

**NSCG** | LEEK COLLEGE



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**At NSCG, ambition becomes achievement.**

**A new chapter for Leek College. A future without limits.**

**Leek College is now part of the Ofsted Outstanding Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), meaning you'll benefit from outstanding teaching, enriching opportunities and a shared commitment to helping every learner thrive.**

Whether you're aiming for university, a rewarding career or an exciting apprenticeship, we'll help you build the confidence, skills and experience to get there. From day one, we'll support your goals, stretch your thinking and help you go further than you thought possible.

As part of one of the highest performing college groups in the country, we're proud to be bringing the NSCG experience to Leek. You'll benefit from our strong links to universities and local employers, new ideas in and beyond the classroom, and a real focus on helping you make the most of your time at college, now and into the future.

You'll be taught and supported by expert staff who care about your journey and believe in your potential.

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And you'll join an inclusive, welcoming culture where your wellbeing, your progress and your ambitions truly matter.

This is a college built around you, your future, your goals, your next big step. And while we're proud of our Ofsted rating and track record, what really inspires us is seeing students grow in confidence, fulfil their potential, exceed expectations and go on to achieve great things.

To help make your journey to us even easier we are offering FREE and subsidised transport for all new students, see page 61 for details.

I look forward to welcoming you at one of our Open Events and helping you take that first step into something exciting.



**Craig Hodgson, Principal  
& Chief Executive, NSCG**

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Craig Hodgson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

# Outstanding in every measure.



Leek College is now part of NSCG, one of the highest performing college groups in the country and rated Outstanding in every single category.

In our most recent inspection, in October 2024, Ofsted praised NSCG's ambitious teaching, inclusive environment and high expectations for every learner. These are the standards we uphold to make sure you have the support, guidance and quality you deserve.

#### Here's what inspectors said about NSCG:

- **Creative, energetic teaching that goes beyond the classroom.**
- **Learners gaining meaningful new skills and behaviours quickly.**
- **Exceptional support from staff who lead by example.**
- **Smooth, supportive transitions for new starters.**

Whether you know exactly where you're heading or you're still exploring your options, it helps to know you're in the best hands. At NSCG, Outstanding isn't just a rating, it's the standard we set for ourselves and every student, every day.



Read the full  
Ofsted report  
here:



Overall effectiveness	<b>Outstanding</b>
The quality of education	<b>Outstanding</b>
Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Personal development	<b>Outstanding</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Outstanding</b>
Education programmes for young people	<b>Outstanding</b>
Apprenticeships	<b>Outstanding</b>
Provision for learners with high needs	<b>Outstanding</b>
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	<b>Outstanding</b>
Meeting skills needs	<b>Strong Contribution*</b>

# From the moment you know you're somewhere that you belong.

**Since joining the Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), Leek College has benefitted from major investment in its facilities totalling £1 million.**

The extensive works have ensured that students have access to fast, reliable and future-ready technology, in a campus that is a bright and modern space.

Whether you're studying or socialising, our facilities help you make the most of your time on campus. Visit us during one of our upcoming Open Events or book a 1-2-1 tour with our Schools Liaison Team and see for yourself what makes NSCG special. Wherever your future takes you, we will make sure you have a great time getting there.



# You arrive...



## **The Library:**

Level up your learning in a space built for focus, creativity and inquisitive minds. With numerous books, journals, online resources and all the tech you need, it's the perfect spot to concentrate, create and explore something new.

## **The Gallery:**

Fuel your day with all your favourites, from fresh coffee and meal deals to hot food and snacks. There's plenty of choice. It's all fresh, student friendly and right here on campus.

## **Hair & Beauty Academy:**

Need time to unwind? Book in for a facial, a fresh haircut, or some well-earned 'me time' between lessons. Our amazing hairdressing & beauty therapy academies offer a wide range of services, all at student friendly prices.

# The space be yourself

The support to become more.

**Happiness is the key to success, which is why your wellbeing is our top priority. We are committed to being there for you every step of the way.**

Our incredible Student Services team can help remove any barriers that are getting between you and your learning. Whether you're eligible for in-class support, need financial advice and assistance or you just need someone to talk to about a query or personal issue, we're here for you.



**You're in safe hands. Learn more about support at NSCG.**



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## Individual Learning Plan

To track your progress, we've developed leading-edge tools to help you complete an Individual Learning Plan (ILP). You and your tutors use this to set targets and monitor your progress.

## Personal Tutor

Your Personal Tutor will be on hand to support you, a friendly member of staff who will be your 'go to' person to encourage you to meet your deadlines, smash your targets and push you to exceed at every step.

## Equality & Diversity

As an inclusive college, we're committed to equality, diversity and promoting British Values. We believe everyone contributes to college life and we celebrate the success of our whole community, regardless of age, gender, sexuality or culture.

If you have a learning difficulty or disability, our dedicated support team will ensure you have everything you need to succeed. Our campus is fully accessible, and we support the sunflower lanyard scheme for invisible disabilities.

