are entitled to Income Support, or are on both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. If you meet any of these criteria, get in touch with our advisors and we will guide you through your options.

Students aged 19 and over

For students aged over 19 who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), please speak to our advisors before applying. We'll be able to support and guide you through your options.

Email: info@totton.ac.uk

Young students with families

Funding support is available to students who want to study a course, but are a parent themselves. Care to Learn is intended to help young parents under the age of 20 to continue or start their education after the birth of a child. The scheme provides funding for Ofsted-registered childcare provision while the young parent is engaged in a course at Totton College. For more information and to see if you're eligible, speak to one of our advisors or visit: gov.uk/care-to-learn



Skills for Life*

At Totton College, we have a long history of providing a supportive and nurturing environment for students of all abilities and ages.

Many parents and young people eligible for Skills for Life, may already be aware of the EHCP and consultation process. For those who are unfamiliar, this is where the needs of the student are assessed by the Local Education Authority (LEA) alongside the age-appropriate education settings that the student is applying to (us).

Our SEND Information Team will provide advice and guidance throughout your application, and will support you with any funding and bursary queries you may have.

Apprenticeships

For those wanting to proceed with an apprenticeship, the costs are covered via the apprenticeship levy which is between the employer and the government.

This is a government initiative to support businesses that take on new apprentices and support their development. For more information about how the apprenticeship levy works, you can speak to our Apprenticeship Team, or visit: **apprenticeships.gov.uk/employers/funding-an-apprenticeship**

*Students applying for a Vocational or Pathways course who have an EHCP, will also follow the same application process. For more information email: **info@totton.ac.uk**



Additional costs

For some courses, there might be additional costs. These could include buying books, equipment or specialist clothing to meet the requirements of the course. As part of your enrichment opportunities, some courses offer class trips to enhance your learning experiences.

More details will be shared by your course leader and we may be able to provide financial assistance in some instances. Please speak to one of our advisors for further information.

Terms and conditions

For more information, refer to our Terms & Conditions of Trading found at: **nacro.org.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/**

Contact us

For more information about any of the funding options available, or to discuss your educational finance options, contact the Totton College Information Centre:

Email: **info@totton.ac.uk**

Call: **023 8087 4874**



All information is correct at the time of print and is subject to change. For the latest information, please scan the QR code or visit our website: **totton.ac.uk**





Supporting your studies as a student with SEND

Our specialist SEND team is there to support you throughout your studies, from your classroom learning to your pastoral care needs. We have over 40 Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) who offer a wide range of support across all of our subjects. This means, depending on your needs, we can offer one-to-one learning or group support, scribing, reading, personal care and support with anxiety.

Our team is trained and experienced in supporting a wide range of learning difficulties and disabilities. We ensure our teams undertake compulsory training to ensure their skills and knowledge are in line with the latest advice and guidance, meaning we can continue to provide you with the best quality of support possible.

Specialist support services

Depending on your needs and requirements, we provide a range of specialist services to our students, including:

- **Therapy assistants:** Focusing on a range of therapy sessions including social skills, physio programmes, motor skills, sensory regulation and more.
- **Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT):** Support with social and communications skills to give you the confidence to express yourself.
- **Occupational Therapy (OT):** Our specialists can offer you full OT assessment including sensory integration where needed and design bespoke plans for you.
- **Physiotherapy:** Depending on your needs, our NHS Trust Physiotherapist can provide assessment and therapy.
- **College nurse:** Our on-campus nurse is available throughout the day to offer medical support, administration, and guidance to our students. Our nurse can also work with you to create individual care plans.
- **Specialist tutors:** Trained to support a wider variety of needs, our specialist tutors are here to facilitate additional one-to-one support for you.

We work closely with the local community and local authority SEND teams to ensure a high standard of education, as well as to provide specialist therapies for students who have particular needs. For more information, scan the QR code or visit our website totton.ac.uk.





Our specialist facilities

We want to ensure you enjoy your time at college, learning new skills and meeting new people. To support you to adapt to life at college, we have a range of specialist facilities that you can use while you study with us:

- **Sensory spaces:** Dotted around Totton College you'll find sensory rooms and a Sensory Garden. These are specially designed to provide a safe space to be calm, de-stress and reset if you're feeling overwhelmed. Sensory spaces are sometimes also used for classes and sensory therapy sessions.
- **Sensory boxes:** You'll find sensory boxes in our Skills for Life and Pathways classrooms. These are filled with sensory and fidget toys and other items you can touch and feel to help you focus and feel calm. These are also available for all mainstream vocational students. The boxes contain a quick guide and resources to help with fine motor skills exercises.
- **Quiet rooms:** Sometimes, we all need a break. There are quiet rooms all around the college if you need to rest or take a moment to yourself during the college day. They are designed to be calming and are available to any student who needs them.
- **Assisted bathrooms:** Our assisted bathrooms are large enough for a large wheelchair turning circle and support staff to fit in comfortably. They include a hoist and changing table, standard toilet facilities (including optional use of a closomat toilet) and showering facilities.
- **Physio Room:** For all those requiring physiotherapy programmes or stretch programmes to be delivered whilst at college, we have a dedicated physiotherapy space with suitable equipment including a hoist, floor mats, medicine balls and an Achieva bed.



To learn more about our facilities, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or book a place at our Open Events. Scan the QR code or visit totton.ac.uk/events





Assessing your needs

As part of your application (more details on page 112), we'll also work with your LEA (Local Education Authority), school or college to identify what specialist support you require.

This is where we work with the LEA to identify what your particular needs are as part of your Education, Health, Care Plan (EHCP), so we can ensure you get the resources you need to study with us and complete your course.

Every member of staff within our SEND team will have access to your special education needs and provision section of your EHCP. This means all staff working with you are aware of your needs, desired outcomes, objectives, and summary of needs.

When you start studying with us, we ensure you will have a Support Profile outlining your main needs and learning and support strategies, which is shared with all teaching and support staff working with that young person.

Some students require additional services such as therapy and/or medication or personal care support. This can be provided as part of the provision outlined in an EHCP.

For more details, please contact our team: **EHCP@totton.ac.uk**

“Staff work together to support learners’ physical and emotional development. Learning support assistants connect the work of therapeutic and academic teams, helping learners to achieve the targets set in their education, health and care plans (EHC plan).”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024





Funding for EHCP students

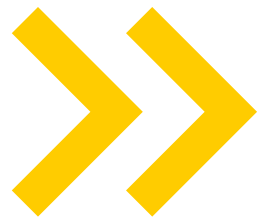
At Totton College, we have a long history of providing a supportive and nurturing environment for students of all abilities and ages.

Many parents and young people eligible for additional support may already be aware of the EHCP and consultation process. For those that are unfamiliar, this is where the needs of the student are assessed by the Local Education Authority (LEA) alongside the age-appropriate education settings that the student is applying to (us).

Once an application is made to us, our team will arrange a discussion/ liaison activity with you and your parent/guardian to discuss options.

Our SEND team will provide advice and guidance throughout your application, and will support you with any funding and bursary queries you may have.

For more details, please contact our team: **EHCP@totton.ac.uk**



Frequently asked questions

We know that you may have questions about what it's like to study with us here at Totton College. Here we answer your most frequently asked questions.

When do courses start?

Most of our courses start in September 2027. For some courses, alternative start dates might be set and for Skills for Life and Pathways, some courses will start earlier to help introduce students to their fellow classmates and our campus. More details about your start date will be shared as part of your enrolment.

For the latest information, please contact us on **023 8087 4874**, scan the QR code, or visit our website **totton.ac.uk**.



Funding your course

For most students, courses are free as costs are covered through government funding (more information on pages 44-47). However, this will depend on your age and funding eligibility. Bursaries can help with costs like travel and learning essentials. See our Funding your course information on pages 44-47.

How am I assessed on my course?

It depends on your course. We use a variety of assessment methods for students including coursework, portfolios, exams, practical assessments and more. Your teachers will provide further details about what is expected and you can see more details for individual courses on our website and in this prospectus.

Do I need any experience before starting?

Each of our courses has its own entry requirements. As part of your application, we will discuss any particular requirements with you. We will ensure that you start at the right level and that you have the right level of maths and English for your course. Every course is subject to a liaison activity as part of the application process. For further details, please refer to the individual course entry requirements located on the courses pages on our website and in this prospectus.

How do I apply?

We're delighted that you're considering becoming a student at Totton College. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community.

To apply for a course at Totton College visit **totton.ac.uk** and complete the online application form. For apprenticeship applications see page 126 for further information.

Alternatively, you can visit our campus and complete an application form at the Information Centre.

Further questions?

You can contact our team on **023 8087 4874**, email **info@totton.ac.uk** or visit our website **totton.ac.uk**.

All details contained in this prospectus are correct at the time of print. Visit our website for the latest information.

Come and learn more about our community

Finding out about our community, courses, and student learning experience in a prospectus is one thing, but it's much better if you can experience it for yourself.

Our Open Events provide an excellent opportunity for all prospective students exploring their options to come and speak to current students and our staff.

You will be able to learn more about our Pathways, Vocational courses, Apprenticeships, and Skills for Life courses and discuss your options. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help and guide you through any queries you or your parent/guardian may have.

We host Open Events throughout the year:

- Tuesday 13 October 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Thursday 19 November 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Monday 1 March 2027
17:30 – 19:30
- Tuesday 15 June 2027
17:30 – 19:30



Book your place on our website:
totton.ac.uk/events



See our community in action

For the latest news from the Totton College community, make sure you follow us on our social channels:



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linkedin.com/company/
totton-college

And don't forget to read our student and staff successes on our website. Scan the QR code or visit **totton.ac.uk/news**



Pathways

Careers at glance

A qualification from our suite of Pathways courses can enable you to progress on to further levels of study. Depending on the subject you choose, you'll be on the right path to start your career in areas like care, retail, hospitality, customer service, media, or ICT.

Our industry links

- > Bradbeers
- > Holbourne Holiday Parks
- > Jamie's Computers
- > Oxfam
- > Trant Engineering
- > Voice FM
- > Waitrose
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Levels available:

Entry 3

Level 1

Level 2

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Pathways at Totton College

We pride ourselves in the support we provide to students; we treat you as the individual you are. We'll work with you to understand your ambitions, support you to overcome your challenges, and set you on the path that's right for you. We will help you to take your next step.

What makes Pathways different?

Our Pathways team provides an engaging and employment-focused curriculum that supports students to develop social skills, life skills, and work skills. Equality of opportunity and inclusivity drive our curriculum offer, ensuring all our students have an individualised programme that builds on the necessary skills, knowledge and behaviours for them to progress into employment, further education, and/or training.

Pathways supports a wide variety of students, with 75% of our students having an EHCP (Education, Health, and Care Plan). There are dedicated courses designed to support students with autism, as well as courses created to support students who need additional study to build on their maths and English qualifications. Our curriculum has been developed to remove barriers to learning that impact many young people, providing opportunities to successfully build skills for adulthood.

Our Pathway courses

Our courses range from Entry Level 3 up to Level 2 and provide enrichment sessions in vocational subjects such as Hair and Beauty, Creative Media, Motor Mechanics and many more. Students are also able to work towards furthering their maths and English qualifications to help them progress onto further levels of study.

