



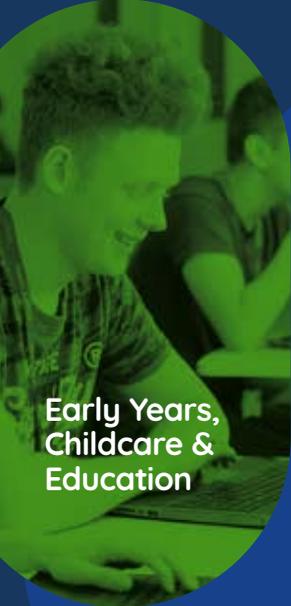
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Seevic Campus

Thursday 4 October 2018 6.00-8.30pm

Tuesday 20 November 2018 6.00-8.30pm

Tuesday 5 February 2019 6.00-8.30pm

Palmer's Campus

Thursday 11 October 2018 6.00-8.30pm

Thursday 29 November 2018 6.00-8.30pm

Thursday 31 January 2019 6.00-8.30pm

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# Welcome to USP College

Seevic College and Palmer's College have merged and this is an exciting time for us as we go forward as USP College. Unified as one college to give you a better choice and higher quality learning experience.

We are committed in preparing you for your next steps towards an exciting and successful career in whatever you choose to do.

Our mix of dedicated staff and effective study programmes will ensure you develop and enhance the skills required to succeed in either employment or Higher Education.

With a comprehensive offer of A-Levels, Professional courses, career packages, employment focused Apprenticeships and a growing number of Adult, Higher Education and Foundation Learning pathways, there are many options to suit your style of learning and ambitions.



In addition to your chosen pathway we provide the opportunity for you to gain real experience by working with local and global businesses on live projects, giving you the skills desired by employers and universities through our College Companies. The safe and inclusive environment we provide will allow you to be who you want to be and make certain that you grow into an ambitious, experienced and knowledgeable individual.

I hope this guide helps you to understand the options available to you, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our Open Evenings soon.

**Dan Pearson**  
Principal & Chief Executive

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# Discover our courses



# What course is right for me?

## Academic (A-Levels)

If you are not sure which career or job you want to do, A-Levels are a perfect way of combining a selection of subjects to help you keep your options open. If you do know which career or job you want to do, then our career packages on page 10 will help you choose the right course combinations for you.

You study three A-Levels over two years, which are generally examined at the end of each course. You can also choose to study a combination of A-Levels and professional courses, details of which can be found in our Academic course section.

They are a great qualification to study if you want to go to university, as many Higher Education courses require specific A-Levels or combinations. We would also recommend that you take Core Maths alongside your A-Level qualification, see page 115 for more information. You may also be able to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which is recognised by many top universities, see page 30 for more information.

If university is not for you, you also have the option to progress straight into employment or go on to a professional or work-related qualification such as a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship.

**See page 16 for more information.**

## Professional (Vocational)

Professional courses are a popular and recognised alternative to A-Levels. They provide you with a career focused route, allowing you to apply acquired theory and knowledge so that you leave us career ready. You will focus on one professional route, so these qualifications are ideal if you have an interest in a specific sector or industry.

The courses (e.g. AAT, BTEC, UAL, CACHE and OCR) are equivalent to A-Levels and well-regarded by universities, allowing you to progress to Higher Education. We would also recommend that you take Core Maths alongside your professional qualification, see page 115 for more information. You may also be able to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which is recognised by many top universities, see page 30 for more information.

Alternatively, you could move on to a work-based qualification such as a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or directly into employment within the same or related area that you have been studying.

**See page 44 for more information.**

## Foundation Learning

Whether you have a recognised learning difficulty and/or disability, or little to no formal qualifications, we have courses available to enable your progression. From advancing to employment, to developing the knowledge to study a mainstream course at the college, each of our programmes are tailored to your needs.

**See page 82 for more information.**

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships come in all different shapes and sizes, combining hands-on training with academic study. From Levels 2 to 4, between 12 to 18 months in duration, our Apprenticeships are tailored to your needs. They are ideal if you would like to get ahead in a particular industry.

You will typically spend one day a week in college and four in the workplace. You are treated the same as any other employee receiving benefits such as sick pay, holiday pay and a wage.

After completing an Apprenticeship, you could go on to further training with a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or related professional qualification.

Alternatively, you could use your qualification to progress to further education or be offered full-time employment, like approximately 89% of our apprentices\*.

**See page 84 for more information.**

## Higher Education

We offer a range of Higher Education courses, enabling you to progress directly on to a university level course on your doorstep. All of our students are guaranteed a place, as long as they have successfully completed a relevant Level 3 qualification.

**See page 86 for more information.**

## Adult Education

Whether you want to get back into education, go to university or are interested in enhancing your career prospects, we have a fantastic range of courses that will help you achieve your goals.

**See page 88 for more information.**

\* Destinations data 2016/17

# Career packages

**At USP College, we want to give everyone the support to reach their dream career.**

Whether you want to work in the city, design ad campaigns for global brands or be at the forefront of medical developments, our career packages give you formal qualifications while helping you develop the skills employers want.

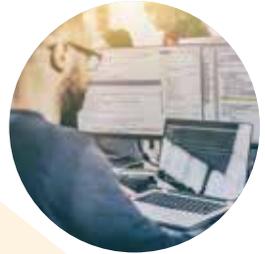
You are free to choose whichever combination of A-Levels or professional qualifications you want, but by studying courses within these tailored packages you will gain the competitive edge when you apply to university or head out to work.

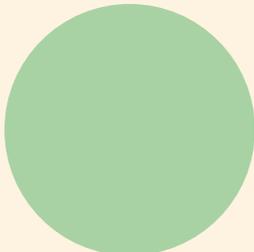
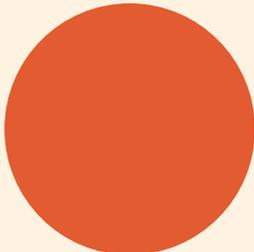
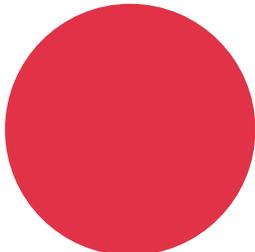
We work with employers to understand what they look for when hiring. Our pathways are endorsed by businesses and through our industry links we make sure everything you learn while at college will help you either continue studying or take your first steps into the career of your choice.

During the academic year, you will take part in seven professional development days focusing on career-specific skills. This could include industry-accredited qualifications, learning how to produce and deliver a presentation, or attending universities to experience degree-level teaching and facilities.

Our tailored packages prepare you for a career as an:

- Accountant
- Architect
- Early Years Practitioner
- Graphic Designer
- Investment Banker
- Lawyer
- Marketing Executive
- Media Producer
- Medical Scientist
- Nurse/Midwife
- Personal Trainer
- Social Worker
- Software Engineer
- Sports Scientist
- Teacher.





# Your study programme

To ensure you leave us as a skilled and employable individual, we partner our academic, career packages and professional courses with other key areas of college life.

## Maths and English

Having strong Maths and English skills is fundamental in preparing you for life after college, be it in work or further study.

If you have not achieved grade C/4 or above in your Maths or English Language GCSEs, you must study Functional Skills or GCSEs in Maths and/or English Language alongside your course.

## Progress Coach

Each week you will have a tutorial session with your Progress Coach, to track and monitor your progress, set individual targets and help advance your employability skills and next steps.

## Enrichment

College life is about more than just studying! As a student with us, you can use your free time and our facilities to explore new interests and hobbies.

See page 100 for more information.

## Work experience

We have a dedicated Work Experience team, USP Futures, who are on hand to support you in finding meaningful work experience opportunities, allowing you to enhance your employability and CV skills.

See page 110 for more information.

Carrying out work experience is compulsory for our professional students. Professional students must carry out 30 hours of work experience per year. All students will also have the opportunity to get involved in work-related activities through our college companies.

See page 104 for more information.

# General entry requirements

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	DURATION	GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>FOUNDATION LEARNING</b>			
Entry	<b>STEP</b>	One year	There are no formal qualifications required.
Entry	<b>Pathways</b>	Up to age 25	There are no formal qualifications required for this programme. It is designed for young people with a recognised learning difficulty and/or disability who have been in receipt of an Educational Statement. 19+ learners will need an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP).
Entry	<b>Supported Internship</b>	One year	A minimum of Entry Level 1 English and Maths, as well as an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP).
Level 1	<b>Vocational Studies</b>	One year	Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths.
Level 1	<b>Traineeships</b>	Twelve weeks	There are no formal qualifications required.
Level 1	<b>Prince's Trust Programme</b>	Twelve weeks	There are no formal qualifications required.
<b>PROFESSIONAL</b>			
Level 2	<b>BTEC/CACHE/OCR/UAL</b>	One year	At least four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language or Maths. At least one GCSE needs to be at grade C/4 or above.
Level 2	<b>AAT Accounting</b>	One year	AAT Foundation or four GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including GCSE English Language and Maths.
Level 3	<b>BTEC/CACHE/OCR/UAL</b>	Two years	At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language or Maths. If your English Language is a D/3, your Maths must be at least a C/4 and vice versa <b>or</b> A Level 2 BTEC Diploma or above and GCSE English Language or Maths at grade C/4 or above.
<b>ACADEMIC</b>			
Level 3	<b>A-Levels</b>	Two years	Average point score* of 4.5 or above, calculated from all GCSE subjects. Your point score <b>MUST</b> include at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above - including English Language or Maths. If your English Language is a D/3, your Maths must be at least a C/4 and vice versa. * See page 14 for how to calculate your point score.
<b>APPRENTICESHIPS</b>			
Level 2	<b>Apprenticeships</b>	One to two years	Grade C/4 or above in either GCSE English Language, English Literature or Maths. If your English is a D/3, your Maths must be at least a C/4 and vice versa. If you do not have the required grades in one of the mentioned subjects, you may be able to take them at Functional Skills level alongside your Apprenticeship.
Level 3	<b>Apprenticeships</b>	One to two years	Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language or Literature and Maths.
Level 4	<b>Apprenticeships</b>	One to two years	Successful completion of a relevant Level 3 qualification.

Some courses have additional entry requirements. Please see individual course listings for further details.

# How to calculate your point score

In line with the new scale our previous average point score of 5.3 is being replaced by 4.5. We have made this change to make it easier for you to understand your average GCSE score and what courses you are able to study.

**To study A-Levels you will need ALL of the following:**

1

An average point score of 4.5 or above, calculated from **ALL** of your GCSE subjects.

2

Your point score **MUST** include at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above – including English Language or Maths.\*

3

Additional specific entry requirements may be needed, these can be found on the relevant course pages.

## What you need to know

- Applied/Double GCSEs count as two subjects and have double points.
- Half GCSEs have half the points value of a full GCSE (also known as a short course).
- Professional qualifications are not counted when calculating the average GCSE point score.

\*If your English Language is a D/3, your Maths must be at least a C/4 and vice versa.

## Department for Education GCSE point calculator

GCSE GRADE	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS AT THAT GRADE	POINTS GIVEN FOR GRADE	TOTAL POINTS FOR EACH GRADE
9	_____	x 9.0	= _____
A*	_____	x 8.5	= _____
8	_____	x 8.0	= _____
A or 7	_____	x 7.0	= _____
6	_____	x 6.0	= _____
B	_____	x 5.5	= _____
5	_____	x 5.0	= _____
C or 4	_____	x 4.0	= _____
D or 3	_____	x 3.0	= _____
E or 2	_____	x 2.0	= _____
F	_____	x 1.5	= _____
G or 1	_____	x 1.0	= _____
U	_____	x 0	= _____
TOTAL NUMBER OF GCSEs _____		OVERALL POINTS _____	

OVERALL POINTS

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TOTAL NUMBER OF GCSEs

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AVERAGE POINT SCORE

# Academic courses

**100% Pass Rate on  
31 A-Level courses\***

\*2017-18 results



# A-Levels

We offer the widest choice of A-Levels in south Essex, many of which are not offered anywhere else locally. All our subjects are delivered by experienced and highly-skilled subject specialist teachers.

Whilst we don't restrict your choice of A-Levels to certain pathways, we do offer career packages which group A-Levels together to meet specific job or university requirements so that you develop the technical and transferable skills needed to succeed in Higher Education (HE) or employment.

See page 10 for more information

## What can we offer you?

- Full UCAS support programme
- Established links with Oxford, Cambridge and top universities
- Experts in facilitating subjects often required for entry to Oxford, Cambridge, top universities and HE courses
- Core Maths and the Extended Project Qualification – looked upon favourably by Oxford, Cambridge and top universities
- A substantial A-Level study programme, including motivational guest speakers.



For detailed information on all of our courses visit [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)

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## 3D Design & Architecture

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject preferred.

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### Why study 3D Design?

Taking 3D Design will teach you the fundamentals of design and visualisation including sketching, recording and developing ideas to understand how to approach design to support making. Through a series of design and make activities and set briefs you will develop your understanding of a range of materials and manufacturing processes for both commercial and one-off production. There is an emphasis on preparing you for a career in the creative arts sector, developing a suitable portfolio to support your progression.

### What do I study?

The course consists of art and design coursework, examples of this include model making and working to scale and an externally set assignment.