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officers

If you're struggling at college or personally, don't worry. We have Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officers who provide expert advice and support to help you stay on track.

## Student Mentors

Second-year Student Mentors are here to help you adjust to college life. They can offer guidance on making friends and getting involved in activities. To get connected, just ask your Personal Tutor or visit Student Services.

## Money Matters

Financial support is available through the College Maintenance Allowance (CMA) and Vulnerable Student Bursary (VSB), covering costs for food, travel, and course essentials. Our Student Finance Team can offer help and assistance on finding out what you could be entitled to.

# Come as you are.

Leave as more  
than you thought  
possible.

**College should be more than just classes and coursework. At NSCG, it is. It's a place to grow, to try new things, and to shape your future. Not just through your studies, but through everything else that surrounds it.**

From the moment you start, your journey is shaped around who you are, your passions and what you want to achieve. Whether you already have a goal in mind or you're here to explore, your time with us is about getting stuck in, opening doors and making every moment count.



## Personalised Study Programmes

Every student follows a tailored programme built around their individual ambitions. It includes your core qualification, but adds so much more, with weekly tutorials, work experience and individual guidance where needed. If you need to resit GCSE English or maths, those will be included too, with the support you need to help you succeed.

## Work Experience

We'll support you to secure a meaningful placement in a setting that suits your future ambitions, whether that's a creative studio, a science lab, a business HQ or a local charity. We have excellent links with employers across the region and a dedicated placements team who are there to help you find the right fit.

## Maths and English

If you didn't quite get a 4 in your GCSE maths or English, don't worry. You'll continue learning in a supportive environment, with lessons built into your timetable and plenty of extra help on offer. It's all about building confidence and keeping your future options open.

## Weekly Tutorials

Every student has a dedicated Personal Tutor. Someone to talk to, check in with and help you stay on track. These sessions give you the space to reflect, raise questions and explore what else is happening across the College that you might want to take part in.

NSCG is a place where big things begin. It's your chance to do more, discover more and become more, in a setting that's designed to help you thrive.





# Skill Up, Stand Out.

**NSCG** | STUDENTS'  
**UNION**

## Students' Union

You can help to shape our new Students' Union and get involved in a wide range of events and initiatives to represent student views and interests. From planning fun events to hosting the Student Conference, the Union ensures your voice is heard on important topics. They also have different areas of focus, including LGBTQ+ issues and marketing, giving you plenty of ways to get involved in college life.

## Student Xtras

Join our Student Xtras and become a volunteer at our college Open Events! You'll gain valuable experience, meet new people, and help prospective students discover all that our college has to offer.

## Enrichment and College Life

You'll have loads of opportunities to get involved in life beyond your course. From clubs, societies and events to national competitions and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, there's something here for everyone.

It's a chance to build friendships, explore new interests and make your mark.



## Trips and Visits

There's a wide variety of trips each year, from art galleries to engineering sites and industry conferences.

Some are local, others are residential and even international. All designed to take your learning off campus and into the real world. They're an opportunity to discover new perspectives, grow in confidence and gain experiences you'll talk about for years.

## NCSG DIGIT@L AMBASSADOR

### Digital Ambassadors

Becoming a Digital Ambassador is a BRAND NEW opportunity for students who are passionate about their course and want to gain valuable experience for their CV. Ambassadors play a key role in showcasing student life by creating engaging content for the College's social media channels, including Instagram and TikTok.

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your digital skills. As a bonus, you can even earn some extra cash for selected projects!



Register your interest to be a Digital Ambassador.

# Be TRA Ordinary.

Student life at NSCG goes far beyond the classroom. It's your chance to be unapologetically you, to embrace new experiences, uncover fresh passions and leave your mark along the way.

Take a look at just a few of the many things that our students enjoyed over the last 12 months.

Search for 'NSCG Leek'.



Students' Union



Fundraising, Volunteering  
and Charity Work



Duke of Edinburgh Award



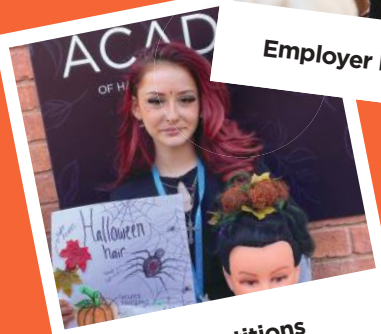
Guest Speakers



**Employer Encounters**



**Trips and Visits**



**Competitions**



**Next Steps Fayre**



**Student Voice**



**Leek Town F.C. Academy**



**Student Awards & Celebrations**

# Your next steps **start** **here.**

Where you go next is a big decision. And at NSCG, we're here to help you get there.

Whether you've got it all mapped out or you're still exploring your options, we'll support you every step of the way. University, apprenticeships, employment or further study - your future is full of exciting possibilities across the NSCG Group and beyond.