Our courses include:

- **Pathways to Engagement** (Entry Level 3)
- **Pathways to Education** (Level 1)
- **Pathways to Employment** (Level 2)
- **Pathways: Junctions** (from Entry Level 3 to Level 2) – for students with autism or anxiety, looking to develop social skills and life skills.
- **Supported Internship** (all levels) – for students with an EHCP looking for support from our Job Coaches to gain employment.

Our timetables are run over three days per week, allowing students additional time within the week to hold a part-time job, volunteer at a local organisation, or use the time to support their learning at home.

For more information about our courses and who they're designed for, see pages 37-43, visit our website **totton.ac.uk**, or scan the QR code.



Pathway to Engagement

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+
Start date: From September
Duration: One year, full-time

Our Pathway to Engagement course is designed to inspire students to re-engage with learning and explore the subjects they are passionate about. We encourage students to work in small groups, attend classes, and have one-to-one sessions with key members of our team to support their learning and development.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for students who find it difficult to engage in education, have struggled in larger classes, or have been out of education for a period of time and require pastoral and academic support.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required. Your personal circumstances will be discussed at your liaison activity after application.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Pathway to Education

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+
Start date: From September
Duration: One year, full-time

Our Pathway to Education course is designed for students who want to improve their study skills and employability. You will study a variety of modules that will help you refine your teamwork and communication skills, and have the opportunity to try a range of vocational subjects. You will also undertake a work placement to gain essential work experience and complete your GCSE English and/or maths.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for students looking for an excellent foundation in vocational learning, so they can gain the essential skills and knowledge to enable them to pursue further levels of education.

Entry requirements

You must have GCSEs at grade 1 or above. This will be discussed at your liaison activity with you. Most students will complete maths and/or English alongside this course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through projects and coursework. There are no examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Pathway to Employment

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Pathway to Employment course is designed to help students prepare for the workplace. You may have a career in mind, or you may have a passion for a particular vocation. As part of this course, you will enhance your teamwork skills, learn how to work independently and develop your ICT skills. We'll help you plan for your future career, supporting you to develop your knowledge and professional portfolio.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for those who want to start their career or become more independent.

Entry requirements

At least three GCSEs at grade 3 or 2 or a pass at Level 1. Most students will complete their GCSE English and/or maths as part of this course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through projects, courses, and community/enterprise activity. There are no examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 1

Pathways: Junctions

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Pathways: Junctions Level 1 course is designed for students with neurodiversity or who require additional support due to mental health needs such as anxiety, OCD, or depressive illness. We tailor this course to your individual needs and help you to build social, personal and professional skills. In small groups, we will encourage you to explore a range of subjects, helping you to discover your passion and interests.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for those who may require additional learning support to build their confidence and learn the skills needed for employment.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications, but you will be required to attend a liaison activity to ensure that the course meets your needs. Most students will have a Statement of Educational Needs or an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP).

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence tailored to your individual needs.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Pathways: Junctions

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+
Start date: From September
Duration: One year, full-time

Our Pathways: Junctions Level 2 course is designed to help students take their learning to the next level. Our Junctions course is designed for students with neurodiversity or who require additional support due to mental health needs such as anxiety, OCD, or depressive illness. We'll help you to refine your social, personal, and professional skills, and we'll encourage you to explore subjects and career options that are of interest to you.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for those who are able to perform at a higher level, but still require additional support to build their confidence and employability skills.

Entry requirements

Able to perform at Level 1 standard. You'll also be required to attend a liaison activity to ensure that the course meets your needs. Most students will have a Statement of Educational Needs or an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP).

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence tailored to your individual needs.

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All Levels

Supported Internships

Key facts

Age range: up to 24 years
Start date: From September
Duration: One year, full-time

Our Supported Internships are for students up to the age of 24 who have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), and are looking for support to gain employment. If you're motivated to work and become more independent, our course will help you to develop the essential employability skills employers are actively seeking. You will be assigned a Job Coach to support you and the employer when you undertake work placements.

Who is this course for?

We have created this course for those who are wanting to start their career or become more independent and need support in doing so.

Entry requirements

You want to start paid employment and have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and relevant skills at Entry Level 3 or above.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and feedback from employers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Name: Joshua

Course: Supported Internship

“On my course, I’ve gained important employability skills, such as CV and interview techniques, job hunting, and practical work experience. I enjoy volunteering at FareShare, where I get to help others. One of my proudest achievements was starting a Recycling Scheme to encourage people to recycle and reduce waste. My advice to new students is to push yourself and do something new you can enjoy. After completing my course, I hope to find a job I enjoy, Totton College has helped me build the foundation for my future career.”

Your next step

After completing your Pathways journey, you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge for entry to employment or an apprenticeship. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to a Level 2 vocational course of your choice.



Our Pathways Hub

To support Pathways students, we have created the Pathway Hub. A dedicated, supported space for all our students to develop their learning, social skills, and prepare them for adulthood.

Our Common Room is an area for students to socialise with their peers, talk informally with teachers and support staff, and develop relationships.

We have two types of Quiet Rooms within the Pathways Hub: our PC Study Area and our Relaxation Space. These spaces provide students with a place to go should they need some time to work independently outside of the

classroom, or if they want some time out to relax.

There are always helpful staff around during break and lunch times, and these spaces are within close proximity to our Learning Support Staff's office should students need to seek support from our team.

We also have several small learning spaces for our 1:1 and small group work – these spaces provide a more informal learning environment where students can collaborate with their teachers or peers on project work or development targets.

How to apply

Our Pathways courses are designed to help students who need additional support. Our specialist Pathways team provide support for any student with social, emotional, or mental health concerns. Students will become familiar with our Learning Support Assistant team, who are on hand to support their learning.

Our admissions policy

For more details and to see our admissions policy, visit our website **totton.ac.uk**.

To find out more about our services and courses, or to book a consultation to discuss your requirements, please contact the Faculty Curriculum Manager at **info@totton.ac.uk** or call **023 8087 4874**.

Alternatively, you can apply to our courses via our website. Visit **totton.ac.uk** or scan the QR code.



Discover more

Our Open Events provide an excellent opportunity for all prospective students exploring their options to come and speak to current students and our staff.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help and guide you through any queries you or your parent/guardian may have about our Pathways courses.

We host Open Events throughout the year:

- Tuesday 13 October 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Thursday 19 November 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Monday 1 March 2027
17:30 – 19:30
- Tuesday 15 June 2027
17:30 – 19:30



Book your place
on our website:
totton.ac.uk/events

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Vocational courses

Careers at a glance

A qualification from our suite of Vocational courses can enable you to progress onto a wide range of career paths. Each of our subjects has been designed to help you learn the knowledge and skills to help you go further. Explore our subjects for more details about the career opportunities that are open to you.

Our industry links

We work with a broad range of partners across all our subjects to ensure you get the opportunity to explore the careers that are of interest to you, and to help us shape our courses so you learn the latest industry skills and knowledge. Explore each of our subjects to learn more.

Levels available:

Entry 3

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

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Vocational courses at Totton College

Our Vocational courses are your practical route to a successful career. For those who enjoy learning-by-doing, our courses are designed with your future in mind and crafted alongside industry professionals and experts in their respective fields. This means you learn the skills and knowledge you need to start your career or pursue further levels of study.

We'll support you to find work experience opportunities as part of your studies, to help you gain invaluable real-world experience and network with industry contacts.

Alongside your course, you will also have the opportunity to get involved in various enrichment activities. From the Student Union to trips and supporting events, these activities enhance your CV and higher education applications.

What makes our courses different?

As part of Nacro Education, we use the Get Set! framework for all our courses. Meaning you will have the opportunity to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities in addition to work experience and retake your GCSE maths and/or English, or learn functional skills, all as part of your Vocational course (learn more on page 37).

For more information about our courses and who they're designed for, see pages 37-43, visit our website **totton.ac.uk**, or scan the QR code





Name: Hayden

Course: Art & Design Level 3



“During my course, I have had the chance to explore printmaking, fine art, collages, and self-image and using equipment like the printing press and darkroom facilities. I’ve enjoyed experimenting with different techniques and mediums and having supportive classmates and teachers, it has made my experience even better. My proudest achievement was creating my first piece, inspired by the Dada movement, during my Level 2 Art & Design course, which is currently displayed in reception. My advice to new students is to take full advantage of the opportunities here and embrace mistakes, as they can lead to new creative ideas. After college, I hope to have my work showcased in a local or national art gallery.”

Art & Design

Pursue your passion and tell your story with our vocational art and design courses. We will support you in developing your creative side and improve your employability with the essential skills and knowledge you need for the creative industry.

We have designed our courses to give you hands-on, practical experience alongside theoretical learning. Meaning you will apply the skills you're taught and have the opportunity to refine your craft in drawing, photography, sculpture, or printmaking. All of which are essential foundations for the creative sector.

Why study Art & Design with us?

Our Art & Design courses offer students the opportunity to discover their passions and give them the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship. Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment for aspiring artists and designers to develop their creative skills and prepare for a fulfilling career in the creative industries.

Careers at a glance

An Art & Design qualification will enable you to pursue a career in many fields including advertising, animation, arts journalism, graphic design, illustration, or photojournalism.

Our industry links

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| ➤ University of Chichester | ➤ Roche Court |
| ➤ English Heritage | ➤ Solent University |
| ➤ Forestry Commission | ➤ Totton and Eling Council |
| ➤ Hillier Gardens | |

Level 2

Art & Design Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Art & Design Futures course is designed for those considering a career in the creative sector. We've created this course to help you explore and gain skills in a wide range of art and design areas including digital media, drawing and photography. You'll be supported to develop your own visual language and learn the methods and styles of established and historical artists.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a passion for creativity and wish to learn more about techniques and art history through gallery and exhibition visits.

Entry requirements

A keen interest in art and design is essential. At least three GCSEs at grade 3 or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of projects and coursework. There are no examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Art & Design

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: **Introductory Diploma:**

One year, full time **Diploma:** Two years, full time (equivalent to two A Levels)

Take your design and art skills learning further with our Art & Design Level 3 course. You will refine your knowledge and craft in digital art forms, including drawing and photography. You will develop the skills and confidence you need for employment and will be given the opportunity to work with external clients for either a digital or traditional art piece based on a brief.

Who is this course for?

For students who want a career in the creative sector, and are looking to further enhance their craft. You will learn more about artistic techniques and art history through gallery and exhibition visits.

Entry requirements

As a good standard of artistic skill is required for this course, you will be asked to provide a portfolio of work at your liaison activity. You'll also need at least four GCSEs, grade 4 or above, including Art or Level 2 Art & Design at Merit or equivalent.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of projects and coursework. There are no examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

After completing your Art & Design journey with us, you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge for entry to employment or an apprenticeship. Alternatively, you may wish to progress to further levels of study or apply to university to study art and design.