### What can I do next?

A course in 3D Design & Architecture allows you to progress on to further courses and also offers a variety of employment options in related design industries. There are a variety of progression options which include courses and employment opportunities such as architectural design, product design, furniture design, automotive design, model making, theatre-set design, special effects, jewellery design and design crafts.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Accounting

Campus: Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/5 in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Accounting?

Accounting is a subject with genuine relevance to the modern world. It is challenging and requires commitment and an analytical approach and is suited to those with an interest in modern business. It is the perfect way to build your financial skills and can lead to degree level study in Accounting, Finance and Business. It is also an asset if you are looking to go straight into accounting jobs or any job that requires some knowledge of Accountancy.

### What do I study?

The course covers both financial accounting and management accounting, although these are not totally distinct areas of study and there is an interrelationship between the two.

### What can I do next?

Accounting students have some of the best opportunities for a highly rewarding career. You could go on to university and study an accounting or finance qualification or enter the workplace. Routes into accounting careers are developing with training schemes being offered by many employers. Our students benefit from excellent links with major employers and have been successful in acquiring school leaver Apprenticeships at prestigious accounting firms such as Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Accounting (AAT)

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Accounting (AAT)?

This course is the perfect starting point if you would like to pursue a career in accounting and also for those wishing to work as a bookkeeper. You will learn basic bookkeeping skills including double entry, how to categorise and analyse costs, how to use Sage software and the basic skills needed to work in accounting and finance.

### What do I study?

#### Level 2 Foundation Certificate in Accounting

- Bookkeeping Transactions
- Bookkeeping Controls
- Elements of Costing
- Using Accounting Software
- Working Effectively in Finance

#### Level 3 Advanced Diploma

- Advanced Bookkeeping
- Final Accounts Preparation
- Indirect Tax
- Management Accounting: Costing
- Spreadsheets for Accounting
- Ethics for Accountants.

### What can I do next?

You could progress to the Level 4 AAT Diploma as a part-time evening student or as part of an Apprenticeship at USP College. Employers will often agree to sponsor employees to study for the Level 4 Diploma as a part-time evening student, if you wish to continue your studies when you enter employment.

Alternatively you can study an Accounting/ Finance based degree at university taking degrees in Accounting /Finance, or take further professional examinations leading to Chartered Accountant status.

 This course is a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

 We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

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“I enjoyed the social life of college and the friends I made. I also appreciated the support given to me from the college to find alternative routes into a career rather than university.”

### Jade Golloghly

*Level 3 Business*

*A-Level Accounting*

A former student of The Brittons Academy, Jade is now working as a Finance Assistant at the National Theatre whilst studying AAT Level 3 at Kaplan.



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“I really enjoyed the large social areas at college and the dedication of my teachers. They really helped me to excel and build my confidence.”

### **Nicol Burchell**

*A-Level Biology*

*Level 3 Biomedical Science*

A former student of The Appleton School, Nicol is now studying Biomedical Science at the University of Kent, before studying Dentistry at King's College.

## **Art (Fine)**

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### **Specific Entry Requirements**

*Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject preferred.*

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### **Why study Art (Fine)?**

This course will benefit students who want to explore the technical and conceptual possibilities of Fine Art. You will be able to refine your creative skills in a range of materials as well as develop your critical and intellectual understanding of the work of artists, learning how to apply techniques and processes to improve your visual awareness.

### **What do I study?**

In the first year you will study a series of projects based upon four Artistic Disciplines: Fine Art, Textiles, Architecture and Illustration. After this you will be given much more freedom to interpret themes for personal study based upon your own interests, practical strengths and using media ad processes from one of the earlier four projects.

### **What can I do next?**

Developing creativity and imagination is becoming increasingly valued in many fields of study as well as a range of careers outside of the arts. After further study a professional career in the creative industries can include work in advertising, architecture, product design, illustration, fashion, teaching, media, set design or even as a professional artist.

## Biology

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents).

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Biology?

A-Level Biology is an ideal subject choice if you plan to study other science-based subjects or wish to progress on to higher-level science courses at university.

### What do I study?

You will learn about a wide range of biological concepts and techniques, including: biochemistry, human health & diseases, molecular & cellular biology, physiology, genetic engineering and ecology.

You will also discover how you have developed from a simple single cell into a complex, multi-cellular, organism and how the genetic code has allowed such complexity to thrive on Earth. You will also explore how society makes decisions about biology-related issues and how biology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

### What can I do next?

Biology is a recognised academic subject and our students have gone on to university to study Osteopathy, Psychology, Biochemistry and Adult Nursing. It can lead on to careers in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, marine biology, agriculture, veterinary science, as well as opportunities with many industrial, scientific and government laboratories and organisations. It is also useful for teaching.

### Additional information

You will be expected to purchase a lab coat from the college for approximately £10\*.

 We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

\* Price correct at time of publication.

## Biomedical Science

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents).

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Biomedical Science?

Biomedicine is a practical course ideal for those wishing to pursue a career in the medical field, including medical science, nursing, radiography or one of the many other fields in the NHS.

### What do I study?

Biomedicine covers a wide range of topics across the three broad disciplines of science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics.

The course draws from the scientific knowledge you learn in the classroom to aid in developing a high level of practical laboratory skills that will stand you in good stead for either further study or the workplace.

### What can I do next?

This course could prepare you for work in the science industry, in particular in the NHS and other biomedical fields. You could also progress on to Higher Education to study a range of scientific degrees including: Pharmacy, Biomedicine, Forensics and Zoology.

### Additional information

You will be expected to purchase a lab coat from the college for approximately £10\*.

 This course is a BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

 We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Business

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Business?

There is a strong argument that in the future everyone will need to have a business education. Whatever you do in your career, the chances are that it will involve some 'business'. Scientists, engineers and artists will need to understand the basics of business – the combination of specialist qualifications and business knowledge will become vital to success. In business you make decisions, take action and monitor results – and each situation is different. In this course you will learn about how to use business theory and concepts to explore and provide solutions to real business problems and think of reasons as to why it might not work.

### What do I study?

Over the two year programme every aspect of business is covered, including: Marketing, Motivational Theories, Management Styles, Finance, Human Resources, Operations, Business Decision Making, Business Strategy and Global Business.

### What can I do next?

After successfully completing the course you will have a range of options including: employment in areas such as banking, finance, business management or becoming an entrepreneur and setting up your own company.

You can go on to university to study subjects as diverse as Business Management, Marketing, Finance, Law or Economics.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Chemistry

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents).

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Chemistry?

A-Level Chemistry opens up a huge range of opportunities in careers such as Chemical Engineering, Analytical Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Research and Medicine. Preferably taken alongside another science subject, this course is ideal if you enjoy and excel in maths and science.

### What do I study?

The course will broaden your horizons and see you gain a broader understanding of the world around you from a molecular perspective such as materials and physical phenomena, and chemistry of living things. The course covers the full range of organic, inorganic and physical aspects of Chemistry.

### What can I do next?

Chemistry is an excellent basis for progression to a science degree programme. It provides a wide range of career opportunities, including: medical science, chemical engineering, pharmacology and research. There are also an increasing number of Higher and Degree Apprenticeship opportunities in sectors such as Chemical Engineering. Former students have gone to the Royal Veterinary College, PhD in Chemistry at Oxford and a Higher Apprenticeship with Rolls Royce.

### Additional information

You will be expected to purchase a lab coat from the college for approximately £10\*.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

\* Price correct at time of publication.

## Classical Civilisation

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Grade C/4 or above in History or other humanities based subject.

Grade C/5 or above in English Language.

### Why study Classical Civilisation?

A-Level Classical Civilisation enables you to explore the roots of the modern world through studying the history, literature and art of ancient Greece and Rome.

As part of this course you will visit the British Museum and take in theatre performances of Greek Tragedy and/or Comedy in your first year. There is also the chance to visit Rome or Athens in the second year.

### What do I study?

- The World of The Hero
- Greek Theatre
- Greek Religion.

You will take part in classroom readings of plays and the epics and be guided through the ancient world with a mix of group activities, films and class discussion. Assessment takes place through three written exams at the end of the two years (with mock exams to help you along the way).

### What can I do next?

Classical Civilisation provides a wide range of career opportunities in teaching, journalism, publishing, heritage or law. Classical Civilisation students have frequently progressed to studying the subject at university. For others, the subject forms a very valuable part of the package for entry to study other subjects at degree level.

**This course is currently under Government Review. Please regularly check our website for its latest status.**

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“I’ve really enjoyed my time at college, my teachers have always been so supportive and encouraging and I’ve made so many new friends.”

### Peace Olusanya

*A-Level Business*

*Level 3 Applied Science*

*Extended Project Qualification*

A former student of the Wilmington Grammar School for Girls, Peace is going on to university to study Banking, Finance and Management.

## Computer Science

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Computer Science?

A-Level Computer Science will see you study the technical aspects of hardware and networking, alongside concepts of programming. This subject is not about simply learning to use tools, or training in a programming language. Instead, it is about computational thinking: a style of reasoning used by both humans and machines. There is an emphasis on problem-solving, application of knowledge and skills development. You will use VB.NET over the two years of this course. Computer Science involves questions that have the potential to change how we view the world. For example at some stage in the future we might be computing with DNA, using computer circuits made of genes.

### What do I study?

- Computer Systems; focuses on the theory side of Computer Science such as looking at Components of a Computer, Systems Software, Software Development, Data, Networks and Boolean Algebra.
- Algorithms and Programming; this looks at writing code, creating algorithms, problem solving and using abstraction.
- Programming Project; this is a final project where you can code for a practical purpose, e.g. a game, accounting program, etc.

### What can I do next?

Computer Science leads on to degree courses including Computer Science, Software Engineering, Games Programming, Web Development and Artificial Intelligence plus many more. You can also move into the workplace in areas such as technician, programming, systems design and development.

## Drama & Theatre Studies

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

*Level 2 Drama or Performing Arts qualification, if taken, or you will need to attend an audition as part of the interview process.*

### Why study Drama & Theatre Studies?

Drama & Theatre Studies gives you the opportunity to explore the theory behind creating effective theatre and develop skills to enable you to create your own. During the course you will look at work in a variety of styles from the point of view of Director, Designer and Performer.

### What do I study?

- Live theatre production seen and approaches to text/text into performance
- Presentation of play extract/devising
- Text into performance.

### What can I do next?

You could go on to study Drama or a Performing Arts course at university or drama college, or benefit from many transferable skills, such as critical thinking, teamwork, negotiation and collaboration.

As well as careers in the theatre industry it has particular value for careers in teaching, law, marketing, public relations, advertising, management and arts administration.

## Economics

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade A/7 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade A/7 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Economics?

A-Level Economics builds the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions.

In year one you will examine issues like competitive markets and uncover the reasons why some markets fail. In year two you will expand on your existing knowledge, with further use of complex microeconomic models, such as monopoly and oligopoly.

### What do I study?

- Introduction to Markets and Market Failure
- The UK Economy - Performance and Policies
- Business Behaviour and the Labour Market
- A Global Perspective.

### What can I do next?

You could progress on to a relevant degree subject at university. Compatible degrees include: Economics, Maths, Accounting, Law and Business Management. Possible careers include Stockbroker, Financial Advisor, Economist or Civil Servant.

Former students are currently undertaking degrees in Economics at universities including Kingston University London and City University London. A number of former students have also secured successful careers with prestigious companies such as: Shell, Clifford Chance and HSBC.

**We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.**

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“When I first arrived in England three years ago I was looking for a place to study. Seevic was the most welcoming, supportive and professional. They provided me with more challenging questions and tasks.”

### Anastasia Krief

*A-Level Further Maths*

*A-Level Physics*

*A-Level Chemistry*

*Computer Science*

*Extended Project Qualification*

Anastasia is planning to study Engineering at Imperial College London.



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“The social areas and study spaces were great and I really appreciated how the student experience was put at the forefront of everything.”

### **Wendy Mach**

*A-Level English Literature*

*A-Level History*

*A-Level Psychology*

*Extended Project Qualification*

A former student of The Hathaway Academy, Wendy is now studying for a BA joint-honours degree in Philosophy & Literature at the University of Warwick.

## **Engineering**

### **Campus: Seevic**

#### **Specific Entry Requirements**

*Grade B/5 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*To study this course you will ideally be studying A-Level Maths and another Engineering related A-Level, so that you have the best chance of progression into Higher Education or a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship.*

#### **Why study Engineering?**

If you are interested in a career in any engineering discipline, plan to go on to university or a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship, then this course would be an ideal choice. This practical course will see you develop both hands-on skills and academic knowledge of Engineering.

#### **What do I study?**

- Health & Safety in the Engineered Workplace
- Mechanical Principles & Applications
- Mathematics for Engineering Technicians
- Electrical and Electronic Principles
- Engineering Project.

Teaching is a mixture of classroom-based theory and practical work; you'll learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. All of the work will be assessed through coursework.

#### **What can I do next?**

This course will give you a choice of opportunities once you have completed it.

You could decide to go on to study a degree in a wide range of Engineering disciplines, or you could progress to a Higher Level Apprenticeship in a variety of different engineering companies.

You could go directly into employment in a variety of engineering disciplines, such as a Technician or Technician Engineer.