## **Next Steps Fayre**

As a Leek College student you'll have access to our annual Next Steps Fayre, where you can meet over 50 universities and 40 employers. It's your chance to ask questions, explore options and discover what's out there. From degrees to apprenticeships, gap year plans to early career pathways, you'll find plenty to be inspired by.



# 1,242

students in 2024 progressed to 113 universities.

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Around 97% of NSCG students go on to university, an apprenticeship or employment.

## University Progression

We're No.1 for University progression locally and one of the top colleges in the UK, with hundreds of students securing places at leading institutions each year. You'll get personal one-to-one guidance to help you research courses, choose where to apply and craft a UCAS application that really stands out.

## Higher Education at NSCG

Stay closer to home and study a university-level course at the NSCG Newcastle or Stafford College campus or within our brand new Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Institute of Technology. Our HNCs, HNDs and HTQs are a more affordable route to higher education. These career-focused qualifications, taught by supportive, knowledgeable tutors are a great next step, whether you want to start work or top up to a full degree. See page 57 for more information.

## Higher Level Apprenticeships

If you'd rather earn while you learn, a higher or degree apprenticeship could be the right path for you. These qualifications are highly valued by employers and give you hands-on experience in your chosen field. Our Apprenticeship team will help you explore your options and navigate the application process.



# Your game. Raised.

**If you've got the talent, drive and love of the beautiful game, this is your opportunity to raise your game.**

Open to male and female players, our Elite Football Academy is a full-time, two-year course delivered in partnership with Leek Town FC, combining top-level football development with academic excellence.

Based at the state-of-the-art F. Ball Community Stadium, this is your chance to train, study and compete at a top Step 3 football club.



**Discover more about being a part of the Leek Town Football Academy.**





### Your study options:

#### Vocational Programme

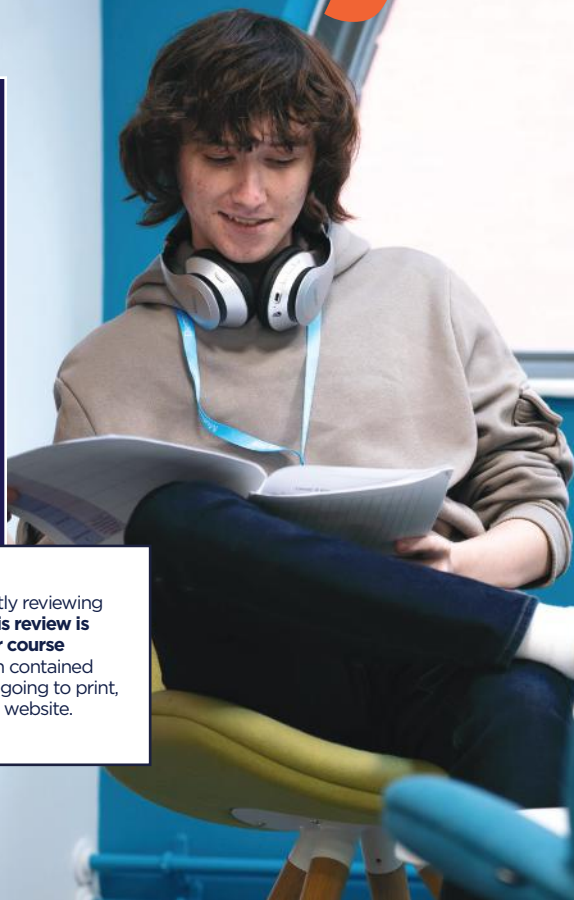
NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in  
Sport and Physical Activity

# Your future. Your way.

**The path you start out on will depend on where you're heading.**

At NSCG, we have all kinds of ways to get you there, from T Levels, Vocational courses and Progression Pathways. Whichever way you go, our personalised programmes will help to guide you, whether it's university, an apprenticeship, further training or employment.

The Department for Education (DfE) is currently reviewing post-16 qualifications at Level 3 and below. **This review is ongoing, the results of which may impact our course offering for September 2026.** The information contained within our prospectus is correct at the time of going to print, for the latest info it is always best to check our website.



## Vocational Programmes (Level 3)

**Quick overview:** Choose from a wide range of courses which you will study for two years.

### To study, you will

**need:** A minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.

### What you can do

**next:** You can progress to university, a university level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

**In 2025, 56.2% of NSCG's Level 3 vocational programme students achieved high grades of triple Distinction (DDD) or above (equivalent to three 'A' grades at A Level).**



Scan here to find out more about our Vocational Programmes.

## T Levels (Level 3)

**Quick overview:** T Levels are an industry-recognised two-year course that is an alternative to A Levels and vocational programmes. They bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement (at least 45 days) together on a course designed with businesses and employers.

### To study, you will

**need:** A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language in subjects relevant to your chosen course.\*

### What you can do

**next:** You can progress to university, a university level course here at NSCG, a higher apprenticeship at NSCG or to employment.