Name: Emily

Course: Hair & Beauty Level 1



“ During my course, I’ve learned how important it is to make clients feel comfortable, which has helped me improve my communication skills and ensure they’re happy with their treatment. I’ve also gained hands on experience using hairdressing tools for washing, cutting and styling hair. I enjoy working with clients and finding it rewarding when they leave happy with their hair. My proudest achievement at Totton College was earning a distinction in my Level 2 Health and Social Care course, which boosted my confidence and motivation. My advice to new students joining Totton College is to be open to new ideas and be confident in yourself. After college, I hope to become a childcare worker, using the skills I’ve developed in communication and creativity. ”

Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing

Bring your dreams of becoming a beauty therapist or hairdresser to life with our hands-on Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing qualifications. You will be taught in Opus Salon, our in-house industry-standard facility which is open to paying members of the public and operates as a commercial salon (find out more on page 31).

We have designed our courses to give you hands-on, practical learning alongside theoretical learning. Meaning you will apply the skills you're taught and have the opportunity to refine your craft working with real clients and developing the experience you need to get ahead in the industry.

Why study Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing with us?

Our Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing courses offer students the opportunity to discover their passions and give them the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship. Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment in our Opus Salon – a real, commercial salon where students are able to apply their learning and refine their skills with real clients.

Careers at a glance

Having a Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing qualification can help you start in a variety of careers including freelance therapist, make-up artist, hair stylist, wig or nail technician, or Salon Manager.

Our industry links

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| ➤ Aura Hair | ➤ Elegance |
| ➤ Benjamin Wells | ➤ Hair Talk |
| ➤ Chris Ashleigh | |



Level 1

Beauty Therapy Hairdressing Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Beauty Therapy/Hairdressing Futures course is designed for those considering a career in the hair and beauty sector. Our course will give you a broad introduction to the skills and techniques associated with beauty treatments and hair styling. All of which will be taught in our Opus Salon.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a passion for hair and beauty and want to explore what opportunities there are in the sector.

Entry requirements

You should ideally have a grade 2 or 3 in GCSE, a good standard of English, an interest in beauty and/or hairdressing. The ability to follow instructions and safety guidelines are essential.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, knowledge and understanding or an online test. Industry work experience will also be required outside of your teaching timetable.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Beauty Therapy Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Beauty Therapy Level 2 course is designed for those who want to learn the foundational skills behind a wide range of beauty therapies. You will learn the techniques for a range of treatments and have the opportunity to work with real clients in Opus Salon. You'll also have the opportunity to be involved in a range of extra-curricular activities like Totton Carnival.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a passion for beauty therapy and want to learn the techniques required to work in a salon or spa.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths, or at least a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, knowledge and understanding, or an online test. Clinic hours will also be required outside of your teaching timetable.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Hairdressing Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Hairdressing Level 2 course is designed for those who want to learn the foundational skills behind a wide range of hair treatments and styles. You will learn the techniques for styling hair and have the opportunity to work with real clients in Opus Salon. You'll also have the opportunity to be involved in a range of extra-curricular activities like Totton Carnival.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a passion for hairdressing and want to learn the techniques required to work in a salon or spa.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English or a Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake these as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, knowledge and understanding, or an online test. Clinic hours will also be required outside of your teaching timetable.

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Level 3

Beauty Therapy

Key facts

Age range: 16–18

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Beauty Therapy Level 3 course is designed to advance your knowledge and skills for a career in beauty therapy. You will refine your craft and have the opportunity to apply the techniques you've learned with real clients in Opus Salon. You'll also learn the foundations for human anatomy and physiology in relation to beauty treatments, learn essential customer service skills, and advanced beauty therapy treatments.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in beauty therapy in either a salon or spa.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English, a Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy or relevant industry experience. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake these as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, knowledge and understanding tests, online exams and interviewing. Clinic hours will also be required outside of your teaching timetable.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Hairdressing

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 **Start date:** From September **Duration:** One year, full-time

Our Hairdressing Level 3 course is designed to advance your knowledge and skills for a career in hairdressing. You will refine your craft and have the opportunity to apply the techniques you've learned with real clients in Opus Salon. You'll also learn the advanced techniques for cutting, styling, colouring, colour correction, creative styling, and essential customer service skills.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in hairdressing in either a salon or spa.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English, a Level 2 Diploma

in Hairdressing or relevant industry experience. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake these as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, knowledge and understanding tests, online exams and interviewing. Clinic hours will also be required outside of your teaching timetable.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Your next step

After completing your Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing journey with us, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge for entry to employment or an apprenticeship. Your qualification is industry recognised, meaning you will be able to work in salons or spas, or even provide hair styling and beauty therapy treatments on cruise ships.





Business

Prepare for a future in business or entrepreneurship with our industry-informed Business courses, designed to help you take the next step with confidence.

As a business student, you'll explore the key areas that make a business run smoothly, from human resources (HR) to finance, marketing, retail, project management and business change. Our Business team will help you to grow your skills and develop your talent with placement opportunities, organising real events, and a range of external enrichment activities.

Why study Business with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community. Our business courses offer students the opportunity to discover their passions and give them the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship.

Careers at a glance

A Business qualification will enable you to pursue a career in many fields including HR, finance, marketing or administration. Alternatively, you may be inspired to start your own business.

Our industry links

- Southampton University
- Southampton Freight Services
- Solent Gateway



Level 2

Business Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Business Futures Level 2 course will give you the foundations you need to help inspire and prepare you for the world of business. You'll learn a range of topics from customer service to marketing and have the opportunity to engage in realistic projects and work experience, enabling you to gain the foundations needed to understand and work in a company.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in enterprise or have a passion for business studies.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake these as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Business

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+ **Start date:** From September

Duration: One - two years, full-time

Our Business Level 3 course will take your business knowledge further, giving you the skills you need to prepare you for the world of business. Taking your learning further, you'll understand how business works from the initial idea through to the end product, including how to on-board teams and ensure business compliance. With this course, you'll have the foundations needed to progress onto an apprenticeship, higher levels of learning, or employment.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in enterprise or want to work towards an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a Merit or Distinction at Level 2. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Your next step

After completing your business journey with us, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge for entry to employment or an apprenticeship. You will be able to start working in the sector that is of interest to you, or you can explore higher level education after Level 3, including studying business or a related specialism at university.





Name: Rebekah-Mae
Course: Care Level 2



“ During the course, I have learned the fundamentals for any job in the Health and Social Care sector, covering topics like safeguarding, human growth and development, equality and diversity, as well as government legislation and policies. This is a good gateway for many career paths, making it ideal for someone unsure about their future. What I enjoy most about my course is the kindness, support and understanding from everyone, no matter what you’re going through, which has been a huge help for me, especially as someone who struggles with mental health. My proudest achievement at Totton College has been developing my confidence and overcoming my anxiety, as I used to have trouble leaving the house. After I leave Totton College, I aspire to become a Drug and Alcohol Support Worker. ”

Care

Make a real difference and start your rewarding career in childcare or health and social care. Crafted alongside industry experts, our courses offer students the opportunity to discover their passions and give them the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship. We give you the skills and knowledge you need to work in these rewarding sectors, blending practical experience with theory and giving you the ability to play a vital role in helping people to live healthy and independent lives.

Why study Care?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community.

We offer a vibrant and supportive environment for all students wishing to pursue a career working within the community as a childcare or health and social care professional. As part of your course, you will also be able to study English and maths. We have strong links with local businesses, and you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through work placements and other real-world projects.

Careers at a glance

Our courses will enable you to pursue further qualifications or a career in a huge range of roles including nursery nurse, social worker, support worker, community support and outreach worker and occupational therapist.

Our industry links

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| > Ashurst Pre-School | > Parklands |
| > Cedar School | > Pinecone Nursery |
| > Good Shepherd Nursery | > Sovereign Housing Association |
| > Mulberry Pre-School | |



Level 2

Care: Child, Health and Social Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Care: Child, Health and Social Futures Level 2 course will give you a great introduction to these rewarding and ever-changing industries. You'll learn more about how the sectors work, and will be taught the practical skills and theory needed to pursue a career in the child, health and care sectors. You will be given the opportunity to complete a minimum of 35 hours of work experience as part of your course.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to explore opportunities and career options in childcare or health and social care.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1. If you do not have a grade 4 English and/or maths GCSE you will be able to retake as part of your course. A Disclosing and Barring Service (DBS) check is required.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.

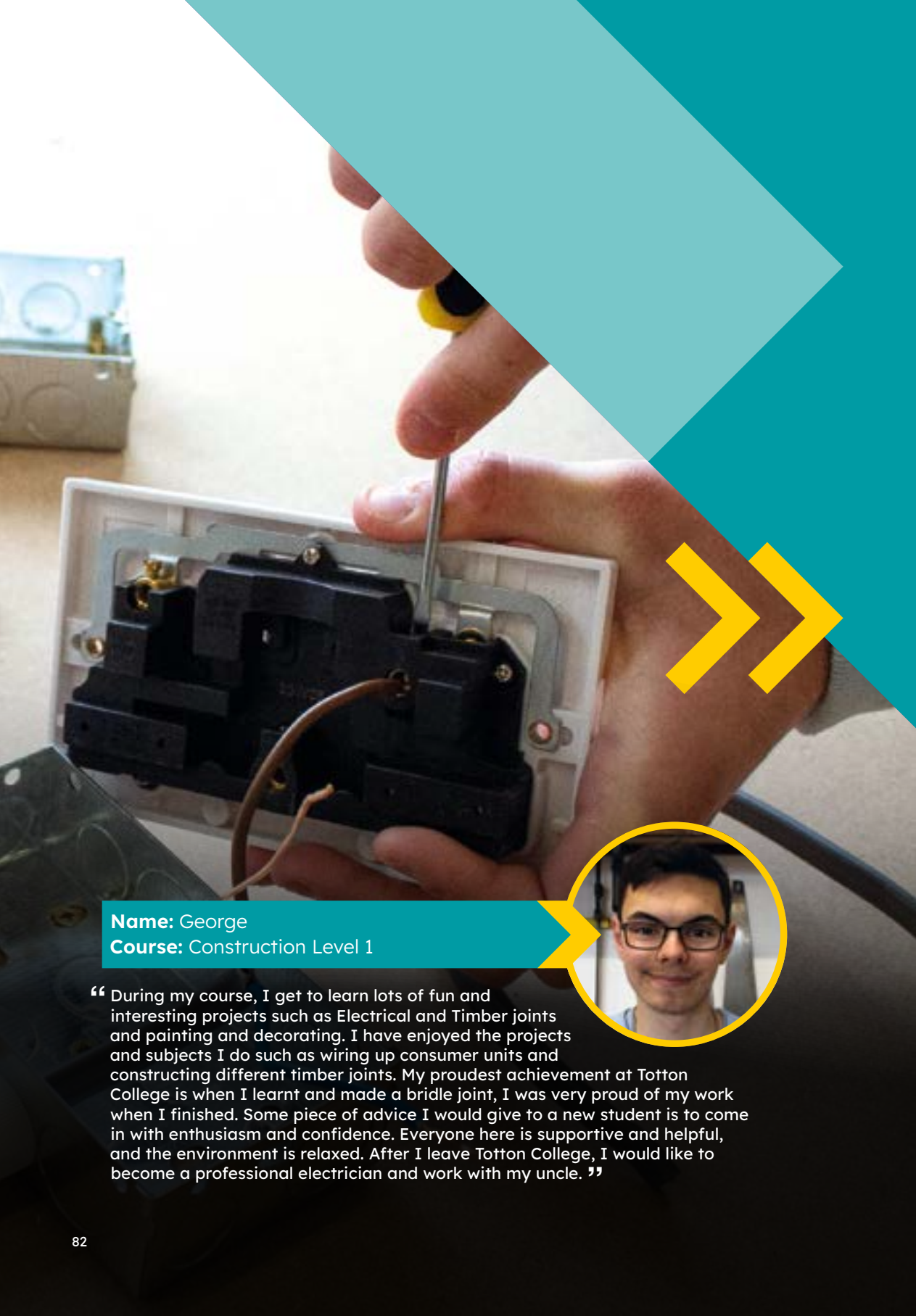




Your next step

After completing your learning journey with us, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge for entry to employment or an apprenticeship. You'll also be able to apply to a range of junior positions in care homes, health care support, and social and community work.