● This course is a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

## English Language & Literature

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study English Language & Literature?

A-Level English Language & Literature will benefit students who enjoy reading and creative writing. It is a core academic subject which will hone your skills at analysis and writing creatively.

You will analyse a diverse range of texts; from poems, plays and speeches, to TV scripts and e-communications. You will also consider how English is used in both spoken and written forms, exploring elements from both Language and Literature A-Levels to bring you the best of both.

### What do I study?

You will be assessed mainly by examination with a coursework component in the second year. During both years you will write analysis, essays on literary texts, transformation texts and take part in presentations. As a second year student you will complete coursework which is creative writing inspired by texts you have read.

### What can I do next?

An A-Level in English Language & Literature will prove an asset if you are applying to study any degree course in the humanities or social sciences, all of which place a premium on your powers of written expression. English can also be combined with a wide range of other courses at university such as Linguistics, Drama or Creative Writing.

This course provides an excellent foundation for careers that demand a command of both spoken and written English, such as law, journalism, publishing, teaching and the media.

## English Literature

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study English Literature?

Studying English Literature involves studying arguably the world's greatest literary heritage. You will study plays, poems and novels and will explore a range of genres and time periods, from Shakespeare's work in the 1500s-1600s to the present day. In this way you will gain an insight into both the history of writing in English and its continued vibrancy. If you enjoy reading literary texts, this course offers a great opportunity for you to broaden your horizons.

### What do I study?

The A-Level in English Literature focuses in particular on the history and development of literary genres – how certain key themes and techniques have become established over time and how more recent texts have sought to reinvent genres. It also promotes your ability to connect literary texts to important social concerns, historical contexts and philosophical ideas.

### What can I do next?

As the most 'traditional' of the English A-Level courses, English Literature is particularly prized by leading universities. It will prove an asset if you are applying to study any degree course in the humanities or social sciences, all of which place a premium on your powers of written expression. English can also be combined with a wide range of other courses at university. The coursework unit, in particular, equips you with the independent research skills that are vital to success in Higher Education.

This course provides an excellent foundation for careers that demand a command of both spoken and written English, such as law, journalism, publishing, teaching and the media.



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“I chose to join Palmer’s as my school sixth form didn’t offer the course I really wanted to do, Film Studies. My teachers have all been so enthusiastic and supportive, I’ve really enjoyed my time at college.”

### **Max Staines**

*A-Level Business*

*A-Level Film Studies*

*A-Level Psychology*

A former student of the Coopers’ Company & Coborn School, Max is now looking for employment in the Film & TV industry.

## **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer’s**

### **Specific Entry Requirements**

*It is recommended that students have the following:*

*C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*

*Please note that this course is only available for second-year students, you will be able to apply for it when you are studying at the college.*

### **Why study EPQ?**

Equivalent to half an A-Level, the Extended Project Qualification is an opportunity for second-year students to develop independent research, presentation and essay writing skills.

### **What do I study?**

There will be guidance from teachers but you undertake your Extended Project Qualification independently.

Although you will be required to undertake a certain level of independent learning, you will also be given study skills lessons and regular meetings with a supervisor. The project itself will be undertaken outside of the classroom.

You will undertake a 5,000 word project on a topic of your choosing and you can approach this in a number of different ways; you could produce a research-based report, or make something more creative.

### **What can I do next?**

This course is designed specifically to help you develop the skills necessary to enter Higher Education and employment. It is also looked upon favourably by Oxford, Cambridge and other selective universities; this qualification can help applicants to stand out from the crowd when applying for popular degree courses like Medicine.

## Film Studies

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Film Studies?

Film Studies is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film, the major art form of the last 100 years. We can all enjoy films but a full appreciation can only be reached by developing skills of observation, critical analysis and personal reflection.

You will develop your written and verbal skills, understand how societal change impacts on films made, learn how to make a movie and study marketing and business strategies. The subject covers aspects of social psychology, history, art appreciation, photography, new technologies and business studies. The ideal Film student will have an interest in all aspects of cinema – not just mainstream films.

### What do I study?

- Exploring film form, British and American film
- Film research and creative projects; film experiences, issues and debates.

### What can I do next?

Its distinctive combination of academic and practical skills means that Film Studies is enthusiastically welcomed for a wide range of university courses.

Past students are currently studying not just Film, but also a huge range of degree courses, including Media and English courses at prestigious universities. There are a range of career opportunities in film, television, print and digital media.

## Financial Studies (IFS)

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths.

### Why study Financial Studies?

This course offers you a fast-track to a career in the finance sector. You will develop the knowledge and skills needed to manage your own finances, to become responsible borrowers and sensible savers, and have an appreciation of the need for personal financial planning.

You will also be introduced to all aspects of financial products and services, studying how customers and service providers make decisions.

### What do I study?

The Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS) is made up of four units, the first two of which comprise the Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) which is awarded at the end of year one. In year two you will build on the skills and knowledge in areas including financial sustainability within the wider financial services system and the long-term impact of debt.

### What can I do next?

You could continue onto a university degree course such as Finance, Banking, Accountancy, Business (and combinations of these subjects) offered by many universities, including The London Institute of Banking & Finance.

You could also go on to an Apprenticeship or directly into employment. Career paths have included: banking, mortgage advice, financial advice, credit risk and investment banking.

 This course is a BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

 We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## French

### Campus: Palmer's

#### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE French.

#### Why study French?

As you approach post GCSE study, you are part of the generation which will shape Britain's new future relationship with Europe. It has never been more important for open-minded, outward-looking people to get involved by learning to communicate in another European language and getting to know another European culture. This course will provide you with the confidence, vocabulary, social, cultural and grammatical knowledge to communicate meaningfully, both in written and spoken form. It will also equip you to embark upon a language degree or will provide you with valued, advanced language skills to cope in the world of work.

#### What do I study?

Over the two years of study, you will develop many new language skills. You will learn how to express your opinions, sustain conversation and write written target-language responses to a range of questions based on social issues and trends, political and artistic culture, grammar, a literary text and a film.

You will also learn to apply and manipulate grammatical structures at a higher level, use more sophisticated vocabulary and understand and develop idioms of the language. There may also be opportunities for developing personal links with students abroad, through trips, exchanges and emails.

#### What can I do next?

Many universities now offer pure Language degrees and/or combined courses with subjects such as Accountancy, Business, Law and Engineering. There are careers in business and secretarial fields, but there is a need for language skills in tourism, journalism and education. Greater familiarity with a foreign language is a much sought-after skill.

## Geography

### Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

#### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade B/6 or above in a full Geography GCSE (if taken).

#### Why study Geography?

A-Level Geography is a hugely diverse and dynamic subject. You will explore a wide range of current environmental and political issues occurring around the world, including: natural hazards, climate change, migration, development and globalisation.

#### What do I study?

- Hazards
- Urban Environments
- Coastal Systems & Landscapes
- Water & Carbon Cycles
- Changing Places
- Global Systems & Governance.

You will also have the chance to undertake fieldwork to supplement your theoretical knowledge in one of your Geography units.

#### What can I do next?

Geography is a highly regarded traditional subject for entry into Higher Education. A number of former students have gone on to study Geography degrees at top universities.

There are a range of possible careers open to qualified Geographers including: meteorology, town planning, surveying, conservation, leisure and tourism and environment based careers.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Graphic Design

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject preferred.

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### Why study Graphic Design?

Graphic Design is the communication of information and ideas by visual means. Work is often realised in both two and three-dimensional form through the manipulation of images and typography. You will learn about the elements and principles of design to enable you to produce materials, such as posters or CD covers, that are not merely attractive, but planned, creative, thought-provoking and communicative.

### What do I study?

You will learn the core principles of Graphic Design and its application across a range of areas. Through set projects, students will have the opportunity to explore typography, advertising, photography, drawing, printmaking and illustration.

### What can I do next?

This course is accepted as an entry qualification for many degrees and other Higher Education courses in a broad range of disciplines. It is particularly appropriate for students who intend to go on to study Art & Design at a higher level, leading to a career in Graphic Design, advertising, multimedia design, publication design, book publisher, web designer or illustration.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

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“I’ve met some incredible people at college. I’ve always felt supported and I have been given some amazing opportunities as a result of my teachers’ dedication to provide the best experience they could via learning in the classroom and external events.”

### Reuben Jarvis

*A-Level Geography*

*A-Level Law*

*A-Level Psychology*

A former student of Hassenbrook Academy, Reuben is going on to study Scottish Law with English Law and European Legal Studies at the University of Aberdeen.

## History

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE History (if taken).

Grade C/4 in or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study History?

A-Level History is an ideal choice if you have an inquiring, critical or analytical mindset. It combines very well with other humanities or social science subjects and is an ideal contrasting subject for science and maths.

### What do I study?

- The history of Germany – from the Unification in 1871 to its evolution from empire to democracy by 1929
- British medieval history – namely Henry VI and the origin of the Wars of the Roses, from 1450 to 1471
- Germany from 1929 to 1991 – the Third Reich, the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall and Re-unification
- The Wars of the Roses from 1450 to 1499 – the reign of Richard III (whose skeleton was discovered in a Leicester car park in 2013), the seizure and the consolidation of power by the first Tudor (Henry VII)
- Personal study on a topic of your choice.

### What can I do next?

If you are thinking of a career in teaching, law, publishing or journalism – or any role that requires the ability to communicate effectively and to evaluate/analyse complex data – then A-Level History can help.

Former History students can be found at most of the top universities in the UK. In recent years a Grade A in History has helped such students on to degrees in History, Law, Medicine, Journalism and many other subjects.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Information, Communication & Technology

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study ICT?

This course contains different strands which allow you to develop your skills across a variety of technical IT areas including computer systems, the design and development of computer games, web design and production.

### What do I study?

Mandatory units include:

- Communication & Employability Skills for IT
- Computer Systems
- Information Systems

Optional units include:

- Database Managing Networks
- Organisational Systems
- Security E-Commerce
- Computer Networks
- Website Production
- Computer Animation
- 2D Animation Production
- Spreadsheet Modelling.

### What can I do next?

This course can lead to Higher Education course in Multimedia, Computing, Interactive Media, Games Design, 3D Graphics and Animation.

You could continue onto an ICT Apprenticeship or into a career requiring high-level IT skills.

● This course is a BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

## Law

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Law?

A-Level Law provides an overview of criminal law, contract and tort principles, as well as the legal skills required for progression to a Law degree or to enter employment.

Throughout the course you will learn to develop the ability to memorise large amounts of information including definitions and legal terms, statute and case names, facts and principles.

You will also learn how to write evaluative essays about legal processes, personnel and principles learned. Application of the law through structured problem-solving forms a central aspect of the course.

### What do I study?

- The Legal System & Criminal Law
- Law-making & the Law of Tort
- Further Law - the Law of Contract & Legal Concepts.

### What can I do next?

After completing this course you might choose to study Law at university. Previous students have gone on to a variety of degree programmes, including those at Russell Group universities.

Students with A-Level Law have also entered employment in a variety of settings, including office work, legal executives, banking and insurance. If you go on to complete further legal training you could enter the legal profession as a Solicitor, Barrister or Legal Executive, as well as many other related types of employment.

**We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.**

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“I chose the History course as it provided an interesting array of topics, some of which I had never been able to study before. A memorable experience of the course was our visit to the Tower of London which helped bring the topic of the Wars of the Roses to life!”

### Emily Burgess

*A-Level History*

*A-Level Classical Civilisation*

*A-Level Textiles & Fashion Design*

A former student of The Deanes School, Emily is now studying History at the University of Portsmouth.



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“College enabled me to develop as a person and provided me with some great opportunities, from meeting new friends to playing high-level sport and developing professional relationships.”

### **Josh Powell**

*A-Level Maths*

*A-Level Physical Education*

*A-Level Physics*

*Storm Basketball Programme*

A former student of FitzWimarc School, Josh is now studying Sports Technology at Loughborough University.

## **Applied Law**

**Campus: Seevic**

### **Specific Entry Requirements**

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language*

### **Why study Applied Law?**

This course is ideal if you are interested in how our democratic law-making system and how the English legal system works.

This course provides you with the knowledge to pursue the study of Law to Higher Education and will assist those who wish to enter employment in a related field.

### **What do I study?**

- Dispute Solving in Civil Law (negligence, legal advice & funding, precedent)
- Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law & the Legal System (including law-making and personnel, non-fatal offences and sentencing)
- Applying the Law (homicide, police powers & property offences)
- Contract Law.

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework assignments and exams.

### **What can I do next?**

You could progress on to Higher Education to study Law, Criminology or a related subject. You could also enter employment in the legal profession, for example as part of an Apprenticeship.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Maths

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade A/7 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade B/6 will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

### Why study Maths?

A-Level Maths builds on and extends GCSE knowledge and skills and introduces new ideas, such as calculus and its applications. Most of the course involves using algebra and it covers topics such as Trigonometry, Coordinate Geometry, Differentiation & Integration (Calculus) and Algebraic Techniques and Formulas.

### What do I study?

All students study Statistics and Mechanics.

Statistics develops the skills required to interpret real data presented in summary or graphical form and helps us to draw conclusions about what the data shows.

Mechanics allows us to describe and make predictions about how physical objects move and interact with each other involving ideas such as velocity, acceleration, force and mass which are central to understanding how the world works.