**In 2025, 73% of NSCG's T Level students achieved merit grades or above.**



Scan here to find out more about our T Levels.

## Progression & Skills Pathways

### Level 2, Level 1 & Entry Level

**Quick overview:** If you're not quite ready to join a Level 3 programme, our vocational Progression Pathways allow you to study at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 and will prepare you to progress on to a higher level.

Alternatively, if you want skills-based training in areas such as hairdressing, beauty and construction, you'll start your journey on a Level 1 Skills Pathway before progressing to higher levels.



Scan here to find out more.

## GCSE Maths & English

If you haven't yet achieved grades 9-4 in these important subjects, maths and/or English sessions will be on your timetable and you'll retake these qualifications alongside your main course.

(This excludes T Levels as grade 5 and above are needed for that pathway).

## Apprenticeships

### Available at Levels 2 to 5

#### Quick overview:

Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills while you study for a nationally recognised qualification.

#### To study, you will

**need:** Two or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above in subjects relevant to your course. However, in some sectors, employers ask for a minimum of grade 5 in maths and English.

#### What you can do

**next:** You can progress to a higher level apprenticeship, full time course at NSCG or full time employment.

**NSCG's apprenticeship achievement rates are more than 15% above the national average.**



Scan here to find out more.



# Vocational Programmes

**Take the next step with one of our challenging vocational courses.**

A two-year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels.

The focus is on coursework, with a balance of hands-on practical experience and some external assessments – a great choice if you know the kind of area you want to work in. And they are also widely recognised qualifications to get you into university, higher apprenticeships or employment.



## Vocational (Level 3)

**Art & Design**

**Beauty Therapy**

**Business**

**Health and Social Care**

**Photography**

**Site Joinery**

**Sport (Leek Town FC)**

**Travel & Tourism**

**Uniformed Protective  
Services**

### Does this sound like you?

- I'm organised and good with deadlines.
- I like working on a few assignments at the same time.
- I want to focus on one subject that relates to my chosen career.
- I want to go on to university, get a higher apprenticeship or a job.

Then a vocational course could be for you! We offer a wider range of career-based courses that will allow you to develop your skills and knowledge vocationally.

### Then you will need:

A minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects that are relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above.

Level 2 Diploma with overall Merit in a relevant subject and maths and/or English Language at GCSE grade 4 or above.



**Scan here** to find out more about our Vocational Programmes.

# Theo Kirtley

**Theo is a dedicated and motivated student whose determination and passion for sport have shaped his time at NSCG. An ambitious learner and natural leader, he consistently inspires those around him to aim higher, both in the classroom and on the football pitch.**

Alongside his studies, Theo has been actively pursuing his dream of becoming a professional golf caddy. In recent months, his hard work has paid off: securing a role as a caddy and being offered an incredible opportunity to join the LIV Golf tour as a junior caddy at the prestigious JCB Golf and Country Club. This experience marks an exciting step towards his goal of working full-time on the professional circuit.

A keen golfer himself, Theo is eager to use these experiences to develop both his skills and understanding of the sport. With his drive, focus and leadership, there's no doubt he will continue to build an impressive career in the world of golf.

**Previous School**

Leek High School

**Course(s)**

NCFE Level 3 Extended  
Diploma in Sport and  
Physical Activity

**Destination**

Pro-Golf Caddy



“ NSCG helped me focus on my goals and take real steps toward my dream career in golf. ”

# T Levels

## A fresh route towards your future.

T Levels are two-year qualifications designed with employers and industry leaders to prepare you for life after college. They're ideal if you want a mix of classroom learning and hands-on experience, all while working towards a qualification that's equivalent to three A Levels.

Each T Level includes a substantial industry placement, a minimum of 45 days, where you'll gain real insight into your chosen career area. You'll apply your knowledge in the workplace, build practical skills and develop the confidence and skills employers value.

T Levels are designed to get you where you want to go next. Whether that's university, a higher apprenticeship or straight into a job, they offer a strong, respected pathway towards your future ambitions.

## Is a T Level right for you?

- You want practical work experience built into your course.
- You like learning by doing and putting theory into action.
- You already have a career or industry sector in mind.
- You're planning to progress into higher education, training or employment.

We work with hundreds of employers across the region to help secure meaningful placements. Come and speak to our talented team who are here to mentor and guide you from start to finish.

## Then you will need:

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your subject choice.

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And many more...



### **T Levels (Level 3)**

**Engineering,  
Manufacturing,  
Process and Control.**



**Scan here to  
find out more  
about our  
T Levels.**

# Rebecca

# Bedford-Harvey

**Rebecca was an exceptionally dedicated student whose talent and determination shone throughout her Hairdressing studies.**

Completing both Level 2 and Level 3 with outstanding results, she consistently demonstrated creativity, precision and a genuine passion for her craft. Her attention to detail and perseverance led to the creation of technically skilled and beautifully executed styles.