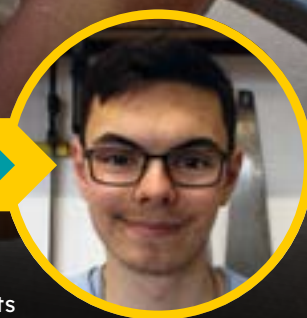




Name: George

Course: Construction Level 1

“ During my course, I get to learn lots of fun and interesting projects such as Electrical and Timber joints and painting and decorating. I have enjoyed the projects and subjects I do such as wiring up consumer units and constructing different timber joints. My proudest achievement at Totton College is when I learnt and made a bridle joint, I was very proud of my work when I finished. Some piece of advice I would give to a new student is to come in with enthusiasm and confidence. Everyone here is supportive and helpful, and the environment is relaxed. After I leave Totton College, I would like to become a professional electrician and work with my uncle. ”



Construction

Learn the skills of the trade and pursue your passion with our construction courses.

Always in demand and created for those who enjoy working with their hands, our construction courses are designed to help you learn the essentials from making repairs to costing small jobs. Our Construction Team will help you to grow your skills and develop your talent with work placement opportunities, organising real events, and a range of external enrichment activities. You will learn the transferable skills, knowledge, and confidence to progress onto further levels of study, or pursue an apprenticeship.

Why study Construction with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community.

Our Construction courses offer you the opportunity to discover your passions and give you the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship. Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment for all students wishing to pursue a career in the trades. Giving you the scope to learn the transferable and specialist skills that are always in demand.

Careers at a glance

Through our courses, you could work in general construction, or look to specialise in a particular area such as bricklaying or carpentry.

Our industry links

- Pennyfarthing Construction Ltd.
- Trant Engineering

- Reform Electrical

Level 1

Construction Basic Skills (Multi-trades) Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Construction Basic Skills (Multi-trades) Futures Level 1 course will help you gain the professional and practical skills required for a career in construction. Focusing on developing your craft, you'll learn the essentials of the different trades and have the opportunity to explore the areas you want to progress in. Our course will give you the foundations you need to progress further.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who like working with their hands and have a desire to explore a career in the trades.

Entry requirements

At least three GCSEs at grades 2 or 1. If you have no GCSEs, you will be considered based on individual circumstances. You will also have the opportunity to study English and/or maths GCSE as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, practical tasks and examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Construction Basic Skills (Multi-trades) Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Construction Basic Skills (Multi-trades) Futures Level 2 course will take your learning further. Helping you to enhance and refine your professional and practical skills for a career in construction. Focusing on developing your craft, you'll learn the essentials of the different trades and have the opportunity to explore the areas you want to progress in. Our course will give you the foundations you need to go further.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who like working with their hands and have a desire to start their career in the trades.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or a Merit/Distinction at Level 1, plus an interest in the construction industry. You will also have the opportunity to study English and/or maths GCSE as part of your course.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, practical tasks and examinations.

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Your next step

After completing your construction journey with us, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge to start working in the industry at a junior level. Alternatively, you can progress to an apprenticeship to study Level 3 Construction.





Name: Charlie

Course: Digital Skills and Media Level 2



“ During my course, I’ve learned a range of production skills, including editing, lighting, camera work, and other media techniques. I enjoy the supportive environment here and editing with Adobe Premiere Pro has helped me pick up new skills quickly. My favourite project so far was creating my own psychological thriller short film. My proudest achievement was filming for the Romsey Relay Marathon, where I got to showcase my skills in a real world setting. My advice to new students is that the more effort you put in, the more you get out of it. I’ve seen this firsthand as my attendance, punctuality, and attitude have improved, allowing me to produce better work. Next year, I aspire to move on to the Level 3 Digital Skills and Media course and eventually pursue a career in video editing within the media industry. ”

Digital Skills and Media

Prepare for the world of digital and media with our digital skills and media courses.

Crafted alongside experts in their fields, our courses are designed to help you progress in an ever-increasing number of digital industries. You will learn a wide range of essential and in-demand skills from photography, print media, and design, to videography and games development. Our courses will teach you the skills required to build a comprehensive portfolio of material for a variety of mediums. You will learn everything from production to managing clients and creating content. This gives you the ability to take the next step in your media and digital journey.

Why study Digital and Media with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes, you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community.

Our Digital Skills and Media courses offer students the opportunity to discover their passions and give them the confidence to progress to further education, employment, or an apprenticeship. Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment for all students wishing to pursue a career in digital and media.

Careers at a glance

Our Digital Skills and Media courses can open up doors to a huge range of industries including video game development, coding, TV and film, animation, journalism, writing and publishing, PR and media.

Our industry links

- Jamie's Computers
- University of Southampton
- Computer Science/Electronics

Level 2

Digital Skills and Media Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Digital Skills and Media Futures Level 2 course will introduce you to a range of creative disciplines, including TV and film production, animation, photography, video game development, graphic design and motion graphics. Through our course, you will develop the skills and experiences you need to embark on a career in the diverse and fast-paced digital and media sector. You'll have the opportunity to work with real clients as part of your course.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a passion for creativity, an artistic vision and like creating multimedia content or would like to learn how.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3, or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1. An interest in photography, graphics and/or video games is also desirable. You will also have the opportunity to study English and/or maths GCSE as part of your course if you do not have a grade 4 in these subjects.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework, practical tasks and multiple choice examinations.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Digital Skills and Media

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

(540 Diploma – equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)

Two years, full-time (Extended Diploma – equivalent to 3 A Levels)

Our Digital Skills and Media Level 3 course will take you on a creative journey and help you to enhance your knowledge and skills in the digital production process, from film and television analysis, to creating scripts and storyboards, to editing and post-production. You will get the chance to produce a wide range of media from documentaries to adverts, radio shows, animations and video games, all on the latest industry-standard software and hardware.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to pursue a career in media, whether this be in an agency setting or working in-house.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or a Merit or Distinction in Digital/Media at Level 2. A GCSE in Media Studies is not essential, but an interest in digital skills, media and game design is.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a range of methods such as written reports, practical work, spoken presentations and group projects.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

After completing your Digital Skills and Media journey with us, in particular after the Extended Diploma, you can pursue higher levels of study at university in a specialism of your choice. You can also explore careers in TV and film, radio, advertising, animation, marketing or video game development through either an entry-level position or apprenticeship.





Name: Licoln

Course: Hospitality and Catering Level 1

“ Since starting this course, I’ve learned to use catering equipment found in industrial kitchens and gained knowledge in food safety and hygiene. I’ve most enjoyed cooking a variety of dishes, such as pizzas and cakes. My proudest achievement at Totton College was progressing from the 14-16 programme to a vocational qualification and completing 3 units of my course. My advice for new students is that you will be well supported and receive help whenever needed. After leaving Totton College, I hope to become a chef in the hospitality industry to further improve my skills and gain more experience. ”



Hospitality and Catering

Explore your passion for good food, enhance your culinary skills and prepare for a rewarding career in hospitality with our Hospitality and Catering courses. Crafted alongside experts in their fields, our courses are designed to help you progress your career working in catering, as a chef, in front-of-house or as a concierge. You will learn in our newly built industrial kitchen and gain the skills and knowledge on how to plan, prepare and deliver a range of menus. Alongside work experience, you will have the opportunity to apply your learning, and gain employability skills for your next step.

Why study Hospitality and Catering with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community. Our Hospitality and Catering team will help you to develop your talent with placement opportunities and a range of external enrichment activities, you will learn transferable skills, knowledge, and confidence to progress onto further levels of study, or pursue an apprenticeship.

Careers at a glance

There are lots of roles available in this industry, such as working as catering staff, a chef, in front-of-house or as a concierge. Career progression can include management positions.

Our industry links

➤ [The Chapel Café](#)

➤ [Parklife Café](#)

Hospitality and Catering Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Hospitality and Catering Futures Entry Level 3 course will have you exploring your culinary passions and give you the foundations for working in the hospitality and catering industry. In addition to learning how to create and present tasty dishes, you'll also learn customer service and enterprise skills. This enables you to understand catering and hospitality from a business perspective including how to make menus profitable.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to pursue a career in the hospitality and catering sector and have a passion for showcasing their culinary skills.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications required. Students will be asked to engage in a liaison activity and a keen interest in working in catering is essential.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Hospitality and Catering Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Hospitality and Catering Futures Level 1 course will take your learning further. You will take on more challenging culinary tasks, giving you the confidence to work in the sector. In addition to learning the essential skills and knowledge, you'll also learn customer service and enterprise skills. This enables you to understand catering and hospitality from a business perspective including how to make menus profitable.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to take their learning further to start their career in the hospitality and catering sector.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs, grades 2 or above, including science, maths and English, and all students will be asked to engage in a liaison activity. Students who do not have any GCSEs will still be interviewed and enrolment will be discussed on an individual basis.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks, and statements from teachers.

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Level 1

Culinary Skills

Key facts

Age range: 16-18 and 19+ **Start date:** From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Culinary Skills course will help you take your first steps into the hospitality industry, developing practical skills in a professional kitchen and the confidence to thrive in fast-paced environments. You'll master key cooking techniques while gaining essential knowledge, teamwork and communication skills, preparing you for further study or employment opportunities.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to take their learning further and start their career in the hospitality and catering sector.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs, grades 2 or above, including maths and English, and all students will be asked to engage in a liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence and timed practical activities.

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Your next step

After completing your Hospitality and Catering journey with us, you'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed for your next step. You'll be able to progress to the next level of qualification, undertake a Supported Internship, apply for an apprenticeship, or start employment in a junior role in the hospitality and catering industry.





Name: Makenzie

Course: Motor Vehicle Level 1



“During my course, I’ve gained skills in fixing and maintaining cars, enjoying the hands-on experience that helps me learn in a real world setting. My proudest achievement at Totton College has been learning to stay engaged and focused during lessons, which has improved my practical work. My advice to new students is to pay attention and stay focused, as it will help you develop the skills needed for success. After leaving Totton College, I hope to work in a body shop, continue developing my skills, and pursue a long term career in the motor vehicle industry.”

Motor Vehicle

Rev up your career with our Motor Vehicle courses. If you enjoy working with your hands then get in the fast lane by studying motor vehicle maintenance at Totton College.