The course assessment is entirely through examination.

### What can I do next?

Maths prepares students for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines involving the use of mathematics such as sciences, social sciences, engineering and business.

### Additional information

You will need a Graphic Display Calculator – the Casio fx-9750G-11 would be ideal.

## Maths (Further)

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade A/8 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade A/7 will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

### Why study Further Maths?

Further Maths is designed for students with an enthusiasm for Maths, many of whom will go on to degrees in Maths, Engineering, the Sciences and Economics, and counts as two subject choices. Most students have achieved mainly A/7 or above across the board in their GCSEs and the approach and pace reflect this. Assessment is through examination only.

### What do I study?

The qualification is both deeper and broader than A-Level Maths. As well as building on algebra and calculus. Further Maths core content introduces complex numbers and matrices, fundamental mathematical ideas with wide applications in mathematics, engineering, physical sciences and computing. The non-core content will cover Statistics and Mechanics to a deeper level than studied at A-Level Maths.

### What can I do next?

Further Maths is a good choice for students with strong mathematical skills who are planning to study Mathematics, Physics or Engineering at university, and for some courses in Maths (or subjects based on Maths) at Oxford or Cambridge and it is also a requirement at some of the other Russell Group universities.

### Additional information

You will need a Graphic Display Calculator – the Casio FX-9750G-11 would be ideal.

## Media & Theatrical Make-up

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media GCSE subject preferred.

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### Why study Media & Theatrical Make-up?

This course will prepare you for a cosmetics career in the entertainment industry or a specialist make-up school.

You will study make-up application techniques, as well as the context and theory behind make-up applications in film/TV and theatre. You will also experiment with a range of special effects (SFX) make-up techniques; discovering how to sculpt, mould and cast your own prosthetics.

### What do I study?

- Production Arts Workshop (core)
- Make-up Application & Creative Uses for Performance (core)
- Special Effects Make-up
- Make-up using Prosthetics
- Full Body Make-up
- Mask making for Performers
- Period Make-up.

You will be assessed by coursework and on-going in class assessment.

### What can I do next?

This course will equip you to undertake a variety of make-up and SFX occupations for the stage and screen.

● This course is a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

## Media Studies

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Media Studies?

The mass media of the internet, film, television, newspapers and advertising play a significant part in our daily lives. This is a challenging subject where you will look critically and analytically at online media, magazines, institutions, audiences, television drama and advertising marketing.

You will investigate media industries, popular culture and digital technologies to understand how television, film, journalism and online media inform, entertain and influence us. The subject combines practical and theoretical work in order to facilitate an understanding of key concepts including 'representation' or 'audience', as well as developing a range of specialist skills.

### What do I study?

You will undertake extensive research and create and evaluate a music magazine as part of your coursework. For the exam unit, you will develop textual analysis skills, through study of moving image, print-based and e-media. Additionally, you will investigate case studies relating to representation in the media (of people, places, issues and events) and audience theory.

In year two you will have the opportunity to further develop your creative skills and the ability to critically evaluate your own work.

You will be assessed by examination and coursework.

### What can I do next?

Media Studies provides an excellent foundation for further study in media-related courses at Higher Education level, as well as for a range of related subject areas in the Arts and Humanities.

## Music Performance

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Competent level of practical performance on one instrument is essential. An audition will be held for you to demonstrate this.*

### Why study Music Performance?

Music Performance is suited to musicians and singers wishing to further their instrumental techniques within a solo and ensemble setting. We cater for musicians with a classical or popular background.

### What do I study?

- Classical Music in Practice or Popular Music in Practice
- Music Performance Techniques
- Working and Developing as a Musical Ensemble
- Improvising Music
- Music in the Community
- Music Performance Session Styles
- Music Project.

### What can I do next?

This qualification could lead to session musician work, community workshop leadership, classroom and instrument teaching and Higher Education courses in music (although additional instrumental/ music theory qualifications may be needed).

### Additional information

You will have the opportunity to release music completed during the course via the college's own record label, Distinction Records.

- This course is a BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.

## Photography

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject preferred.*

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### Why study Photography?

You will gain extensive knowledge on photographers' and artists' work in order to influence your own ideas and practice. Coursework projects will give you the opportunity to explore personal imagery and to express yourself through your work.

### What do I study?

Photography produces creative thinkers who can make informed judgments and decisions through the use of visual communication.

Studying Photography will deepen your understanding of the visual world across different times and cultures and introduce you to the diverse roles and functions of Photography in contemporary life. These skills will prepare and improve your prospects for careers within the creative industry, an area experiencing great expansion at present.

Above all, studying Photography will provide you with transferable skills for the future.

### What can I do next?

Photography is a valid choice in combination with any other A-Level for nearly all university degree courses. A-Level Photography is particularly useful if you wish to study Photography, Film, Video Production, Graphic Design, Fine Art or Media at HND/Degree level or for those wishing to do an art foundation course first. This course is useful for anyone thinking of a career within the creative industry.

## Physics

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade A/7 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade B/6 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (not equivalents).

Grade C/4 in GCSE English Language.

Students studying Physics are also required to study A-Level Maths.

### Why study Physics?

Are you intrigued by the fundamental questions about how, and why, the world around us works the way it does? A-Level Physics will see you build on what you learnt at GCSE level, but with a more mathematical approach.

### What do I study?

During the two year course you will study well established theories and phenomena, learning how they apply in modern science. You will also investigate some of the mysteries and problems that still intrigue scientists today.

### What can I do next?

Physics is a traditional A-Level subject and is identified as a key qualification by Russell Group universities. It is a solid choice if you are considering a career in: medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, computing, chemistry, biology, mathematics or environmental science.

Physics will also prepare you for industry careers, such as those in engineering or electronics sectors. It is also welcomed in other degree areas and a range of employer training schemes in areas such as Financial Services and Business.

### Additional information

You will be expected to purchase a lab coat from the college for approximately £10\*.

\* Price correct at time of publication.

## Politics

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.

Grade C/5 or above in a humanities based GCSE subject.

### Why study Politics?

A-Level Politics will see you develop your understanding of the main political ideas, issues and institutions which shape our world.

### What do I study?

- UK Politics
- Political Ideas
- UK Government
- Global Politics.

You will be taught using a range of techniques including political blogging, contemporary news analysis and essay writing techniques preparing you to take three exams at the end of your second year.

There is no coursework for this A-Level, you will be assessed by written examinations only. You must be prepared to read and keep up to date with current affairs.

### What can I do next?

Many students continue to university to study International Politics, Law or a Combined Politics course. Students have also found it useful for progression on to journalism courses. Potential career paths include teaching, law, journalism, the Civil Service and Local and Central Government.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Psychology

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

### Why study Psychology?

Psychology is the study of human behaviour and the mind. As human beings we have a strong desire to understand why we think and behave as we do. It is the subject's relevance to the real world and each of our lives that explains its immense popularity. This relevance is seen in the many practical applications that have derived from Psychology, the therapies to help those with mental illnesses and the interview techniques to help extract more information from a witness of a crime.

### What do I study?

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology (abnormal behaviours - phobias, depression, OCD)
- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods
- Issues & Debates in Psychology
- Gender
- Schizophrenia
- Forensics.

### What can I do next?

Psychology can be used in conjunction with other A-Levels to gain access to Higher Education. It will be of particular value to students considering careers in social work, teaching, the police, the prison service and medical related careers. There are also career opportunities within Psychology itself, such as Clinical or Educational Psychology.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

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“I enjoyed the balance between guided and independent study, which prepared me for my apprenticeship. I also liked the interaction I had with my teachers, which was always positive and encouraging”

### Luke Tew

*A-Level Mathematics*

*A-Level Physics*

*A-Level 3D Design*

A former student of St Clare's School, Luke is currently a Degree Apprentice for Jaguar Land Rover and studying at WGC Trident College where he will gain a Foundation Degree before going on to study Engineering at Warwick University.

## Sociology

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.

### Why study Sociology?

You will take a closer look at how the society in which you live works and how it fits into an increasingly globalised world. It will help you to understand human societies and to see the bigger picture. You will also develop skills such as communication, using evidence based argument, evaluation, analysis and cross cultural understanding.

### What do I study?

After an initial introduction to some key sociological theories such as Marxism and Functionalism, you will study:

- Education with Theory & Methods
- Families & Households
- Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods.

You will also study one of the following:

- Beliefs in Society
- Global Development
- The Media
- Stratification & Differentiation.

### What can I do next?

The skills you will develop in the study of Sociology are very useful as well as marketable and, together with the insights you will develop into the workings of society, will make you a very attractive university student and/or future employee in areas such as business, health and welfare services, journalism, public relations, administration, education and the police.

● We recommend that you take Core Maths alongside this course, see page 115 for more information.

## Spanish

Campus: Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade B/6 or above in GCSE Spanish.

### Why study Spanish?

As you approach post GCSE study, you are part of the generation which will shape Britain's new future relationship with Europe. It has never been more important to get involved by learning to communicate in another European language and getting to know another European culture. This course will provide you with the confidence, vocabulary, social, cultural and grammatical knowledge to communicate meaningfully, both in written and spoken form. It will also equip you to embark upon a language degree or will provide you with valued, advanced language skills to cope in the world of work.

### What do I study?

Over the two years of study, you will develop many new language skills. To mention but a few, you will learn how to express your opinions, sustain conversation and write written target-language responses to a range of questions based on social issues and trends, political and artistic culture, grammar, a literary text and a film.

You will also learn to apply and manipulate grammatical structures at a higher level, to use more sophisticated vocabulary and to understand and develop idioms of the language. There may also be opportunities for developing personal links with students abroad, through trips, exchanges and emails.

### What can I do next?

Many universities now offer pure Language degrees and/or combined courses with subjects such as Accountancy, Business, Law and Engineering. There are careers in business and secretarial fields, but there is a need for language skills in tourism, journalism, industry and education. Greater familiarity with a foreign language is a much sought-after skill.

## Sport & Exercise Science

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in English Language.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science.

### Why study Sport & Exercise Science?

This course will see you gain an academic insight into the many and varied disciplines of Sport & Exercise Science.

You will learn the theoretical side to sport, while using practical elements to consolidate your understanding.

As a Sports student you will have the opportunity to become a student athlete, combining your academic studies with full-time training in the Storm Sports Academy.

### What do I study?

You can study a range of units including:

- Functional Anatomy
- Applied Sport & Exercise Psychology
- Sport & Exercise Physiology
- Field & Lab-based Fitness Testing
- Research Methods
- Coaching for Performance & Fitness
- Nutrition for Sport & Exercise Performance
- Sport Injury & Assessment
- Fitness Training & Programming
- Sports Massage
- Research Project in Sport & Exercise Science

### What can I do next?

This course is highly suited to students who wish to progress onto a degree at University in Strength & Conditioning, Teaching, Sport & Exercise Science, Sports Therapy etc.

There are career opportunities in teaching, sports coaching and the health & fitness industry.

**This course is a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma, which can be studied as part of an A-Level programme.**

## Textiles & Fashion Design

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art & Design or

Creative Media GCSE subject preferred.

*Students who have not taken a GCSE in an Art & Design or Creative Media subject may present a portfolio of work to demonstrate passion, commitment and ability at an acceptable level.*

### Why study Textiles & Fashion Design

You will develop knowledge and understanding of constructed textiles, dyed textiles and printed textiles – ultimately creating and constructing a successful outcome design.

You will also have opportunities to get involved in fashion shows and exhibitions.

### What do I study?

You will be given practical project briefs, which you will complete on location and in the Textile Studio as well as participate in regular technique workshops. Your coursework in year two will be an individual creative project that promotes personal interpretation and the development of your own individual style. You will be assessed throughout the two years with an externally set practical exam.

### What can I do next?

Textiles & Fashion Design is an ideal A-Level choice if you are interested in fashion design or considering studying textiles, fashion, interiors or costume at university.

You could also take the Foundation Diploma in Art & Design at USP College once you finish your A-Levels.

One of our former students has recently graduated from the Wimbledon College of Arts, part of University of the Arts London and one of the capital's leading specialist art colleges. Whilst at the college she designed and created a bespoke evening gown for the Mayor of Castle Point.

# Professional courses

100% Pass Rate on 27  
BTEC Level 3 courses†

†2017-18 results



# Professional courses

Professional courses are a popular and recognised alternative to A-Levels and provide you with a career focused route, allowing you to apply acquired theory and knowledge so that you leave us career ready. You will focus on one professional route in particular, so these qualifications are ideal if you have an interest in a specific sector or industry.

The courses (e.g. AAT, BTEC, UAL, CACHE and OCR) are equivalent to A-Levels and well-regarded by universities, allowing you to progress to Higher Education.

You can also study some of these courses as part of a career package, see page 10 for more information.

For detailed information on all of our courses visit [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)



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## Accounting (AAT)



Study this course as part of a career package.

**With Accountants needed in all walks of life, this route provides you with the financial skills and knowledge to work in the very smallest and the very largest of businesses.**

We offer an ideal starting point to get into a career in the sector. From learning basic bookkeeping skills and how to use Sage software, to understanding payroll and processing business transactions, you will leave the college with a wide range of sector knowledge.