Eager to challenge herself, Rebecca represented the College in several hairdressing competitions, producing professional design briefs and mood boards to complement her work. Her skill and creativity earned her an impressive second place in a national competition, as well as the Student of the Year award in recognition of her outstanding attendance, commitment and achievement.

Rebecca's professionalism, patience and drive to perfect every detail set her apart.

#### **Previous School**

Painsley Catholic College

#### **Course(s)**

Level 2 Diploma in  
Barbering

#### **Destination**

Ambitions to work  
freelance before opening  
her own unisex salon.



# Apprenticeships

**Enrolling on an apprenticeship with one of our partner employers means you can learn vital practical skills in a hands-on environment.**

Apprenticeships are great if you want to jump straight into the world of work, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills whilst you study for a nationally-recognised qualification.



## Does this sound like you?

- I know what job I want and I'd like to start now.
- I want to experience student life and work life.
- I want to get the right qualifications for my job.
- I want to start earning money.
- I want to study to kick-start my career or get into university.

Then an apprenticeship is a great option for those who want to learn on the job.

## Then you will need:

Two or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above in subjects that are relevant to your course. However, in some sectors, employers ask for a minimum of grade 5 in maths and English. You should be looking for a job, already have one or ask for help finding one through The Apprenticeship team.



Scan here to  
find out more.

## The Apprenticeship Team

The Apprenticeship Team offer a free service where you can find an apprenticeship and get advice on all aspects of employment, including writing a CV, interview preparation tips and help in finding the right apprenticeship for you.

## Our apprenticeships

**Accounting**

**Adult Care**

**Business Administration**

**Carpentry & Joinery**

**Engineering**

**Hairdressing**

**Healthcare**

**Multi-Channel Marketer**

We work with around 1000 employers across Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire. Here is just an example of a few of them:



# Sinead

# Health

**Sinead is a determined and hardworking apprentice who has found her passion in engineering through hands-on experience.**

After completing her A Levels, she realised that full-time study wasn't the right path for her. A short placement with a female plumber showed her that practical, technical careers were well within her reach, inspiring her to apply for an apprenticeship with local company F. Ball and Co.

Since joining the team, Sinead has thrived in a role where no two days are the same. From servicing and repairing machinery to supporting new installations, she's developed valuable technical and problem-solving skills. Supported by her employer and college, she's completed specialist training in mechanical and electrical systems, forklift operation and working at heights - all while building confidence and experience for her future career.


Sinead is proud to be part of a company that values her ideas and determination and she's excited to keep progressing in the engineering industry.

**Employer**

F Ball & Co

**Course(s)**

Level 3 Engineering  
Technician Apprentice



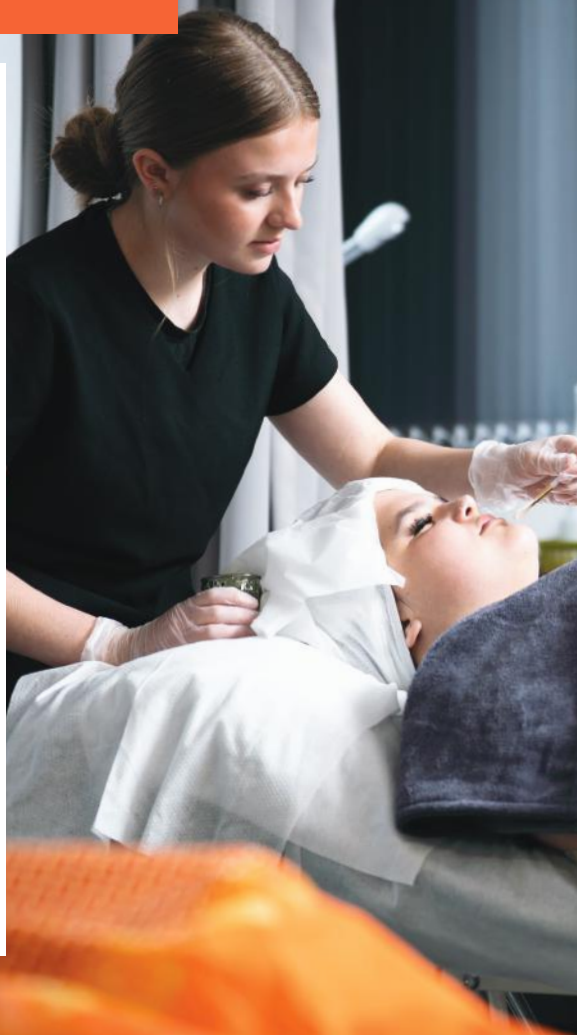
“ I’m learning,  
growing and  
doing what I love  
every day. ”

# Skills & Progression Pathways

**If you're not quite ready to join a Level 3 programme, our Skills & Progression Pathways allow you to study at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2.**

Whether you've struggled at school, lack confidence or need an extra push, these programmes will help prepare you to progress onto a higher level vocational course, employment or an apprenticeship. Alongside your chosen subject, there is also a big focus on improving your maths and English skills.