Working in the fast-paced world of the motor vehicle industry, our courses will give you all the practical and theoretical skills you need. You will get hands-on experience in our off-site, fully operational motor vehicle unit, where you will learn all of the skills that garages are looking for. Crafted alongside experts in their fields, our Motor Vehicles Team will help you to develop your talent with placement opportunities and a range of external enrichment activities. You will learn the transferable skills, and gain the knowledge, and confidence you need to progress on to further levels of study, or pursue an apprenticeship.

Why study motor vehicle with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes, you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community.

Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment for all students wishing to pursue a career working with motor vehicles, or pursue interests in engineering, technology, or specialisms such as MOT technician or garage manager. This gives you the scope to learn the transferable and specialist skills that are always in demand. As part of your course, you will also be able to study English and/or maths.

We have strong links with local businesses, and you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through work placements and other real-world projects. This will help you to develop your skills and knowledge and expand your portfolio for potential employers.

Careers at a glance

Motor vehicle skills can lead to further study of engineering or technology at university. Alternatively, you can start your career in a garage which can lead to a successful career as a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager, breakdown engineer, or MOT tester. You can even explore opportunities in specialisms such as motorsport engineering.

Our industry links

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| > Cadnam Garage | > Shawfix Autos |
| > DT Auto | > Shirley Garage |
| > Harwoods | > Solent MOT Centre |
| > Hopkins Autoworks | |

Level 1

Motor Vehicle Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Motor Vehicle Futures Level 1 course will introduce you to the theory and practical skills you need to get started in the industry. You will gain foundational knowledge about what to expect within a garage, taught in our fully-operational motor vehicle unit. You will cover technical areas such as the engine, transmission, electrical and chassis technologies, and gain hands-on experience to add to your theoretical learning.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a keen interest in motor vehicle technology and want to explore the opportunities the sector brings.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 1 or above, including science, maths and English, and all students will be asked to discuss their application. Students who do not have any GCSEs will still be interviewed and enrolment will be discussed on an individual basis.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a practical approach including visual observation of tasks, oral questioning and online assessments.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 2

Motor Vehicle Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Our Motor Vehicle Futures Level 2 course will take your learning further giving you a deeper understanding of the theory and vehicle technology. You'll be able to refine and practise your craft, learning more about electrical and chassis technologies, and performance analysis of engines and transmissions. You'll be taught in our industry-standard motor vehicle unit giving you the experience of working in a real garage.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to pursue a career working in the motor vehicle industry.

Entry requirements

Maths and English GCSEs at grade 4 or above, plus two others at grade 3 or above. You will also need a recognised Level 1 qualification in Motor Vehicle Studies or similar.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through practical tasks and online assessment for the Institute of The Motor Industry (IMI) Awards.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Motor Vehicle

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+ **Start date:** From September **Duration:** One year, full-time

Our Motor Vehicle Futures Level 3 will prepare you to start your career in motor vehicle industry. Expanding on the knowledge you gained at level 2, we'll give you the skills and confidence to perform analysis and maintenance on engines and transmission. You'll also gain further understanding of the technologies relating to the electricals and chassis of a vehicle. Based in our dedicated motor vehicle unit you'll actively apply the theory you're taught.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to take their learning further and pursue a career working in the motor vehicle industry.

Entry requirements

Maths and English GCSEs at grade 4 or above, plus two others at grade 3 or above. You will also need a recognised Level 2 qualification in Motor Vehicle Studies or similar.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through practical tasks and online assessment for the Institute of The Motor Industry (IMI) Awards.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Your next step

After completing your Motor Vehicle journey with us, you'll be able to start your career as a junior motor mechanic with a garage or as an employer via an apprenticeship. Alternatively, you'll also be able to progress to higher levels of study, exploring subjects such as engineering or motor vehicle technology.





Name: Sarah

Course: Uniformed Public Service Level 3



“During my course, I’ve gained a good understanding of the history and structure of Uniformed Public Services, as well as the valuable skills they provide and the impact they have on the public. I have enjoyed the opportunities this course offers, such as navigation and self-defence training. One of my proudest achievements at Totton College has been gaining the confidence to deliver presentations in class, something I struggled with when I first started. My advice to new students joining Totton College is to ask plenty of questions about what you’re learning as it will help you prepare for the assignments you will be working on later. After completing my course, I plan to join the Royal Air Force.”

Sport & Uniformed Public Services

Embrace the thrill of competition and transform your passion for sports into a rewarding career with our Sport courses. If you love fitness and aspire to be a personal trainer, coach, or fitness instructor, our Sports courses will give you the theory and technical skills you need.

Crafted alongside experts in their fields, you will be taught in our specialist onsite gym, covering all the fundamental principles which will enable you to start your career in the sports or fitness industry, or continue studying at a higher level.

If public service is more of an interest, embark on a journey of courage, dedication, and service to others with our Uniformed Public Service courses.

Our Uniformed Public Service courses are ideal for students who want to pursue a rewarding career in the armed forces, emergency services, or prison services. Crafted alongside experts in their fields, you learn more about citizenship, diversity, policies, leadership and improve your overall fitness and wellbeing with access to the on-site leisure centre.

Why study sport and uniformed public services with us?

We have strong links with local businesses, and you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through work placements and other real-world projects. This will help you to develop your skills and knowledge, and it will also make you more attractive to potential employers.

You will earn your qualification through a combination of courses, projects, portfolio of evidence and practical tasks. More information about our courses can be found on our course pages (37-43).

Careers at a glance

A Sport qualification can lead to a number of exciting career opportunities including sports coach, personal trainer, and physical therapist or massage therapist.

Our Uniformed Public Services qualification is a great start to progress into the armed services, emergency services, or the prison service.

Our industry links

- > Ace Sports & Education
- > AFC Totton
- > Cadets (Hampshire)
- > Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance
- > New Forest Activities
- > New Forest Marathon
- > Southampton Water Activities Centre (Action Nation)
- > Tottonians RFC
- > Volunteer Police

Level 2

Sport Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Pursue your passion for sport with our Sport Futures Level 2 course. Our course will give you the foundations you need for a career in sport, coaching, outdoor activities instructing, or fitness. You'll cover the fundamentals of sport and physical activity through theory and practical lessons. Opportunities for work experience within the relevant industry of your choosing will also be part of your course.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have a keen interest in sport and fitness and want to know what career opportunities these can bring.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3, or a Merit or Distinction at BTEC Level 1. A strong interest in all areas of sport and a desire to work in recreation, leisure, sport or related industries is required.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through written and practical assignments. There are no examinations for this course.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Sport

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: **Foundation Diploma:** One year, full-time (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)

Extended Diploma: Two years, full-time (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

Advance your skills and knowledge in sport with our Sport Level 3 course. You'll focus on career progression, giving you the confidence and ability to pursue options in sports coaching, sports science, fitness, outdoor education instructor, or sports physiotherapy. Our course has been developed in consultation with academic and leading professional bodies to ensure you're taught the latest techniques and trends.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who actively want to pursue a career in sport, or the health and fitness industry.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs, grades 4 or above, including science, maths and English. Merit at Level 2 Sports is accepted if you studied the anatomy and fitness modules.

How you will be assessed

Most modules are assessed and graded through written or practical assignments including taking part in a wide range of sports and adventurous activities.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

After completing your Sport journey with us, in particular the Extended Diploma, you will be able to progress to university to study sport, fitness or health qualifications at a higher level, or move onto employment in coaching or personal training through an apprenticeship.



Level 2

Uniformed Public Services Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

If you have an interest in pursuing a career in the public services, our Uniformed Public Services Futures Level 2 will help get you there. You will develop your skills in a wide range of areas from physical fitness and teamwork to map reading and problem solving. Our course will provide you with a basis and insight for further study and progression towards the entry qualifications of a specific service.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who want to pursue a career in public service or want to explore what opportunities are available to them.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3, or a Merit or Distinction at BTEC Level 1. A strong interest in working in the uniformed public services is desirable.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through written and practical assignments. There are no examinations for this course.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Uniformed Public Services

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: **Foundation Diploma:** One year, full-time (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)

Extended Diploma: Two years, full-time (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

If you have a passion for public service, our Uniformed Public Services Level 3 is for you. We will help you prepare for a career in the police service, fire and rescue service, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy or prison service. Combining theory with practical application, you'll develop your leadership and personal fitness skills, and will have the option to undertake a First Aid certification.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who actively want to pursue a career in public service or wish to pursue an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths, or at least a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed continuously through practical and written assignments.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

After completing your Uniformed Public Service journey with us, in particular the Extended Diploma, you will be able to progress to university to study qualifications at a higher level, or move on to an apprenticeship of your choosing.





Name: Eva

Course: Travel and Tourism Level 3



“ During my course, I have learned about the basics of tourism, the pros and cons of mass tourism, careers in the travel industry and the skills required to become a resort representative, as well as the role of events and conferences within the industry. The most enjoyable part of my course has been the work experience, which has helped me decide the type of employment I would like after I finish college. My proudest achievement at Totton College was walking 10km around the New Forest for The New Forest Trust, raising £390. My advice to new students is not to follow what your friends are doing, if you are unsure about your future, make sure you choose the course that’s right for you. After I finish at Totton College, I would like to join the travel and tourism industry as a resort representative or as part of a yacht crew. ”

Travel and Tourism

Welcome to the world of travel and tourism, where you'll learn everything you need to know about planning, organising, and selling unforgettable travel experiences.

Crafted alongside experts in their fields, our Travel and Tourism courses are designed for those with a passion for experiencing new cultures and exploring new places.

You will be taught the essential skills and knowledge for succeeding in the sector, from customer service to creating exceptional travel experiences, hosting, and travel operations.

Why study Travel and Tourism with us?

Our approach is to put students at the centre of what we do. We offer tailored support to students to help them achieve their aspirations, and with our small classes, you'll be treated as an individual and be part of our Totton College community.

Our Travel and Tourism courses offer students the opportunity to turn their passion into a career. Taught by experts in their field, we offer a vibrant and supportive environment, giving you the confidence you need to progress onto further education, employment, or an apprenticeship in the industry. This gives you the scope to learn the transferable and specialist skills that are always in demand. As part of your course, you will also be able to study English and maths.

Careers at a glance

A travel and tourism qualification can help you pursue a career in many fields, from travel agencies to hotels and visitor attractions.

Our industry links

- > Blue Funnel Ferries
- > Energise Me

- > Limewood Hotels
- > Romsey Signal Box

Level 2

Travel and Tourism Futures

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: One year, full-time

Explore the world of travel and tourism with our Travel and Tourism Futures Level 2 course. You'll learn the foundations of this fast-paced industry. From frontline customer experience and planning, to the logistics and planning from the perspective of travel agent operations, you'll learn a vast array of transferable and employability skills preparing you for the next step.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have an interest in travel and tourism and are keen to learn the operational foundations of this fast-paced industry.