We appreciate that it is important to gain relevant practice to get ahead in this industry, and so support you in undertaking work experience alongside your study programme to do just that.

So, if you have strong literacy and numeracy skills and can cope with learning at a fast pace, this professional route could be for you.

### What can I do next?

You could:

- Become a Bookkeeper or Accounts Trainee.
- Complete further accounting qualifications, such as ACCA and CIMA qualifications.
- Continue your studies either at university or an Apprenticeship.

Former students have gone on to work for accountancy practices in Essex and London. Many have continued their studies at university, taking degrees in Accounting and/or Finance, while others have taken further professional examinations which secured their Chartered Accountant status.

## Level 2 AAT (Standard Pathway)

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*



“This course taught me the basic principles of accounting with in-depth detail, which I use every day at work. All my teachers were friendly and helpful and wanted you to achieve your full potential.”

### Charlotte Owen

*Accounting AAT*

A former student of The Deanes School, Charlotte is working for Davies Insurance Company as an Accounts Assistant.

# Animal Science

Do you dream of becoming a Zoo Keeper or a Veterinary Nurse? Exploring areas such as the genetics and management of animals, this route is the perfect choice if you are looking to work in this industry.

Gaining the skills and knowledge needed to assist with the care and understanding of animals, our courses will prepare you for the world of animals, agriculture and environment.

Introducing an element of science in Level 3, you will delve into areas such as the biology, metabolism and nursing of various animal species.

Alongside your time in the classroom, you will also carry out off-site visits, trips and work experience at places such as Marsh Farm and Colchester Zoo to build your knowledge of areas like animal health, feeding, nursing and behaviour. We also have a selection of animals at the college for you to care for on a regular basis.



**What can I do next?**

- Progress on to a higher level course at the college, depending on your starting point
- Continue your studies at university or a specialist college in subjects such as Veterinary Nursing
- Apply for a related Apprenticeship
- Seek employment, such as in a zoo, pet shop or kennels.

Exciting future careers include roles like a Zoo Keeper, Veterinary Nurse, Animal Health & Welfare Officer – or even a Feed Scientist.

**Additional information**

You will be expected to purchase a hoodie from the college for approximately £10\*.

**Level 1 Animals (Caring for)**

**Campus: Seevic**

**Specific Entry Requirements**

*You will need the ability to contribute and benefit from the programme, as well as a genuine fondness for animals.*

**Level 2 Animal Care**

**Campus: Seevic**

**Specific Entry Requirements**

*Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.*

**Level 3 Animal Management with Science**

**Campus: Seevic**

**Specific Entry Requirements**

*Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science (or equivalent).  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*

\*Price correct at time of publication



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“I enjoyed learning how to care for animals I haven’t dealt with before, such as reptiles and amphibians. The teachers at Seevic are always helpful and are willing to go the extra mile for you.”

**Kris Ratcliffe**

*Level 2 Animal Care*

Kris is now studying Level 3 Animal Management with Science at our Seevic Campus and her dream career is to work in a veterinary surgery.

## Art & Design

Be part of our  
College Company,  
Live Creative,  
see page 104  
for more info!

**Mixing art and design is a perfect recipe for success in a related industry, allowing you to advance in many areas of specialisation and get ahead in a fascinating and rewarding career.**

Our Art & Design courses offer learners an engaging and creative programme for those passionate about Art & Design, with the emphasis on allowing learners to develop their practical and theoretical skills.

As an Art & Design student, you will find yourself consistently stretched and challenged throughout whatever course level you decide is best for you.

With the support of our specialist staff, you will produce meaningful, ambitious and well executed creative works that are based on realistic workplace situations to develop your skill-set in the field.

The course is aimed at the development of a portfolio of work to support progression, enabling learners to make informed choices with regard to a career in the creative industries.

You will continually exhibit your work within the college and at external events and galleries, including Hadleigh and Leigh Art Trails, Village Green and the Beecroft Art Gallery. Being a trainee within our College Company Live Creative will also give you the experience to produce work for exhibitions, developing your skills to be a confident and professional young artist ready for your next step in employment or further study.

Previous projects include designing murals for Rawreth Nursing Home and Runnymede Swimming Club, and window displays for local shops and restaurants including The Phab Shop and Maison Noir.

### What can I do next?

- Progress to our HND or Foundation Diploma in Art & Design - see page 86 for more information - or go on to another Higher Education qualification at a specialist arts college or university
- Enter employment to work in a related industry
- Study an Apprenticeship to boost your skill-set even more.

Former students have moved into a wide range of related jobs from a Fashion Producer to a successful Tattoo Artist.



## Level 1 Art, Design & Media

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

You must present examples of your art, design or media work which demonstrates your enthusiasm for working creatively.

## Level 2 Art & Design

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

You will be required to present a portfolio of artwork to a member of our team as part of the interview process.

## Level 3 Art & Design

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media based GCSE is preferred.

Students will be required to present a portfolio or sketchbook of artwork as part of the interview process to demonstrate commitment and potential.

## Level 3 Visual Design

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media based GCSE is preferred.

Students will be required to present a portfolio or sketchbook of artwork as part of the interview process to demonstrate commitment and potential.



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“I loved my course as I could express my personality freely through the work I created, whilst still working to a brief. I've had some fantastic experiences, from trips to London and Berlin, to creating window displays for shops on Rayleigh and Hadleigh High Street.”

### Beth Braun

#### Level 3 Visual Design

A former student of Belfairs Academy, Beth is now working as a Sales Negotiator at Rona/Hair & Son Estate Agents using her design skills to create advertising material.

## Business & Finance



**Enjoy the benefits of studying a dynamic programme that looks into the modern business environment, enabling you to contribute to any organisation effectively.**

Covering a range of topics including Marketing, Small Business Planning and Finance for Business, you will quickly develop a range of business based knowledge and skills during your time on our courses. You will also learn transferable skills for your CV such as an understanding of organisational behaviour and structure.

Combining expertise learnt in the classroom with opportunities to visit local businesses on course trips, meet professional personnel and carry out work experience placements, you will leave us a well-rounded and employable individual.

You will also have the exciting and unique opportunity to work as part of our College Company Insight, giving you the chance to work on live briefs from local and global companies, such as Castle Point Borough Council and MORE TH>N Insurance (RSA) - find out more on page 104.

Preparing you for a career across any sector or industry, this professional route is suitable for young entrepreneurs with an interest in all aspects of business and finance – from studying how customers and service providers make decisions, to managing your own event.

### **What can I do next?**

- Progress internally from Levels 1 to 3
- Progress to a number of business or finance related degree programmes at university, such as Management & Marketing and Business & Entrepreneurship
- Enter full-time employment or an Apprenticeship, in areas like banking, financial services, marketing, events management, accounting or law.

Former students have gained a great deal of success both at university and in the job market; from studying an IFS degree in Finance Investment & Risk, through to roles such as a Marketing Officer, Paraplanner and a Civil Service Apprentice for the Department for Work & Pensions.

## Level 1 Business

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*You will need the ability to contribute and benefit from the programme.*

## Level 2 Business

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade E/2 or above in GCSE English Language or a Foundation Learning course in a related area and achieved Level 1 in English for Functional Skills.*

## Level 3 Business

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*

## Level 3 Business & Finance

**Campus:** Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/5 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths.*

Be part of our  
College Company,  
Insight, see page 104  
for more info!



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“I really enjoyed the Business course, especially the second year which included a more practical aspect of the course with the ‘Young Enterprise’ scheme, through which I received the Student of the Year Award.”

### Oliver Parsons

#### Level 3 Business

A former student of De La Salle School, Oliver has taken a break from work as an Architectural Recruitment Consultant for Hinton Spencer and is now travelling around New Zealand and Australia, but will be returning to this position after his travels.

## Childcare



Be part of our  
College Company,  
Care Ready, see  
page 104 for  
more information.

### Designed for students who want to work with children, our courses will develop your understanding of childcare and education.

Students are supported by our specialist staff to gain the skills, knowledge and understanding required to care for children and other vulnerable people. From children's health and wellbeing to play and learning, no matter which course level is appropriate for you, you will learn how to respect and value individuals, plan creative activities and learn about what makes a safe environment for different groups of people.

Our courses will enable you to explore a range of units relating to childcare, including being offered the opportunity to gain a Paediatric First Aid qualification – a requirement of all Early Years educators in the workplace.

We also work with organisations such as “Outstanding” childcare provider Seymour House, to offer work experience placements and regular visiting lectures to ensure you leave us career ready.



**What can I do next?**

- Become a Day Nursery Practitioner, Home-based Childcare Support or a Pre-school Worker
- Go on to complete a Childcare Apprenticeship at the college, see page 84
- Progress on to our Foundation Degree in Early Years or BA (Hons) Education Studies & Early Years degree, see page 86 for more information
- Go to university to study a related course, including Primary Education and Education Studies which can lead to teaching.

## Level 1 Health & Social Care & Early Years

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Level 2 Childcare (Introduction to Early Years Education Care)

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language.*

*Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*A satisfactory DBS check will be required.\**

## Level 3 Childcare & Education

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*

*Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*A satisfactory DBS check will be required.*

\*A DBS check currently costs £54 and you will be required to pay for this prior to the start of your course. Price correct at time of publication.



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“My tutors have been a great support and have helped me throughout my course. I especially enjoyed the work experience and meeting new people.”

### Rebecca Little

*Level 3 Childcare & Education*

*A former student of Castle View School, Rebecca would like to go on to be a primary school teacher.*

## Engineering



Engineers are in extremely high demand both in the UK and abroad. Our courses will set you up for a rewarding future in this varied and exciting industry worth over £456 billion.

With over 40 branches of engineering to discover, our dedicated staff ensure that you cover a wide range of areas to get the best experience on the course.

This practical course will see you develop hands-on skills and academic knowledge of Engineering. You will study subjects such as Mathematics, Health & Safety and Electronic Principles, alongside building practical skills in techniques such as computer-aided drafting, engineering drawing and forming processes.

You will have the opportunity to engage in an exciting design and build exercise during your time with us. Previous projects include a jet powered canoe, go-carts, a water feature for a local company and a fully recyclable wind turbine.

Embracing the pathway that focuses on the challenges of modern global manufacturing industries, techniques and technologies, this professional route is a perfect step to a career in any engineering discipline.

#### What can I do next?

- Progress internally from Level 2 to 3
- Go on to university to study a HNC/HND or degree in a wide range of engineering disciplines
- Progress to a Higher Apprenticeship with a variety of different companies in the industry
- Move straight into employment, with roles such as a Technician or Technician Engineer.

Many former students are now working in a range of different and bespoke engineering environments.

#### Additional information

You will be required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during practical sessions. You may be able to borrow appropriate PPE from us for lessons, subject to availability, but we also offer the opportunity to purchase your own overalls and steel toe capped boots at reasonable prices. Students on the Level 3 course will also need to purchase a small selection of basic drawing equipment, a scientific calculator and general stationery supplies.

## Level 2 Engineering

**Campus: Seevic**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Level 3 Engineering

**Campus: Seevic**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/5 or above in GCSE Maths.*



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“Seevic allowed me to grow as a person and supported me to achieve. My tutors really helped me to see what I could accomplish on my own.”

#### Charlotte King

*Level 3 Engineering*

A former student of Beauchamps School, Charlotte is now studying a Master of Engineering Degree (MEng) in Aerospace Engineering, Astronautics & Space Technology at Kingston University London after achieving D\*D\*D\*.

# Health & Social Care

**Make a real difference to people's lives and get a taste of the health and social care industry with this challenging yet rewarding professional route.**

During your time on the course you will be encouraged to take responsibility for your own learning, helping you to prepare for your next steps in this sector.

Through a mixture of practical skills and academic theory, you will gain the understanding needed to explore the world of health and care for vulnerable people. You will also be given the opportunity to complete a research project, similar to a mini-dissertation, to help you prepare for university.

Complementing your time in college, you will also learn the ropes through work experience and shadowing placements in organisations such as Summercare, Oakdale Residential Home and Basildon and Southend Hospitals. Trips to places like Thorpe Park (linked to Health & Safety) and guest lectures from a range of industry professionals including midwives, paramedics and social workers will also form part of your learning.

Whether you plan to be on the front line treating patients or undertake a more research or administrative based role, our courses will help you to develop your knowledge in a variety of areas including diet and nutrition, public health and promoting the rights of service users.

**Be part of our  
College Company,  
Care Ready, see  
page 104 for more  
information.**



**What can I do next?**

- Dependent on your starting point, progression is available internally from Levels 1 to 3
- Continue your studies by entering Higher Education in specific career-related programmes like Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedic Science, Social Work or Occupational Therapy, or study subjects such as Psychology, Sociology, Health Studies or Public Health
- Progress directly into employment in roles such as a Care Worker, Maternity Support Worker or Occupational Therapy Assistant.

**Level 1 Health & Social Care & Early Years****Campus: Seevic & Palmer's****Specific Entry Requirements***No specific entry requirements.***Level 2 Health & Social Care****Campus: Seevic & Palmer's****Specific Entry Requirements***Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language.**Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.**A satisfactory DBS check will be required.\****Level 3 Health & Social Care****Campus: Seevic & Palmer's****Specific Entry Requirements***Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.**Grade D/3 or above in any GCSE Science.**Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.**A satisfactory DBS check will be required.\**

Please note that some health-related degree courses also require grade C/4 or above in GCSEs Maths and/or Science.