Alternatively, if you are looking for skills-based training in an area like Hairdressing & Beauty or Construction, as part of our Skills Pathway, you'll start your journey on a Level 1 course and progress to higher levels.



## Does this sound like you?

- I like applied learning but I want to build my skills, knowledge and confidence first.
- Then I'd like to study a higher-level vocational or skills programme, get an apprenticeship or get a job.

Then a Skills & Progression pathway could be for you!

You'll get to learn from the experts, as our staff all have first-hand industry experience, and you'll be learning in top-class facilities with cutting-edge technology.

## Skills & Progression Pathways (Entry Level, Level 1 & Level 2)

**AAT Accounting**

**Art & Design Skills**

**Beauty Therapy**

**Business Enterprise**

**Carpentry & Joinery**

**Education and Early Years**

**Hairdressing**

**Health and Social Care**

**Performing Engineering Operations**

**Travel and Tourism**

**Uniformed Protective Services**

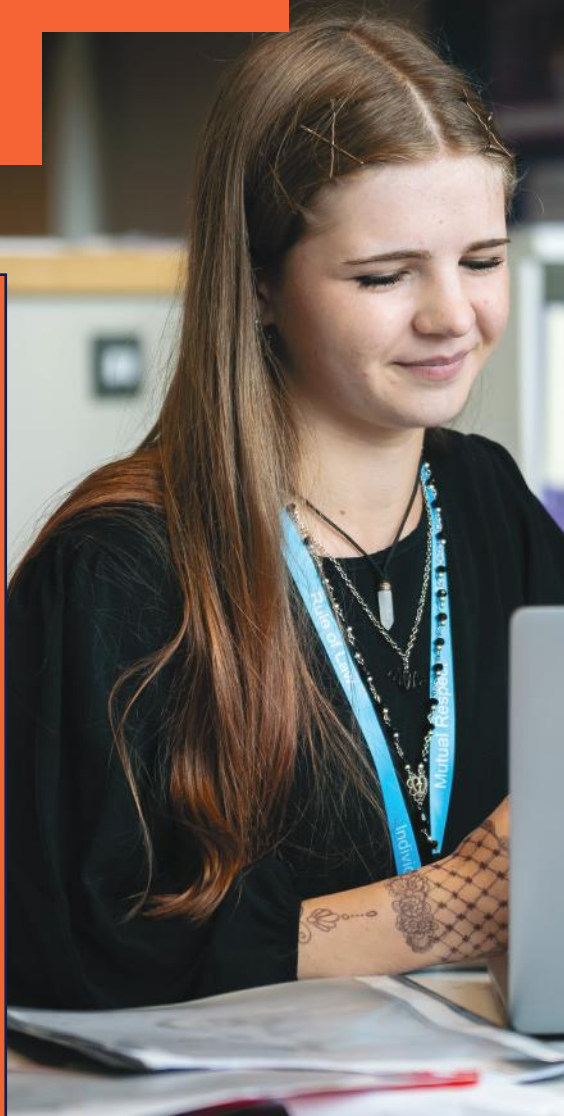


Scan here to  
find out more.

# Foundation Studies

**If you want to gain skills for personal progression, whether it be achieving better qualifications, accessing mainstream education or developing your independent living skills, we have a course for you.**

Our focus at NSCG is to prepare students for adulthood and their chosen careers. We provide a broad curriculum to help students enhance their current skills and develop new ones they can apply to everyday life. We offer programmes tailored for school leavers, young adults, and those with Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND), including Foundation Studies and Life Skills & Employment Training.





Learn more  
about how we  
can support you.

## Vocational and Progression Studies

Our Entry Level and Level 1 vocational courses will help students develop skills to progress, improve their English and maths grades and explore career paths that match their aspirations. Our outstanding team of Lecturers and specialist support staff will support learners every step of the way to ensure they reach their full potential.

## Life Skills and Employment Training

Our Life Skills and Employment Training curriculum is for learners at Entry Level 1-3 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Our goal is to prepare them for adulthood by developing their life skills and improving their chances for employment and independent living.

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Wherever you want to go in life,  
whatever you want to do, it all  
begins here. Because from here,  
you can go anywhere.

It begins at  
**NSCG**

# Accounting, Business & Travel

## Our Subjects:

**AAT Accounting**

**Business**

**Travel and Tourism**

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## Your study options:

**Vocational Pathways  
(Level 3)**

**Skills or Progression  
Pathways (Up to Level 2)**

**Apprenticeships**



Discover  
**your** perfect  
Accounting,  
Business or  
Travel course.





# Skills for the real world. Careers for the future.

**Whether you want to run a business, analyse data or explore the world, we've got a course to help you get there.**

Our accounting, business and travel courses are designed around real-world skills and future careers. You'll tackle live project briefs, work with industry-standard tools and gain insight from professionals who've been there and done it.

From business strategy to flight safety to economic analysis, we'll help you turn your passion into a launchpad into your future.