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3, or a Merit or Distinction at Level 1. A strong interest in working in the travel and tourism sector is also desirable.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through written and practical assignments. Requirements for students to undertake examinations is subject to awarding organisational changes.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 3

Travel and Tourism

Key facts

Age range: 16–18 and 19+

Start date: From September

Duration: **Foundation Diploma:** One year, full-time (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)

Extended Diploma: Two years, full-time (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

Advance your knowledge and skills of the travel and tourism sector with our Travel and Tourism Futures Level 3 course. You will learn the skills needed to work in the sector including areas such as air fares, travel geography, tour guiding, resort representation and ski chalet hosting. Focussed on customer service and hospitality planning, you'll gain the desirable qualities for the travel sector.

Who is this course for?

Our course is designed for students who have aspirations for a career in the travel and tourism sector or wish to take their learning further.

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above ideally in maths and English, a Merit/Distinction at Level 2 and or working towards a maths and English GCSE (if not already achieved).

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through written and practical assignments. Requirements for students to undertake examinations is subject to awarding organisational changes.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

After completing your Travel and Tourism journey with us, you'll be able to progress straight into industry in either a travel agency, hotel, cruise ship, holiday camp, resort or visitor attraction. Alternatively, you could progress onto an apprenticeship or apply to study at university.



How to apply

We provide first-class vocational and skills training to all of our students. You can choose from a wide range of learning opportunities, which will give you the skills and experiences you need to unlock your potential and succeed in your future career.

To apply for one of our courses:

- Scan the QR code of your chosen subject, or visit our course pages on our website
- Click the large purple **Apply Now** button
- This will open a new window to allow you to create an account in our application system
- Follow the instructions on screen and submit your application
- Once your application is received, we'll be in touch to invite you to participate in a liaison activity.

If you would like to discuss your options with a member of our team, email us at **info@totton.ac.uk** or call us on **023 8087 4874**. One of our teams will be in touch to support you through the application process.

Our phone lines are open:

Monday:	08:30 – 16:30
Tuesday:	08:30 – 16:30
Wednesday:	08:30 – 16:30
Thursday:	08:30 – 16:30
Friday:	08:30 – 16:30

What happens next?

Once we have received your application, we will contact you to arrange a liaison activity and discuss your application and chosen course.

Find out more

For more information on how to apply to Totton College and our admissions policy, scan the QR code.



Discover more

Our Open Events provide an excellent opportunity for all prospective students exploring their options to come and speak to current students and our staff.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help and guide you through any queries you or your parent/guardian may have about our Vocational courses.

We host Open Events throughout the year:

- Tuesday 13 October 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Thursday 19 November 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Monday 1 March 2027
17:30 – 19:30
- Tuesday 15 June 2027
17:30 – 19:30



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totton-college

And don't forget to read our student and staff successes on our website. Scan the QR code or visit **totton.ac.uk/news**



Skills for Life

We have a long history of providing a supportive and nurturing environment for students with additional needs and/or disabilities. We pride ourselves on treating you as a valued individual, recognising your needs and enabling you to achieve your ambitions.

Our specialist SEND team will support you throughout your academic journey, preparing you with the skills and independence for adulthood.

Our courses are suitable for

- Students aged 16-19 or 19+ with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Students who have special educational needs – this can include personal care support
- Those who want to obtain the foundation skills required for work and everyday living

Levels available:

Entry 1

Entry 2

Entry 3

Level 1

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Skills for Life

At Totton College, we understand that every student's journey is unique, and every young person has unique needs and requirements.

We pride ourselves on creating an environment where you'll feel supported, understood, and empowered. Our facilities and services, ranging from sensory rooms and gardens to individualised communication tools, reflect our commitment to holistic development and well-being. Our Skills for Life courses are designed for students aged 16-18, or 19+ years with an Education, Health, and Care (EHCP) and/or who have a learning difficulty or disability, including those within the autistic spectrum.



Why study Skills for Life with us?

All our courses are tailored to meet your individual needs, providing you with the educational, social, personal and independence skills you require for adulthood.

We can provide you with one-on-one support, or you may prefer to work in small groups with an allocated member of staff, depending on your individual requirements. We'll support you throughout the day, including at breaks and lunchtimes, if required.

All our Skills for Life courses are supported by trained and experienced teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). Delivered in a safe and nurturing environment, you'll be able to continue your education after leaving school or progressing from another college.

Name: Benjamyn

Course: Progress to Work Entry Level 3



“On my course at Totton College, we learn about our local community, how to access places like our local library and how to live independently. We also learn social skills, maths, English, enrichment activities and even Fitness! What makes it special for me is the company of my friends and teachers. I often head out into the community, going to new places and meeting new people and I think my lessons are actually amazing. I've worked hard to achieve my goals, and I'm more confident than ever before, I'm going to be moving on to a placement at Hanger Farm with Minstead Training Trust after college.”



Information for Skills for Life parents/carers

Our focus is on a whole student approach, meeting the full range of a student's needs including education, social, emotional, and therapy-based needs. The intention is to promote independence, employment, social and life skills and to encourage ambitious and realistic employment opportunities within the local area.

All courses are tailored to meet the individual needs of the students and provide the educational, social, personal and independence skills they require for adulthood.

Students may have one-to-one support, or work in small groups with an allocated member of staff, depending on individual needs. We support our students throughout the day, including at breaks and lunchtimes (if required).

Our Skills for Life courses cover a broad range of subjects including:

- Everyday Living Skills
- Life, Independence and Social Skills
- Futures
- Independence and Work
- Practical Work Skills
- Progress to Work/Life
- Vocational Work Skills
- Vocational Studies
- Vocational Gateway

For more details about our Skills for Life courses, see pages 110-125



Extra-curricular activities and enrichment

We believe in students receiving an enriching experience when they come to college. Being involved in activities outside of studying not only develops social skills but also supports overall wellbeing.

We host a wider variety of activities including sport and games, charity fundraising, trips and visits, and work-related opportunities. The enrichment and extra-curricular activities enable students to advocate through expressing preferences and making choices. We actively encourage students to work in small groups to build their confidence and make new friends.

Tutorial

All students have weekly sessions with their tutor. At these meetings, they discuss their progress, targets, and holistic and pastoral matters.

The tutor acts as the go-to member of staff in college for both the student and the parents.

Annual Review

Every student with an EHCP has an annual review during the academic year. The first term (September - December) is usually reserved for students who are expected to leave at the end of the academic year. You will receive notification of your Annual Review meeting at least two weeks in advance and will be offered the option of attending in person or via video call.

At the review, we discuss progress towards outcomes, independence, and academic qualifications.

We will always seek your views and that of the student, prior to a review. You will receive a copy of the paperwork in advance of the meeting and a final copy afterwards.

The purpose of the annual review is to identify:

- If the student's needs are being met successfully.
- Anything else that might help to meet their needs and help them to make progress towards adulthood and independence.
- Suitable next steps for the following academic year.

We believe in nurturing every student's potential, guiding them step-by-step to ensure they are equipped and empowered for a bright future. Together, we can help them achieve success and independence.

Find out more

To find out more about our services and courses, or to book a consultation to discuss your requirements, please contact the Faculty Curriculum Manager at info@totton.ac.uk or call **023 8087 4874**.





About your course

We provide an inclusive curriculum that focusses on helping students prepare for adulthood, whether that is going into some form of employment or preparing them for independent/supported living. Skills for Life supports a wide variety of students; over 95% of our students have an EHCP.

Entry 1

Entry 2

Entry 3

Entry 3

Level 1

Skills for Life Foundation Hub (Entry 1 – Entry 3)

A range of courses focusing on life, independence, and social skills. Students also work towards preparation for adulthood and are supported to explore their next steps.

Students are supported throughout the whole college day, including breaks and lunch times.

Skills for Life Vocational Hub (Entry 3 – Level 1)

Courses within the Vocational Hub focus on equipping students with the fundamental knowledge, skills and qualities needed to work towards gaining employment, as well as developing life skills and social skills.

There is a Vocational Hub Social Space that can be accessed at break time and lunch time, with LSAs on duty. More confident students will be encouraged to access other parts of the College.

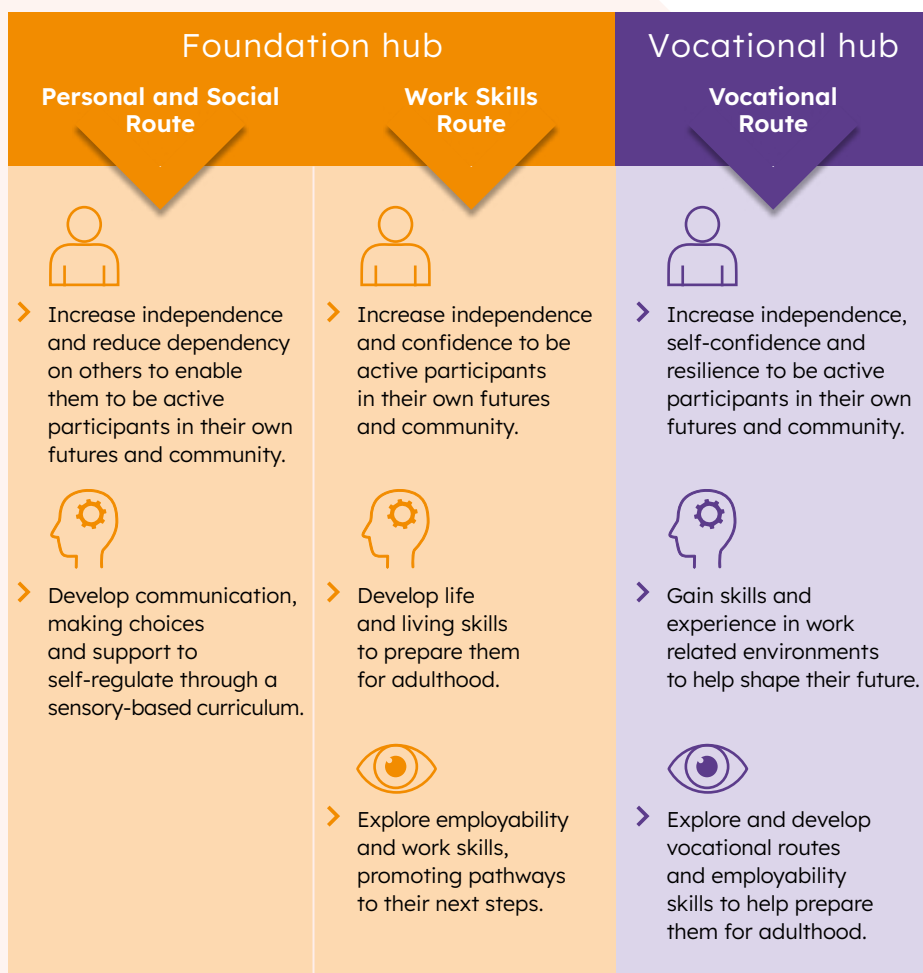




Courses within Skills for Life

Our courses range from Entry Level 1 up to Level 1; they consist of core social, life, and work skills, as well as providing enrichment sessions in vocational subjects such as Hospitality, Horticulture, Creative Media, Art and Sport and many more.

We offer 3 routes within Skills for Life



Our timetables are based over three days per week, allowing students additional time within the week to access day services (through adult social care), hold a part-time job, volunteer at a local organisation, or use the time to support their learning at home.