\*A DBS check currently costs £54 and you will be required to pay for this prior to the start of your course. Price correct at time of publication.

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“The college and the course gave me a real sense of purpose and motivation as it showed me a clear route to university. The teachers really cared about us achieving our full potential and not just getting us a pass.”

**Tavis Wilkie***Level 3 Health & Social Care*

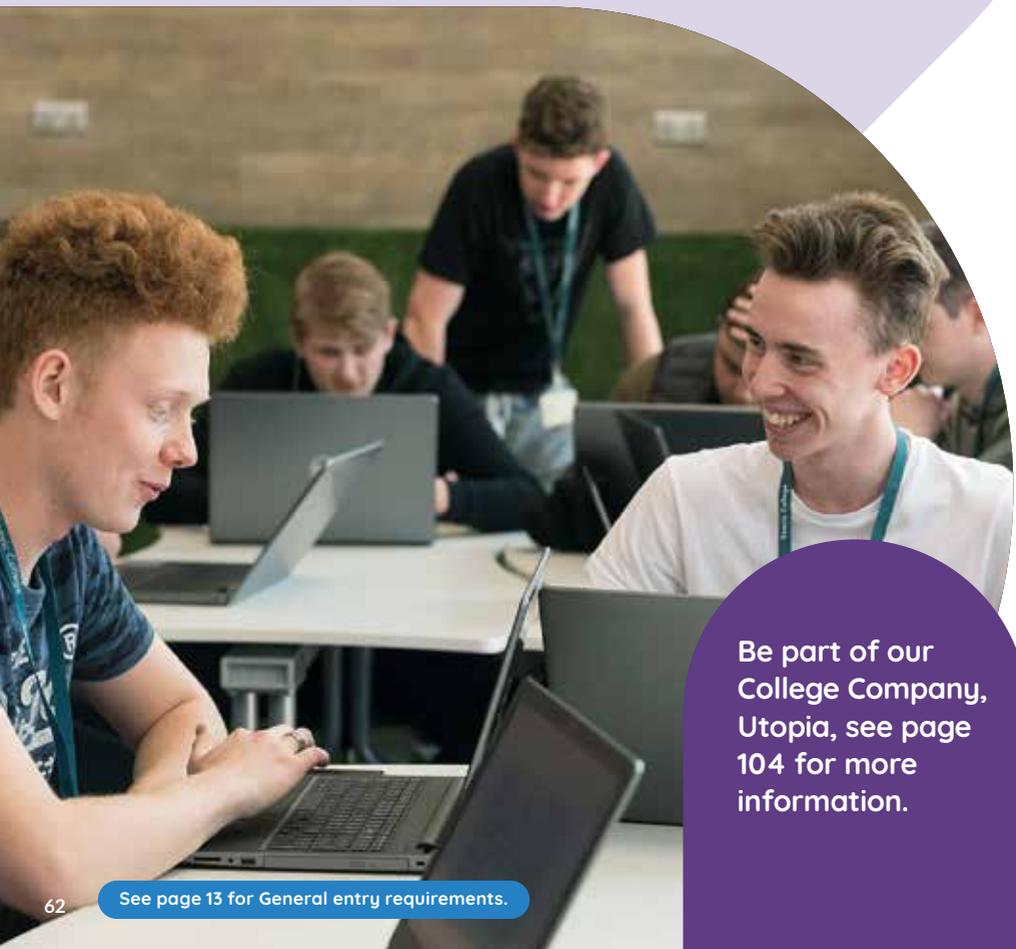
A former student of Belfairs Academy, Tavis is now studying Paramedic Science at the University of Northampton.

# Information Technology

**Encompassing topics including the online world and technology hardware, this route will enable you to progress in roles such as an IT Practitioner or Technician.**

With IT found in the majority of businesses, it is a key part of our everyday lives. Studying a wide range of topics including Animation, Computer Building and Web Design, our courses will enable you to explore this innovative, exciting and fast-paced industry.

You will gain a broad level of knowledge and understanding needed to embark on a related career, developing skills for the information technology sector with some aspects of the creative industries.



**Be part of our College Company, Utopia, see page 104 for more information.**

Using a variety of communication skills you will learn how to adapt a message to your audience, and how to best use the types of information held in the workplace. Work experience placements will cement your learning, giving you the chance to work on live briefs and projects alongside industry professionals.

Designed with your future in mind, our courses have been written in collaboration with Higher Education institutions and industry specialists to ensure that they are fully relevant to your progression in the IT industry.

#### What can I do next?

- Go on to start an Apprenticeship in the IT sector
- Continue your studies at university by studying related fields like Computer Science, Network Engineering, Web Design and Coding
- Enter employment as a Trainee Support Technician with the practical skills learnt on the course.

## Level 2 Information Technology

**Campus:** Seevic

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Level 3 Information Technology

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*


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“My teachers were extremely knowledgeable and easy to talk to and treated you like an adult.”

#### Hayden Keleher

##### *Level 3 Information Technology*

A former student of The Billericay School, Hayden is now working in IT as a Second Line Engineer for the NHS.

# Media

Exploring both the creative and technical aspects of media, our courses will build your digital skills needed for a career in digital media - a booming part of the UK economy.

Ideal if you are creative and have a passion for new age media, you will build the foundations and practical skills needed to progress. You will generate ideas and realise them using a variety of software packages, and research how this ever-changing and fast-paced industry is evolving.

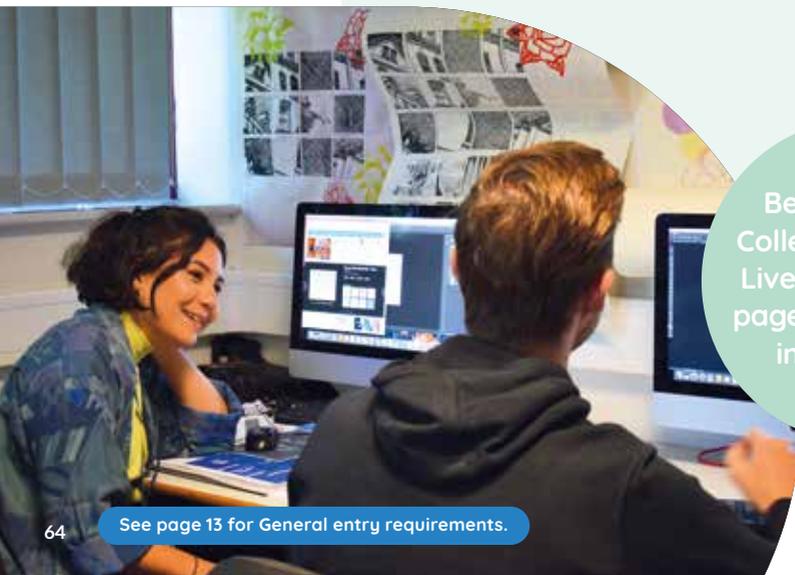
Developing the vital skills needed to work in a range of media related areas including television and radio, you could also include games development in your learning at Level 3.

Our College Company Live Creative will offer you the opportunity to produce games, apps, films and websites for many local and national organisations so that you leave us with maximum experience and an attractive CV to progress to the next level.

Former projects include promotional videos for Leigh Folk Festival and Essex TV, and game design for The Saxon King in conjunction with Southend Museums and the British Museum.

### What can I do next?

- Progress internally from Levels 1 to 3
- Continue your studies at the college with our HND in Creative Digital Media (see page 86), or at university with courses like Television or Radio Broadcasting, Animation and Advertising
- Begin an Apprenticeship in a related field
- Go directly into employment in the creative industries such as VFX, games and web development, media production, marketing or special effects.



Be part of our College Company, Live Creative, see page 104 for more information.

## Level 1 Art, Design & Media

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

You must present examples of your art, design or media work which demonstrates your enthusiasm for working creatively.

## Level 2 Media Production & Technology

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade D/3 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language.  
You also need to show a portfolio or examples of your media work and engagement with media work.

## Level 3 Media Production

Campus: Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

## Level 3 Games Development

Campus: Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Art, Media or ICT is preferable.



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“There were many things I liked about college, including the social life and how helpful the staff were when you needed help with your coursework. All my courses improved my confidence and helped me to work on my strengths and weaknesses.”

### Kristian Chateau

*Level 2 Creative Media Production  
Level 3 Creative Media Production  
GCSE Maths*

A former student of the Campion School, Kristian is now working for Impulse Leisure.

## Music



**These courses will develop your knowledge, understanding and experience of the music industry and the possible career choices available to you.**

Music Performance is suited to musicians and singers wishing to further their instrumental techniques within a solo and ensemble setting. We cater for musicians with a classical or popular background.

The course is a combination of units, some of which are:

- Classical or Popular Music in Practice
- Music Performance Techniques
- Working and Developing as a Musical Ensemble
- Music Project.

Music Technology is suited to musicians and non-musicians with an interest in how technology has affected music.

The course has a considerable amount of written and practical assessments in recording, song-writing, acoustics, DJing, electronic music production and the music business.

The course is a combination of units, some of which are:

- Music Production Techniques
- Planning and Delivering a Musical Product
- Live Sound Techniques
- Marketing & Promotion in the Music Industry.

All Music students will have the opportunity to release music completed during the course via the college's own record label, Distinction Records.

### What can I do next?

Music Performance could lead to session musician work, community workshop leadership, classroom and instrument teaching and Higher Education courses in music (although additional instrumental/music theory qualifications may be needed).

The Music Technology course will give you the skills to make a start in the industry, although university education could further your skills to a professional level. Higher Education/careers options could be music courses in composition and performance, DJing and sound engineering.

## Level 3 Music Performance

Campus: Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Competent level of practical performance on one instrument is essential, an audition will be held for you to demonstrate this.*

## Level 3 Music Technology

Campus: Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Competent level of practical performance on one instrument is essential, an audition will be held for you to demonstrate this.*



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“One of the things I most enjoyed about my course was meeting and working with like-minded students. My teacher was very inspiring and always there to help me learn and improve, whilst allowing me to develop my own creative skills.”

### Thomas Backhouse

*Level 3 Music Performance & Music Technology*

A former student of The Gateway Academy, Thomas is going on to study Music Performance & Production at the University of East London.

# Performing Arts

Combining a mixture of acting, dance, music and theatre, our Performing Arts courses are perfect if you would like to progress in this exciting and admired sector.

Building on your existing knowledge and experience, you will develop a range of performance skills and techniques alongside exploring the personal qualities and attitudes needed to work successfully within the performing arts industry.

With both theory and practical elements embedded within your learning, our courses will provide you with a springboard towards achieving your goals.

The courses are a combination of units such as: performing scripted plays, devising, scriptwriting, directing, contemporary and classical acting techniques, storytelling as performance, physical theatre, movement skills and preparing for auditions.

We have excellent performing arts facilities, including a 200 seat theatre plus modern, spacious drama and dance studios.



**What can I do next?**

You can go on to study at university and dance/drama college in any performance discipline, technical theatre or events management. The qualification will also give students the confidence and skills required for many jobs beyond the performance industry, such as marketing, management, human resources and public relations.

**Level 2 Performing Arts**

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

**Specific Entry Requirements**

*You will need to attend an audition as part of the interview process.*

**Level 3 Performing Arts**

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

**Specific Entry Requirements**

*You will need to attend an audition as part of the interview process.*



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“I chose Palmer's Campus as it had the course that I wanted to do and it is local to me. It also gave me a chance to learn in an environment that was quite different to school, which I really liked.”

**Sophie Bourne****Level 3 Performing Arts**

A former student of Gable Hall School, Sophie is going on to university to continue her studies in Performing Arts and to continue working towards a career in the West End.

# Photography

**This creative course will enable you to produce a professional portfolio and introduce you to this cutting-edge discipline.**

Lasting for two years, you will gain a unique insight into individual areas like digital animation, fine art installation, self-published books and the compilation of stylish independent imagery.

Extensive photography, photoshop editing and a vast range of darkroom wet processes and techniques will also form a large part of your learning, enabling you to build on your current skills and knowledge.



**Be part of our College Company, Live Creative, see page 104 for more info!**

See page 13 for General entry requirements.

You will find yourself steadily pushed yet supported by our dedicated staff, enabling you to create professional pieces for your portfolio.

Although an intensive course, it will teach you everything you need to know about becoming a professional photographer.

Assignments through our College Company Live Creative will give you the opportunity to produce work published and used by local companies.

Previous projects have included photography for the Wat Tyler Country Park website and a magazine spread for Runbo.

#### What can I do next?

- Continue your studies at USP College with our Foundation Diploma or HND in Art & Design (see page 86) or a related degree at university or a specialist arts college
- Study an Apprenticeship to gain further work experience
- Move directly into employment in a related industry such as advertising, publishing, print and media industries.

## Level 3 Photography

**Campus: Seevic**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in an Art, Design or Media based GCSE is preferred.*

*Students will be required to present a portfolio or sketchbook of artwork as part of the interview process to demonstrate commitment and potential.*



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“What I liked most about my time at college was all the friends I made and I received so much support from my teachers.”

#### **Lauren Reid**

*Level 2 Art & Design*

*Level 3 Photography*

A former student of FitzWimarc School, Lauren is going on to study an Access course in Health & Social Care.