# Care, Education & Health

## Our Subjects:

Education and Early Years

Health & Social Care

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## Your study options:

Vocational Pathways  
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways (Up to Level 2)

Apprenticeships



Discover **your**  
perfect Care,  
Education and  
Health course.



## Looking for a career with people at the core?

**If you want to make a difference in people's lives,  
this is the place to start.**

Whether your future lies in Nursing, Teaching, Radiography, Social Work, Child Psychology or Speech and Language Therapy, we'll help you build the knowledge, skills and confidence to get there.

Industry-experienced professionals bring their insight into every lesson, challenging you, supporting you and encouraging you to grow. You'll also get hands-on experience in real care, education and health settings that puts your learning into practice.

These are careers for people who want to make a difference. So if that sounds like you, you're in the right place.

# Construction & Engineering

## Our Subjects:

**Carpentry & Joinery**

**Engineering, Manufacturing,  
Process and Control**

**Performing Engineering  
Operations**

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## Your study options:

**T Levels (Level 3)**

**Vocational Pathways (Level 3)**

**Skills or Progression  
Pathways (Up to Level 2)**

**Apprenticeships**

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**Did you know** that NSCG is the lead partner of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire IoT, specialising in higher-level technical education. Find out more at [sotsiot.ac.uk](https://sotsiot.ac.uk)



Discover  
**your** perfect  
Construction &  
Engineering  
course.



# Your future. Expertly engineered.

**If you're more into tools than textbooks, and you like discovering how things work and how they could be improved, this is your space to build, fix and figure things out.**

You'll develop technical skills using professional tools, materials and equipment in our fully equipped industry-standard workshops and labs. From site-ready construction techniques to the inner workings of machines and circuits, everything is designed to get you ready for the real world.

You'll be taught by experienced professionals who've worked in the industry and know exactly what it takes to succeed. They'll support your progress and challenge you to push what's possible.

With demand for skilled engineers and tradespeople continuing to rise, this is your chance to build a valuable future with real opportunities.

# Creative Arts

## Our Subjects:

Art & Design

Photography

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## Your study options:

Vocational Pathways  
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways (Level 2)



Discover **your**  
perfect Creative  
Arts course.



# Let your creativity shape your future.

**This is where creative thinkers, doers and storytellers  
come to sharpen their skills and shape what comes next.**

Our specialist studios are built for thinking, creating and crafting. Here you'll be encouraged to experiment with professional tools and industry-standard kit to explore new techniques and push your ideas further.

You'll leave with a portfolio that reflects how you think, what you can do and where you're heading. From exhibitions to industry awards, there are plenty of chances to shine a light on your work, get noticed and take your next step with confidence.

# Hairdressing & Beauty

## Our Subjects:

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

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## Your study options:

Vocational Pathways  
(Level 3)

Skills or Progression  
Pathways (Level 1 & Level 2)

Apprenticeships



Discover  
**your** perfect  
Hairdressing &  
Beauty Therapy  
course.



## Shape confidence. Sharpen your craft.

If you're passionate about style, skincare and self-expression, step into our Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Academy and start shaping your future, one client at a time.

You'll learn in our state-of-the-art salon, supported by top industry names like Wella and Dermalogica and get hands-on from day one.

From working on real clients in our commercial salon to placements with award-winning partners, we'll help you build the confidence, creativity and skills to launch your future in the hair and beauty industry. Whether you are looking to work in a salon, run your own business, access a career in aesthetics or the film and TV industry, this is the place to start.

# Sport & Public Services

## Our Subjects:

**Sport (in partnership with Leek Town F.C.)**

**Uniformed Protective Services**

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## Your study options:

**Vocational Pathways (Level 3)**

**Skills or Progression Pathways (Level 2)**



Discover **your** perfect Sport & Protective Services course.



## Step up. Stand out. Move forward.

**If sitting still isn't your style and you're looking for something fast-paced and packed with purpose, a career in Sport or Public Services could be the perfect fit.**

In Sport, you'll develop key skills like leadership, teamwork and communication while you explore the anatomy, physiology and psychology of sport and deepen your understanding of how the body and mind work together to achieve peak performance. You'll also gain industry-recognised qualifications and learn to lead both individual and group based exercise sessions.

If you're drawn to serving your community, our Public Services courses will prepare you for life on the front line, testing your mental and physical limits as you get ready for roles in the Police Force, Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue Service or the Armed Forces.



# Be more.

**Aim high. Empower yourself, develop professionally and follow your career aspirations through one of our university-level courses across our NSCG group. It's our job to make it happen for you!**

We're proud to be rated outstanding for our adult learning programmes, offering flexible full time and part time study options at either our Newcastle or Stafford College campuses, to suit your lifestyle.

Our employment focused university level courses are designed to give you the skills and confidence to boost your earning potential, with many achieving 100% pass rates.