Entry 1

Everyday Living Skills (ELS)

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Everyday Living Skills (ELS) Entry 1 course is designed to help you build the independence skills you're seeking through a multi-sensory approach. We will provide you with the help and support to communicate, even if your communication skills are limited. We'll ensure each day provides the structure and learning you need to support your ambitions. You'll be encouraged and supported to make meaningful choices, while learning a range of everyday skills.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to become more independent, but have limited communication skills and require higher levels of support.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required and we'll discuss your individual needs as part of your liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.





Your next step

Each year you will have an annual review at which your progression route will be discussed. You may continue to develop your skills by progressing to the Life, Independence and Social Skills course or Futures course.



Entry 2

Life, Independence and Social Skills (LISS)

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Life, Independence and Social Skills (LISS) Entry 2 course is designed to help you develop independence and social communication skills in a structured environment. We'll focus on helping you develop the interpersonal skills and confidence to make meaningful choices in everyday life. You'll experience a variety of everyday life situations to help build your experience.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to become more independent and require help and support to improve their communication and life skills.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required and we'll discuss your individual needs as part of your liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

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Entry 2

Futures

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Futures Entry 2 course is designed to guide and support you in moving to your next step. We'll provide you with opportunities to explore and experience life and work skills in order to progress to day services or other provision. You'll visit various places and people within the community via our links with local day service providers and community groups helping you to develop your communication and personal skills.

Who is this course for?

For those students who want to improve their life skills and learn how to make meaningful choices.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required and we'll discuss your individual needs as part of your liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

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Your next step

Each year you will have an annual review at which your progression route will be discussed. You may progress to our Entry 3 courses, alternatively, you may be a leaver and access adult services.



Independence and Work

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Independence and Work Entry Level 3 course is designed for students to further develop their independence skills and also start to look at work skills, such as team work to help prepare them for adulthood. Students will focus on enhancing their life skills, communication skills and start to explore practical work skills. They will have opportunities to take part in enterprise projects within the college.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to work towards independent living and keen to learn the essential employability and work skills.

Entry requirements

Based on your individual needs, we'll explore your suitability and the support you may require as part of your liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Practical Work Skills

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Practical Work Skills Entry 3 course will enable you to gain hands-on learning experiences, enabling you to develop your practical skills in a safe environment. You'll learn the essential skills for the workplace as well as develop your interpersonal skillset. As part of this course, you'll have the opportunity to plan, explore and run enterprise projects within Totton College, focussing on developing your communication, maths and work skills.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to learn and improve the skills they need for work and learn how to make meaningful choices.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required and we'll discuss your individual needs as part of your liaison activity.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

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Entry 3

Progress to Work/Life

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Progress to Work/Life Entry 3 course will enable you to move on to your next steps after college, or pursue a supported internship. You will have the opportunity to explore and experience life skills and work skills in order to progress to day services, supported employment or supported/independent living. You will gain the confidence and knowledge you need to take your next step and become part of a valued member of society.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to move on to work or independent/supported living.

Entry requirements

You'll need an Entry 2 qualification.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Your next step

Each year you will have an annual review at which your progression route will be discussed. You may progress to a supported internship, or leave college to undertake potential volunteering or employment or access adult services.



Vocational Workskills

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Vocational Workskills course enables students to start their journey into preparing them for adulthood. Students will be given opportunities to learn and develop fundamental life skills, including English and maths, as well as exploring a range of different vocational options.

Who is this course for?

For students who have an interest in developing their knowledge and understanding of the world of work, and their independent living skills.

Entry requirements

You'll need to have obtained an Entry 2 qualification in any subject. You will need to provide evidence of your past education.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Vocational Gateway

Key facts

Start date: From September

Our Vocational Gateway course will take your learning further, enabling you to move onto your next steps after college, or pursue a supported internship. You will have the opportunity to explore and experience life skills and work skills in order to progress to day services, supported employment or supported/independent living. You will gain the confidence and knowledge you need to take your next step and become part of a valued member of society.

Who is this course for?

For students who want to move on to voluntary or paid employment, and to independent or supported living.

Entry requirements

You'll need an Entry 3 qualification.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

For more details, visit our website totton.ac.uk, or scan the QR code.



Level 1

Vocational Studies

Key facts

Start date: From September

If you're still exploring your options, our Vocational Studies Level 1 course will give you the skills and knowledge you need for a variety of sectors. You'll learn more about different sectors such as hospitality, horticulture, art and media. As part of this course, you'll learn employability skills for each of these sectors. All of which is designed to help build up your personal and professional skills and enhance your CV.

Who is this course for?

For students who are still exploring their options, but have a keen interest in learning employability skills to enhance their CV.

Entry requirements

You'll need an Entry 3 qualification in any subject. You will need to provide evidence of your past education.

How you will be assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of portfolio evidence, practical tasks and statements from teachers.

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Your next step

Each year you will have an annual review at which your progression route will be discussed. You may progress to a supported internship, Vocational Gateway, or alternatively, seek employment or progress to another college to continue your vocational education.



How to apply

Our focus is on the whole student approach, meeting the full range of the student's needs including education, health, social, emotional and therapy-based needs. We have designed all our Skills for Life courses to promote independence, social and life skills and to encourage ambitious and realistic employment opportunities within the local area.

If you wish to apply for a Skills for Life course, you will need to select the Skills for Life department as your course option.

All applications for courses are made online via our course pages, on our website **totton.ac.uk**. You will be asked to complete the application form, where you will also need to identify your special educational needs and/or EHCP .

You will be invited in for a discussion/ liaison activity with the Curriculum Manager to discuss which course options are the best for you. Your parent/guardian will be welcome to join you for this liaison activity and we'll also talk you through our support services and logistics for travelling to and from college.

Tutoring

As part of the liaison activity, we'll also talk to your parent/guardian about how we'll keep them informed of your progress while studying with us.

All our students have weekly sessions with their tutor which is an opportunity to discuss progress and targets, as well as more holistic and pastoral matters.

Find out more

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And don't forget to read our student and staff successes on our website. Scan the QR code or visit **totton.ac.uk/news**



Apprenticeships

If you're looking for an alternative to the traditional A Level route, an apprenticeship is a great option. They are designed for those who are keen to start their careers early in their preferred industry.

Our apprenticeship programmes cover, intermediate, and advance standards in a range of sectors.

Discover your passion. Become an apprentice.

Our apprenticeships are suitable for

- Anyone over the age of 16
- Those who know which career path they wish to pursue
- Those already in employment and looking to change careers

Levels available:

Level 2

Level 3



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Earn while you learn

An apprenticeship is a programme that allows you to work – and earn – in your chosen field while training for a certified qualification.

At work, you'll be treated like any other employee. You'll have a contract of employment, holiday entitlement and will receive all applicable benefits including an apprenticeship wage. You'll also have time protected so you can work towards your Apprenticeship Standard. At the end of the programme, you'll have developed new skills and behaviours to help you to develop in your career or further education.

We have a range of apprenticeships available at different levels, so you can start your career on the most suitable programme for your experience.

Our apprenticeship levels

As an apprentice, you can progress through the various levels, giving you the experience and knowledge employers are actively seeking.

There are four different levels of apprenticeships:

- > **Intermediate** (Level 2):
Equivalent to five good GCSEs
- > **Advanced** (Level 3):
Equivalent to two and a half A Levels
- > **Higher** (Level 4-5): Equivalent to the first stages of higher education, such as a foundation degree
- > **Degree** (Level 6-7): Comparable to a Bachelor's or a Master's degree

Taking the apprenticeship route means you can progress through these levels to achieve your ambitions. We offer apprenticeships in a growing number of career areas including*:

Early Years

Level 2

Level 3

Hair Professional

Level 2

Level 3

*Correct at the time of print.

For the latest apprenticeship opportunities scan the QR code or visit totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Our apprenticeships

We offer apprenticeships in Early Years and Education, and Hairdressing and provide you with the support and guidance you need to achieve your qualification.

We work with a wide range of businesses in and around the Southampton and New Forest areas, from nationally recognised brands to championing local enterprises. Our partners are experts in their fields as we want to ensure you're learning the latest skills, knowledge, and best practices from the experts within their respective sectors.

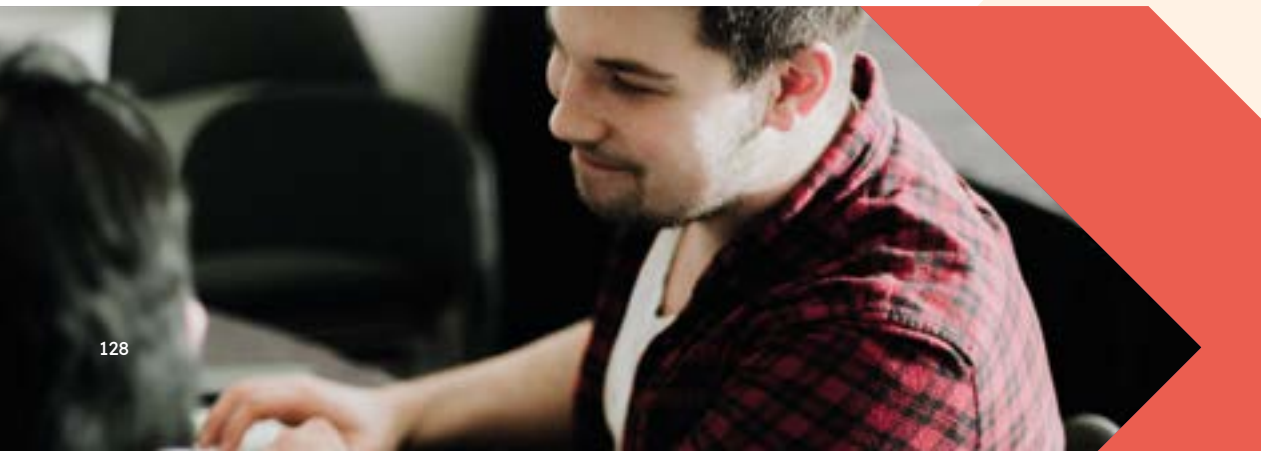
Why choose our apprenticeships?

With years of experience and strong connections with local businesses, we're dedicated to helping you find the perfect employer-fit for your career path.

As an apprentice at Totton College, we offer:

- **Hands-on approach to learning:** With real-world, practical learning our apprenticeships will give you the hands-on experience many employers are looking for.
- **Personalised experience and support:** As a smaller provider, we can offer more tailored support to support your progress via our knowledgeable and experienced team.
- **Earn as you learn:** As one of our apprentices, we'll ensure you're treated as a member of your employer's team, including earning the apprenticeship wage and receiving the same employee benefits.
- **Learn real-life skills:** Many of the skills you'll acquire such as problem-solving and communicating with stakeholders are valuable "employability" skills, and transferable to other employers and industries.
- **We're committed to your success.** We are proud of our 100% success rate across all our apprenticeship programmes. Everyone who has gone through EPA achieved at least a pass grade.*

*Correct at time of publication.



How much will I earn?

The minimum wage for apprentices is set by the Government and is currently £8.00* per hour.