## Public Services



**Ideal if you want to work in areas like the Armed Forces, Police, Ambulance and Fire Services, this professional pathway will help you progress in the public services.**

Whether you want to become a Paramedic, Police Officer or are not sure yet, it is important that you have a strong interest in a variety of services as you will explore more than just one.

You will learn the skills and knowledge needed to comprehend employment within the public services industry. Fitness is also important in getting ahead, so a focus on testing and training will be implemented together with core units like Leadership, Teamwork and Career Planning.

Your time in the classroom will be complemented by integral and exciting trips and visits, including attending a Forensic Science Conference and visiting Stubbers Farm for an outdoor pursuits trip.

#### What can I do next?

- You could progress on to a Higher Education course at university, such as Criminology or Forensic Science, or continue your studies at USP College with our HND in Public Services, see page 86.
- If you are aged 18 or over, you might consider seeking employment in areas like the Armed Forces, Police Service, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Prison & Security Services or a wide range of voluntary organisations.

### Level 3 Public Services

**Campus:** Seevic

#### Specific Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.



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“My course gave me an insight into public services and assisted with my teamwork skills whilst giving me the independence to achieve my own goals. There was lots of support available to help me pass my course and move on to the next chapter!”

#### **Georgia Pitcher**

*Level 3 Public Services*

A former student of St Bernard's High School, Georgia is now a Police Officer for Essex Police.

# Science

If you are passionate about all areas of science and enjoy understanding how it is used in our everyday lives, then one of these courses could be perfect for you.

From looking at the applications of science through to genetics, you will cover a wide range of topics across the three broad disciplines of science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Drawing from the scientific knowledge you learn in the classroom, the course will aid your development of hands-on skills at a high standard that you can put into practice in our modern laboratories.



See page 13 for General entry requirements.

Our experienced teachers stem from a variety of industrial backgrounds, with experience in areas such as HIV research. Their invaluable insight in the field will provide you with unrivalled support and workshop sessions, all helping you to relate your theory to the workplace.

#### What can I do next?

- Progress on to university to study a range of scientific degrees including Pharmacy, Biomedicine, Forensics and Zoology.
- Continue your studies at the college with our HND Applied Biology, see page 86.

Former students have achieved great results, with some moving into the world of Microbiology and Virology before advancing to become a qualified Biomedical Scientist.

#### Additional information

You will be expected to purchase a lab coat from the college for approximately £10\*.

### Level 3 Biomedical Science

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (or equivalent).*

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*

### Level 3 Analytical & Forensic Science

**Campus: Palmer's**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in at least two Science GCSEs (or equivalent).*

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.*

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.*



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“The college has a very friendly environment and my teachers have all been so helpful and approachable. I have also really liked not having to wear a uniform!”

#### Thomas Charles

*Level 3 Science*

A former student of The Gateway Academy, Thomas is going on to university to study Biomedical Science.

\* Price correct at time of publication

# Secretarial

**Our Secretarial courses are professionally recognised, providing the foundations for students interested in working as a Secretary or Personal Assistant in a variety of sectors.**

You will develop your knowledge, understanding and practical ability in these areas. From writing business communication through to the management of travel, diaries and events, you will build on your professionalism and attention to detail throughout the course.

Visits and work experience opportunities relevant to your learning will be arranged alongside your time in the classroom, where you will work with tutors with wide industry knowledge.

Secretaries and Personal Assistants are a vital tool in the running of a business, providing endless support. This professional route will offer you an insight into the sector, and help you to progress within it.

### **CILEx Diploma**

The CILEx route enables progression to higher levels within the Legal profession, eg Paralegal.

### **OCR Secretarial/PA**

With the rare opportunity to take a recognised law qualification if you opt for the specialist legal route, you will also acquire the unique, industry desired expertise of Teeline Shorthand, alongside document presentation and IT skills.



See page 13 for General entry requirements.

**What can I do next?**

- Continue your studies at the college with an Apprenticeship in Business Administration, see page 84.
- Secure employment as an Administrator, Junior Secretary or Team Secretary, with the option to advance to a Senior Secretary or Personal Assistant.
- Progress on to a Higher Education course such as Business Administration or Event Management. If you follow the legal pathway, you could study a degree in Criminology & Forensic Investigation.

**Level 3 CILEx Diploma for Legal Secretaries****Campus: Palmer's****Specific Entry Requirements**

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths is also desirable - you will be required to re-sit it if you have not already achieved it.

**Level 3 OCR Secretarial/PA (Legal)****Campus: Seevic****Specific Entry Requirements**

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths is also desirable - you will be required to re-sit it if you have not already achieved it.

**Level 3 OCR Secretarial/PA (Advanced)****Campus: Seevic****Specific Entry Requirements**

Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths is also desirable - you will be required to re-sit it if you have not already achieved it.

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“I have really enjoyed the independence of college life and being treated like an adult. The CILEx course prepared me for the workplace and the work experience was invaluable.”

**Megan Neaves****CILEx Diploma for Legal Secretaries**

A former student of Gable Hall School, Megan now works as a Junior Legal Support Secretary for Clifford Chance LLP.

# Sport



Be part of our College Company, Storm, see page 104 for more information!

## A blended approach of both theory and practical elements, our sport courses offer a stepping stone towards a career within the sport, exercise and leisure sector.

Providing you with an overview of the main concepts within sport, you will gain knowledge of areas such as human anatomy and how it relates to sport, nutrition and sports psychology.

Within these courses there are many opportunities to gain industry relevant qualifications, such as the UK Sports Leaders Award and the Active IQ Level 3 Personal Trainer qualification.

With access to our sports facilities, you will also delve into practical sessions with the support of our expert staff taking part in exercise to understand both self-discipline and fitness.

Whether you are looking to study at Level 1, 2 or 3, our courses are a great choice if you are enthusiastic about a career in the sport industry.

### What can I do next?

- Progress on to a higher level at the college, depending on your starting point
- Stay on to study our BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science (see page 86) and benefit from £1,500 cashback on your course
- Continue your studies with a Higher Education course at university in areas such as Physiotherapy, Sports Coaching, Strength & Conditioning, PE Teaching, Sports Therapy, Sports Psychology and Sports Nutrition
- Go straight into employment with roles such as a Leisure Assistant, Leisure Duty Manager, Gym Instructor or Personal Trainer
- Begin an Apprenticeship in a related field.

One of our former students went on to study Strategic Communications at Oklahoma State University after receiving a full track and field scholarship. Other students have gone on to roles including Strength & Conditioning Coach at Southend United FC, Netball Coach, teaching, sports therapy, sports psychology and sports nutrition.

## Level 1 Sport

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Level 2 Sport

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade D/3 or above in any related Sport GCSE.  
Grade D/3 or above in GCSE English Language,  
Maths and/or any Science would also be an  
advantage.*

## Level 3 Sport & Exercise Science

**Campus:** Seevic & Palmer's

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science.*

## Level 3 Physical Activity, Fitness & Exercise Science

**Campus:** Seevic

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade C/4 or above in GCSE English Language.  
Grade C/4 or above in GCSE Maths.  
Grade C/4 or above in any GCSE Science.*

You will have the opportunity to become a student-athlete, combining your academic studies with full-time training in our Storm Sports Academies, see page 108.



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“I live quite a long way from the college so it was a big decision for me to come, but it was the right decision. The rugby coaching has been incredible and has helped me develop as a player and it has given me so many opportunities.”

### George Griffiths

#### *Level 3 Sport & Exercise Science*

A former student of Ormiston River Academy, George was scouted whilst playing a game in Southend and has recently played for Durban Sharks Rugby Academy in South Africa before studying Strength & Conditioning at St Mary's University in Twickenham.

## Travel & Tourism



**As one of the world's biggest employers, the Travel & Tourism sector is a thriving and dynamic global marketplace with a wide range of exciting career opportunities.**

Exploring areas like customer service, retail travel operations and worldwide destinations, our courses will develop your knowledge and understanding of this interesting industry. Some of our industry specialist teachers have worked as Travel Agents, allowing you to learn first-hand about this profitable business sector, the type of work it has to offer and how to plan and organise holidays efficiently.

Embodying the true spirit of the global travel industry, there will be a number of engaging course trips where you can observe businesses at work. You will also hear from a number of relevant guest speakers from the sector such as professionals from STA Travel, allowing you to get a taste of their experience and knowledge.

Work experience placements in businesses such as Southend Airport and The Royal Hotel will complete your programme to ensure you are ready for your next step.

#### What can I do next?

- Continue your studies in a travel and tourism-related degree at university, such as Tourism, Event Management and Aviation Management.
- Move directly into work in the industry as a Travel Agent, an overseas Representative, an Air Cabin Crew Member or Events Assistant.

Former students have gone on to achieve cabin crew positions with leading airline companies such as British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Qantas. The continued expansion of Southend Airport also offers various opportunities with easyJet.

### Level 2 Travel & Tourism

**Campus: Seevic**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

### Level 3 Travel & Tourism

**Campus: Seevic**

#### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*



“I chose to study at the college due to the location and accessibility of the college and because it offered the course I wanted to do. My course has given me an insight into the industry and my chosen career path.”

#### Becky Wiggins

*Level 3 Travel & Tourism*

A former student of FitzWimarc School, Becky is now working as a cabin crew member with a leading airline.

## Foundation Learning



**We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn, develop and aspire to live confidently and independently.**

With a focus on employability and independent living skills, we offer specifically designed work and college-based courses for individuals with and without learning difficulties who would benefit from learning within a supported environment.

To ensure you enjoy a smooth transition from school to college, we have developed close links with the community, including the local authority, specialist Information, Advice & Guidance teams, specialist schools and senior schools. This also enables students to benefit from a broad range of work experience opportunities.

Class sizes are kept small so that you receive the attention you require to develop Preparation for Adulthood outcomes for employment, health, independent living and community inclusion.

We deliver supported learning and additional courses such as Functional Skills Maths and English, Personal & Social Development, as well as other individualised employability programmes.

### What can I do next?

Our courses are designed to suit your individual needs and our specialist team will work closely with you to ensure they are tailored to your goals. Your study programme will be suitably challenging, preparing you for the next steps in your adult life.

## Level 1 Vocational Studies

**Campus: Seevic**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*You will need the ability to contribute and benefit from the programme.*

## Pathways

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Level 1 Prince's Trust Team Programme

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Skills to Employment Progression (STEP)

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Supported Internship

**Campus: Seevic**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

## Entry Level & Level 1 Functional Skills English

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade F/2 - G/1 in GCSE English Language.*

## Entry Level & Level 1 Functional Skills Maths

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*Grade F/2 or below in GCSE Mathematics.*

## Traineeships

**Campus: Seevic & Palmer's**

### Specific Entry Requirements

*No specific entry requirements.*

# Apprenticeships

Campus: Seevic

**An Apprenticeship is a real job with training that enables you to earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.**

Typically lasting between 12 and 18 months, our Apprenticeships are designed around you to help you develop the skills employers want.

We appreciate that one size doesn't fit all, so with a roll-on roll-off contract, you're able to start most of our Apprenticeships at any time during the year.

## **Why choose an Apprenticeship?**

- Earn a salary and receive paid holiday
- Learning tailored towards your individual needs
- Access to industry standard facilities and resources
- Teachers with real-life industry experience
- Excellent progression opportunities.



**Accounting (AAT)**

**Business Administration**

**Childcare**

**Pharmacy**

**Supporting Teaching & Learning in School**

Alongside earning a minimum of £3.70 per hour\*, you will typically be in the workplace four days a week learning relevant skills and knowledge amongst specialists.

On the other day, you will be in college learning the theory required for your desired industry.

#### What can I do next?

- Progress on to a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or related professional qualification
- Continue your studies in a related field at university
- Enter directly into employment.

\* Correct at time of going to print

† Destinations data 2016/17



Around 89% of apprentices are offered full-time employment or continue their education after completion.†

# Higher Education

Campus: Seevic

**Our range of Higher Education courses enable you to progress directly on to a university level course with us, after successfully completing a relevant Level 3 qualification.**

## Why study Higher Education at USP College?

- University level courses on your doorstep
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding support
- Save thousands of pounds on living and accommodation costs.

## Guaranteed Place

Students who have completed a relevant Level 3 course with us are guaranteed a Higher Education place at the college, subject to meeting the entry requirements.

## Student Finance

There are a number of options to help you pay for your Higher Education course, including tuition fee loans and maintenance loans or grants.

For more information on all the options visit [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance) email [yourfuture@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:yourfuture@uspcollege.ac.uk) or call 01268 882 666.

## Our courses:

**Applied Biology**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Art & Design**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Computing**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Creative Digital Media**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Early Years\***  
Level 4/5 Foundation Degree

**Education Studies & Early Years\***  
Level 6 BA (Hons) Degree (Top-up)

**Health Promotion & Social Care\***  
Level 6 BSC (Hons) Degree

**Hospitality Management<sup>></sup>**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Public Services**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

**Sport & Exercise Performance<sup>†</sup>**  
Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree

**Travel & Tourism<sup>></sup>**  
Level 4/5 HNC/HND

\* Validated by the University of Hertfordshire.