As the highest performing college in Staffordshire, we deliver exceptional results while saving you around £3,000 a year compared to traditional university study. Plus, with student loans available, you won't pay anything back until you're earning over £25,000.

### Your study options:

**Higher National Certificate (HNC)** (Level 4)

**Higher National Diploma (HND)** (Level 5)

**Foundation Degree** (Level 5)

**Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ)** (Level 4/5)

**Foundation Diploma Art, Design & Media Practice** (Level 3/4)

**Other University-Level Courses**

**Degree-Level Higher Apprenticeships**



Discover our range of university-level courses at our Newcastle or Stafford College campus or the new IOT.



## The Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Institute of Technology

The brand new £25m Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Institute of Technology (IoT) opened to learners in September 2025, boasting industry-standard facilities and first-class resources.

With pathways including higher apprenticeships and degree level programmes, the IoT provides opportunities for those taking their first steps into employment, looking to advance in the workplace or successfully retrain.

**Discover more at [sotsiot.ac.uk](https://sotsiot.ac.uk)**



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# Your future,

one confident step  
at a time.



**Take these simple steps to begin your journey. And fly through our application process with the greatest of ease.**

**1. Research:** Start your journey by researching everything you want to know about NSCG! You'll quickly see that we're the place to be.

**2. Pay us a visit:** We'd love to welcome you to an Open Event so that you really get to see what makes us such a special place to study at, and of course, what makes us an Ofsted Outstanding college group. Head to [nscg.ac.uk/lcevents](https://nscg.ac.uk/lcevents) for more info.

**3. Apply now:** Once you've done your research and visited us at an Open Event, it's time to get your application in. We're the leading college group in Staffordshire and places are in high demand, so **get your application in before 31 March 2026**. Head to [nscg.ac.uk/apply](https://nscg.ac.uk/apply)

**4. Course discussion:** Essentially, it's just an opportunity for us to get to meet you properly and to make sure that you are suited to the course. Following the discussion, we'll more than likely offer you a conditional place.

**5. We'll keep in touch:** During the application process we'll be in touch to keep you up-to-date with news from the College.

**6. Experience life at NSCG:** Join us in June for our Experience Event! You'll meet your new classmates and Lecturers, enjoy a barbecue, music and get a head start on your course with some light summer homework.

**7. GCSE results day:** Good luck! Once you have your results, you'll need to share a copy with us. If all goes to plan, you'll be given a date to come to the College to officially enrol on your course.

**8. First day:** And just like that, you're officially a student at NSCG! **Let the fun begin.**

### Still got a question?

Our friendly Schools Liaison Team are here to help and support you with the transition from school to college.

Our Schools Liaison team will more than likely be in your school at some point throughout your final year. Whether you have a question about a particular course, what support is available, or even what bus to catch, they'll be happy to hear from you.

**You can get in touch with them at any time by emailing [schools@nscg.ac.uk](mailto:schools@nscg.ac.uk) or calling 01782 254347**

# Next stop College



Starting college is a big step - and an exciting one! There's so much to look forward to, but it's totally normal to feel a bit nervous at first.

Give it time, and you'll soon settle in and feel right at home.

## **We're here for financial support.**

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may be eligible for help with essential course equipment, meals or travel costs. Please visit [nscg.ac.uk/finance](https://nscg.ac.uk/finance) to find out more.

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## Free transport from Buxton for 2026/7 and subsidised transport from selected areas.

We are offering FREE transport from Buxton to Leek for all new students. We will also offer subsidised transport from selected areas. For more details visit [nscg.ac.uk/leek](https://nscg.ac.uk/leek) to find out more.

Kit and equipment requirements will vary slightly by course and you will be advised of any specific items that you may need at your course discussion or at the NSCG Experience Day, which usually takes place at the end of June.

But here are a few 'essentials' to get you started:

- **Your Student ID and Lanyard** (which will be issued when you enrol).
- **Pens and Pencils**
- **Notebook**
- **Backpack or Bag**
- **Packed Lunch / Contactless Card** (If you wish to buy lunch in college).
- **Reusable Water Bottle** (there are lots of water refill stations around the College).
- **Bus Pass** (If you are planning to travel to college bus if you don't qualify for our FREE transport).

# Save the date.

**Sometimes, success is about being in the right place at the right time, so give yourself a head start by coming along to one of our Open Events.**

Our College Open Events are a brilliant way to meet Tutors and our Principal, chat with students and make your way around our outstanding facilities. We also have Taster Sessions throughout the year so you can get a feel for a subject or course before you apply.

To get a taste of what's to come, follow the successes, experiences and achievements of our students on our social channels.

Search for 'NSCG Leek'.



## Open Events 2025/6

**Thursday 20 November 2025, 5.30pm - 8pm**

**Thursday 12 February 2026, 5.30pm - 8pm**

**Saturday 21 March 2026, 10am - 12noon**

**Saturday 20 June 2026, 10am - 12noon**



It begins at:  
**nscg.ac.uk**



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