Employers will often pay more than the minimum wage and, if you are over 19, you will be paid at least the National Minimum Wage for your age in your second year of your apprenticeship. Apprentices are entitled to this rate if they are:

- Aged under 19
- Aged 19 or over and are in the first year of their apprenticeship

Your apprenticeship experience

Our apprenticeships are delivered using a blended approach. This means you access some sessions remotely via Teams, and some in-person in your workplace or on the college campus.

When you start your apprenticeship, you will meet your employer who will discuss your working hours, your place of work and your job description. Following your induction and having met the team, you'll be invited to your first day of learning at the college or in your working environment.

Your apprenticeship is designed to make you 'job ready' in the role you are training for, and all our apprenticeship programmes have a workshop schedule. For these sessions, you might attend college for day release and build a portfolio via our OneFile system. This is discussed with your employer during enrolment.

If you are required to study English and/or maths alongside your apprenticeship, these sessions are delivered weekly by our dedicated Functional Skills Team. Days and timings are discussed with your employer during enrolment.

How is an apprenticeship different to a vocational course?

As an apprentice, you will have a full time job with a contract of employment with a company. This means you are an employee of the company, study your chosen career in-depth and gain experience while earning a wage. Your time will be split between work and college.

Unlike other educational courses that start in September, most apprenticeships start when employers need to recruit, so they are available throughout the year.

You can apply for an apprenticeship during or after your GCSEs/A Levels/BTEC, as long as the employer is willing to wait for you to complete your exams.

If you are 16 by the end of the summer holidays, you can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school but you'll need to be 16 or over by the end of the summer holidays to start the apprenticeship.

Our vocational courses are designed for students who want to study full-time from September (attending college 3-4 times a week), and still want to explore a broader range of sectors.

Which one is right for you depends on how you prefer to learn and if you already have a passion for a particular sector. Our apprenticeships are designed for students who know which career path they wish to pursue. See pages 126-138 to see our full range of apprenticeships.

*Correct at the time of print.
Due to increase in April 2027

How you're assessed on an apprenticeship

As part of your training, you will need to complete assessments for the work you're undertaking with your employer.

Throughout your apprenticeship you will develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours specific to your chosen industry which will prepare you for your End Point Assessment of your Apprenticeship Standard.

You will be required to complete a portfolio demonstrating your knowledge and skills from your chosen sector. The minimum duration of the practical period within an Apprenticeship Standard is 12 months. At the end of your practical period, you will be required to complete your End Point Assessment within a maximum of three months (some standards vary).

You may also be required to attend college for English and maths lessons depending on prior attainment.

Through our apprenticeships, when you've successfully completed your assessment, you will receive your Apprenticeship Standard. This is a nationally recognised qualification. A Level 2 apprenticeship is equivalent to 5 GCSEs. A Level 3 apprenticeship is equivalent to 2.5 A Levels.

In some apprenticeships, you'll also gain an industry-specific qualification to help you make your CV stand out from the crowd.

For more information about how apprenticeships are assessed, visit our website or scan the QR code.



“Staff support apprentices to develop their professional behaviours and attitudes. Younger apprentices mature and become role models in their workplace. They learn time management skills to balance work, life and study responsibilities. Apprentices become motivated to achieve their qualifications and earn recognition as respected professionals.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024



What happens after an apprenticeship?

Most apprentices are offered a permanent position with their employer after successfully completing an apprenticeship. Some apprentices develop further skills within the company through another apprenticeship or other training. Some apprentices progress to university courses and others look for employment elsewhere using the experience and skills gained during their apprenticeship training.

Apprentices at Totton College have gone on to participate in London Fashion Week, become registered managers within the care industry and been promoted to become a writer within the Ministry of Defence. Your newly achieved qualification can open many career paths!

Find out more

For more information, explore our apprenticeships on pages 132-135, visit our website **totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships** or contact our Apprenticeship Team:

Email: **apprenticeships@totton.ac.uk**
Call: **0300 123 3385**



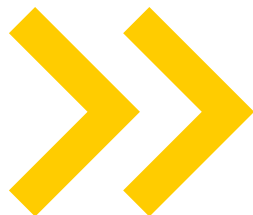
To learn more about how to apply to an apprenticeship, see pages 136-137

“Apprenticeships provide a viable alternative for students who know which career path they wish to pursue. As an apprentice, you get the best of both worlds - gaining a nationally recognised qualification, while working and earning an apprenticeship wage giving you the employability skills and experience employers are actively seeking.

Many of our apprentices have successfully completed their apprenticeship and either pursued higher level apprenticeships, including Degree Apprenticeships, or been able to progress in their company including being promoted to management positions.”



Tom Shrimpton
Apprenticeship
Curriculum Manager



Early Years

Level 2

Level 3

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Level 2

Early Years Practitioner

We have a range of apprenticeships to progress into a rewarding career in early years education. The Early Years apprenticeships allow apprentices to gain the knowledge, skills and behaviours to work with children, ensuring that the learning environment and provision are inclusive and support all children, demonstrating a clear understanding of equality, diversity, and inclusion.

At the end of your apprenticeship at each level, you will undertake an End Point Assessment which consists of an observation and a professional discussion. Students must also achieve their GCSE maths and English grades 4 and above or Level 2 Functional skills in maths and English. Students without GCSEs can be supported to achieve Functional Skills by the college.



Apply now

To apply for this apprenticeship, see our latest vacancies on our website totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships, scan the QR code, or see pages 136-137 for more information.



Level 3

Early Years Educator

From our apprenticeships, you will become a highly skilled professional who can take an operational lead for the care, learning and development of all young children within their care, adapting to individual needs and providing an inclusive and holistic provision.

Your progression

Following the completion of each Level, you'll be able to progress to the Early Years Educator and Early Years Lead Practitioner. Following the completion of Level 3, you can become a Teaching Assistant or Nursery Manager. After completing Level 5, you'll be able to explore options including a Level 6 Early Years Teacher (Early Years Teacher Status).



Hairdressing Professional

Level 2

Level 3

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Level 2

Hairdressing Professional

Our Hairdressing Professional apprenticeships will help you learn the craft needed for a rewarding and successful career in the hair sector.

At Level 2, you will be able to shampoo and condition hair, cut hair using a range of techniques, style and finish hair to create a variety of looks, and colour and lighten hair for ladies and men.

At Level 3, you'll learn the advanced and creative hair styling and techniques used in the most trusted and fashion professions.

You will take ownership of your work and client lists, accept responsibility, be proactive, flexible, and adaptable, and plan your work and time. Taking pride in your work you will strive for excellence in your craft.

Level 3

Advanced and Creative Hair Professional

From our apprenticeships, you will become a highly skilled professional who can deliver hair fashion forward trends, which are innovative styles inspired by current images and your own creativity, individual flair, imagination, and interpretation.

Your progression

Following the completion of each Level, you'll be able to progress to the next hair professional standard. This includes wigs, makeup and prosthetics technician after Level 3, and Senior Stylist or Salon Manager after Level 5.



Apply now

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How to apply to an apprenticeship

Our team will help you match your expertise and ambitions to the right employer. Applying to an apprenticeship is like applying for a real job, you'll need a CV and should expect to follow these steps:



Step 1:

Explore our current apprenticeship vacancies on our website. Click on the position you're interested in and apply directly via Indeed. You'll need a CV which you can make easily using a free online CV builder.



Step 2:

Once your application is complete, you'll be invited to college for an interview with maths and English assessments. This is an opportunity to make sure an apprenticeship is the best option for you. If you proceed, we'll decide which level (2 or 3) suits you best. We'll need to see your English and maths certificates to confirm your grades.



Step 3:

After the interview, we'll send your CV to the hiring manager at the company you applied to for a formal interview. If you aren't successful this time, we'll work with you to apply for other vacancies. Once you have completed all the steps, we'll then work with you to finalise your apprenticeship and provide further details about your learning and development, including your employment start date.

Find out more

For more information scan the QR code, visit our website **totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships** or contact our Apprenticeship Team:



Email: **apprenticeships@totton.ac.uk**
Call: **0300 123 3385**



CV and interview tips

To apply for an apprenticeship, you'll need a CV and to attend interviews. Applying for an apprenticeship is like applying for a full-time job, you're not just an apprentice but a potential employee. Even if you don't have much professional experience to talk about yet, it's important to create a professional profile that outlines your skills and potential to employers:



Here are a few key pointers for your CV:

1. Include your name and contact information.
2. Outline who you are as a person via a personal summary/profile.
3. Give details about your education and grades.
4. If you have any work experience, give an overview of what you've done.
5. Don't forget to include any other relevant training and courses you may have completed.
6. Always include a few details about your hobbies and interests especially if they're relevant to the sector you're applying to.



Here are a few key pointers for your interview:

1. Refresh yourself with the job description and person specification – these are the skills and attributes they want to learn more about. Focus on these.
2. Look at the company's website to find out more about the products and services they offer and look at any recent news stories to learn about their successes.
3. Think about what you can bring to the role, your experiences, skills, and enthusiasm.
4. Prepare questions to ask the employer. Think about what you want to know more about, this could be around the day-to-day activities of the role, or future opportunities within the organisation.
5. Make sure you arrive in plenty of time and take into consideration any potential traffic or disruption to public transport.
6. Make sure you provide feedback to the apprenticeship team to let us know how you got on.

For more CV and interview tips, scan the QR code.



Discover more

Our Open Events provide an excellent opportunity for all prospective students exploring their options to come and speak to current students and our staff.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help and guide you through any queries you or your parent/guardian may have about our Apprenticeships.

We host Open Events throughout the year:

- Tuesday 13 October 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Thursday 19 November 2026
17:30 – 19:30
- Monday 1 March 2027
17:30 – 19:30
- Tuesday 15 June 2027
17:30 – 19:30



Book your place
on our website:
totton.ac.uk/event

Alternatively, if you wish to speak directly to our Apprenticeship team you can call **0300 123 3385** or email **apprenticeships@totton.ac.uk**.

See our community in action

For the latest news from the Totton College community, make sure you follow us on our social channels:



@TottonCollege



facebook.com/TottonCollege/



[@tottoncollege.bsky.social](https://tottoncollege.bsky.social)



linkedin.com/company/totton-college/

And don't forget to read our student and staff successes on our website. Scan the QR code or visit **totton.ac.uk/news**



“Staff ensure employers are actively involved in apprentices’ progress reviews. These reviews effectively coordinate on- and off-the-job training, allowing apprentices to practice classroom learning in the workplace. This results in apprentices quickly developing skills employers value.”

Ofsted inspection, June 2024



Now you've finished reading our prospectus, are you ready to take your next step?

We hope you've enjoyed reading and learning all that we have to offer here at Totton College.

Our friendly staff will help guide you through your next step. Whether it's a Pathways course, Vocational course, Skills for Life course, or an Apprenticeship, you can be assured you'll gain the support you need to achieve your ambitions.

Come and explore our community

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Book your place

Book your place on our website: totton.ac.uk/events
Or just turn up and register at reception.

BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE



We look forward to welcoming you to Totton College

All information in this prospectus is correct at the time of print.
For the latest and most up-to-date information, please visit our website: totton.ac.uk



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Opening Times

Term time:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 08:30–17:00

Wed 08:30–21:00

(Opus Salon only 17:00–21:00)

Non-term time:

Monday – Friday 08:30–16:30

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