<sup>></sup> Based at our Docklands Academy London Campus.

<sup>†</sup> Validated by Writtle University College.

**£1,500 bursary per year for Level 3 USP College students who progress on to the Sports Degree.**

100% student satisfaction in the 2017 National Student Survey results!

100% of our students went onto employment or further study, of which 76.2% was in a highly skilled sector.\*

\* The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)



# Adult Education

Campus: Seevic

Whether you want to get back into education, go to university or are interested in enhancing your career prospects, we have a fantastic range of courses that will help you achieve your goals.

If you have not completed a Level 2 or 3 course already, you MAY be eligible to study for FREE!\*



Advanced Learner Loan



## Our courses:

GCSE English Language Level 2

GCSE Maths Level 2

Pre-Access Level 2

Accounting (AAT) Level 2

Accounting (AAT) Level 3 ✓

Accounting (AAT) Level 4 ✓

Access to Higher Education Level 3 ✓

- Business & Law
- Criminology & Social Science
- Health & Health Related Professions
- Humanities & Social Science
- Social Work
- Teaching.

Education & Training Diploma Level 5

Support for Teaching & Learning in Schools NCFE Diploma Level 3

Advanced Learner Loan ✓

If you are aged 19 or over and studying an eligible Level 3 or 4 course, you may qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your studies. You don't pay the loan back until you earn £25,000 or more and if you study the Access course and go on to complete a degree, your loan will be written off by the Government.

## Financial Support

We may be able to offer financial assistance with course related costs through our Discretionary Learner or Childcare Support Funds.

Visit our website or contact Admissions on **01268 882 618** to find out more.

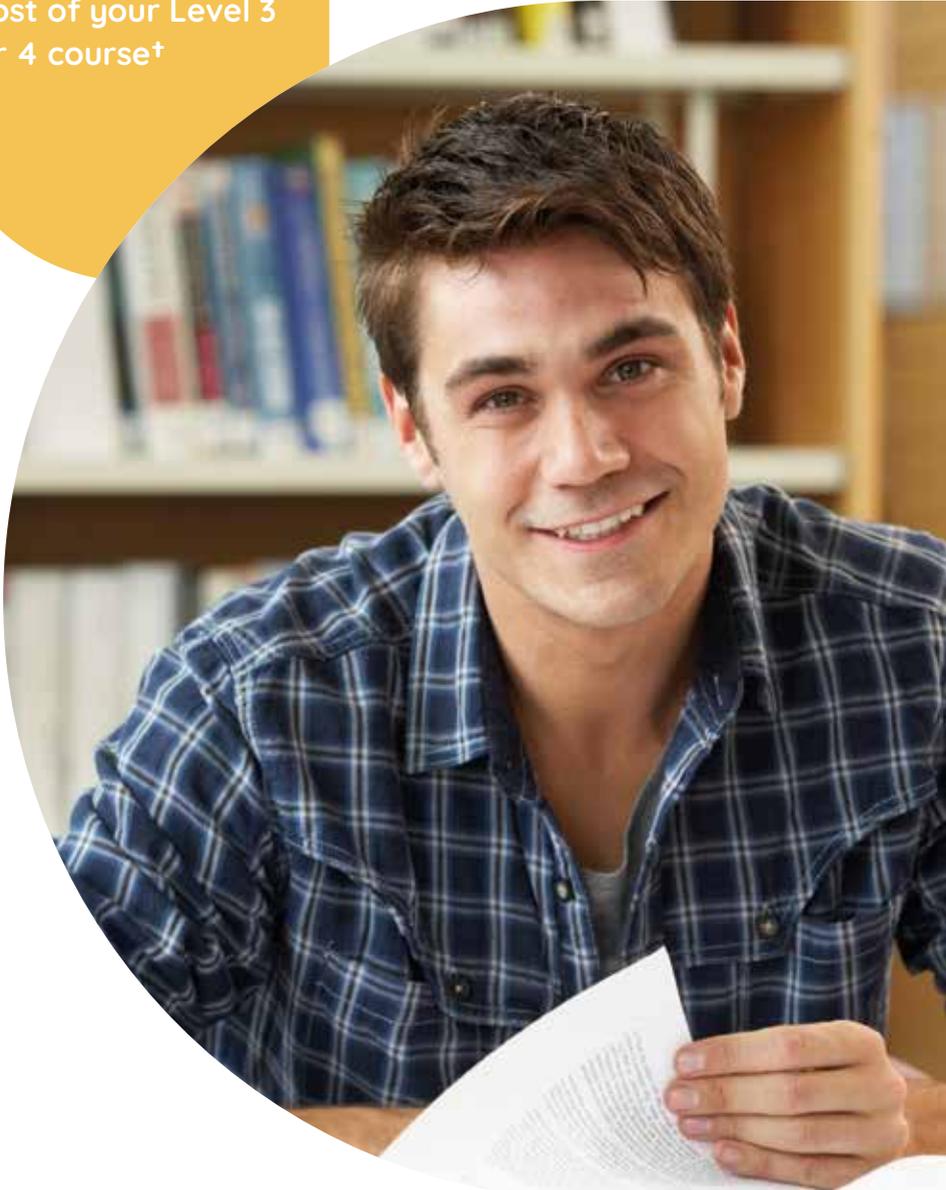
\*Subject to funding, call 01268 882 618 for more information.

† Visit our website to find out more.

Aged 19 or over? ✓

You could receive an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your Level 3 or 4 course†

For further information about our Adult courses and financial support options, visit [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)



# Joining USP College





# How to apply

You can apply to study at USP College by completing the online application form on our website [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)

## Choosing the right course

It is really important to ensure that your course choice is suitable for your ambitions now and in the future, whether it is going to university or work after you have finished college.

If you are unsure on what course to take, come along to one of our Open Evenings (see page 2). Alternatively you can book a careers interview with our fully qualified Careers Advisors by emailing [careers@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:careers@uspcollege.ac.uk) or calling Seevic Campus **01268 882 666** or Palmer's Campus **01375 370 121**.

## Tuition fees

If you have lived in the United Kingdom or European Economic Area (EEA) for the past three years and are under 19 on 31 August 2019 at the start of your course, you will not be charged tuition fees, as long as this is your first full width Level 3 qualification. For Adult and HE fees please visit our website [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk).

## Resource and course costs

If you are applying to study a course that requires resources which will be retained, you will be charged for the consumables. You will also be asked to pay for trips that form part of your course (e.g. theatre trips for Performing Arts).

All students will be asked to pay a book fee; more information will be provided when you enrol at the college.

## Admissions

**01268 882 618**

[admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk)

# What happens next?

## 1 Application

When we receive your application, we will email or write to you to let you know your application has arrived safely. Our Admissions Team will then manage your application.

## 2 Interview

We will invite you to an interview where you will be able to discuss your options and course choice(s); we will give you immediate feedback. You can also discuss any support you might need.

## 3 Offer

After your interview, we will write to you and confirm the outcome.

## 4 Pre-enrolment

You will be invited to come into college at the start of July to find out more about the course(s) you have chosen and explore the college facilities.

## 5 Enrolment

If your course starts in September you will receive information advising you when you need to enrol during the summer. Enrolment starts from the day GCSE results are released, normally the third week in August – please be aware of this when planning your holidays.



# Life at USP College





# Supporting you

## Safeguarding

We have a duty to keep all of our students safe whilst at college. If you are concerned about your safety, or the wellbeing of any student, please tell us. All members of staff are trained and will be able to ensure that you are supported effectively.

## Fundamental British Values & Prevent

We promote Fundamental British Values and work with you, external partners and the community to build resilience and limit risk to radicalisation to ensure we are safeguarding you in a positive environment.

## Progress Coach

Your Progress Coach will become a key player in your journey throughout college. You will meet with them on a regular basis to ensure you are on track to achieve your goals, through agreed targets and access to the right support.

## Wellbeing

We understand that life isn't always easy and that sometimes you face problems inside and outside of college, which can make things difficult for you. That's why we have a team of Wellbeing Advisors and college Counsellors to help you through any difficulties.

## Learning Plus

We are committed to providing equal opportunities and respect all students for their abilities, aims and individuality. The team is made up of specialist, qualified and well-trained staff who are committed to helping you achieve and build your independence. They work directly with you in the classroom and in the support centre.

The team can also provide in-class support, organise specialist assessments and exam arrangements, as well as help improve your study skills by supporting you with planning essays, structuring coursework and improving time management skills.

For further information on the needs we support and how we can help, search for Learning Plus at [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)

## Accessibility

Most college buildings are accessible to students with physical and sensory impairments. Our main buildings have lift access to each floor and an accessible toilet. We also have a specialist wet room at our Seevic Campus.

## Financial Support

We are able to offer you a wide range of financial support depending on your individual circumstances.

- **Vulnerable Bursary**  
Regularly paid bursaries if you are in care, a care leaver, in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in place of Income Support in your own right, or in receipt of Employment & Support Allowance or Universal Credit and Disability Living or Personal Independence Payments in your own right.
- **Discretionary Bursary**  
Discretionary bursaries towards some course costs such as transport, equipment and trips – if you face financial barriers to studying.
- Support towards childcare costs.
- All students aged between 16 and 19, who are eligible based on their family's household income, can also apply for a bursary when they come in at enrolment.

Students who are confirmed as eligible for either the Vulnerable Bursary or the Discretionary Bursary will also be eligible for Free Meals.

To find out more and if you are eligible, visit [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk) or call Admissions on **01268 882 618**.



## Trips and resources costs

You will be asked to pay for trips and visits that form part of your course, eg. theatre trips for Performing Arts. Also, there are some courses, such as art, which may incur a charge for equipment and resources used.

If you require a DBS check as part of your course, you will be required to pay for this. A DBS check is currently £54.\*

Financial help is available to some students from lower income families and you will be able to find out more about the help available when you enrol.

\*Price correct at time of going to print.

# Facilities at our campuses

## Immersive Rooms

State-of-the-art classrooms have been installed which allow a seamless link between campuses, alongside dedicated study space for students to complete coursework or revise. The learning space includes 84-inch LED screens, side wall projectors and cameras that capture students and teachers.

## Theatre

Both campuses have their own in-house theatre which, as well as being an ideal practice space for students of the dramatic arts, they are also great places to catch ground-breaking performances and charity events throughout the year.

## Storm Fit

Our Storm Fit gyms have excellent indoor and outdoor facilities, which include: all-weather floodlit football and hockey pitches, tennis and netball courts, squash courts, aerobic studio and fitness suite.

## Multifaith and Contemplation Room

We are proud that our students and staff represent a diverse range of ethnic backgrounds, religions and cultures. All students and staff have access to a Multifaith and Contemplation room.

## Our Restaurants

Offering a wide range of hot and cold food, with plenty of breakfast and lunch options available every day (including gluten free), our Restaurants are a student favourite.

Our Seevic restaurant benefits from its own jukebox (courtesy of the Student Union), allowing you to choose the music you want to hear while you enjoy your meal. Whilst our Palmer's restaurant has a Costa Coffee bar which is extremely popular, serving your Costa favourites.

## LINC and LRC

Our Learning & Information Centre (LINC) at our Seevic Campus and our Library Resource Centre (LRC) at our Palmer's Campus are friendly and supportive learning environments, that make great places for students to work independently or in small groups. They are well stocked with a wide range of resources to help you with your studies.

The LINC and LRC help you to get the best out of your time at college, helping you with your subjects, improving your research skills, keeping you up to date and providing an opportunity to study in a quiet, welcoming atmosphere.



There are a number of computers you can use whenever you want and, if you have your own device, you can also enjoy free Wi-Fi!

#### **The Network at Seevic Campus**

An innovative learning space has been created at Seevic Campus which includes interactive smart boards and break out areas for group study.

#### **The Hub at Seevic Campus**

The Hub is a great open social space where you can hang out with your friends between lessons or catch up with them for lunch.

#### **Lower Student Centre at Palmer's Campus**

The Lower Student Centre provides additional social learning space for independent or group study. It is a relaxed place to work and meet friends, and ideal for larger groups to work together.

# Enrichment

College life is about more than studying! As a student with us, you can use your free time and our facilities to explore new interests and hobbies.

From attending musicals such as School of Rock, to letting off some steam at Jump Giants, we offer a wide variety of activities for you to get involved in outside of the classroom.

Alongside external trips, we also provide in-house clubs such as an LGBTQ+ group, chess club and debating society.



## Student Union

Our lively Student Union (SU) is made up of students just like you, who are

committed to influencing positive change for existing and future students.

## Trips

There are regular trips that you can attend during your time at the college. You could travel abroad to destinations like Paris, Amsterdam and New York, as well as day trips to places like Thorpe Park and a variety of attractions in London.

## Sport

The college offers a wide range of exciting sports and activities, where you can meet new friends and improve your general fitness and health. The best thing of all is that the activities are usually free to any student at the college! Activities include things like dodgeball, fitness classes, football and basketball tournaments.

## Careers fairs

Our Careers team hold annual Higher Education and employer events, attended by major universities, employers and training providers.

## Make Happen



We work in partnership with Make Happen to raise aspirations and promote interest in Higher Education providing students with the information they need to make the right decision about university. For example trips, lectures and UCAS talks.



# Events

As well as our Open Evenings (see page 2 for details) we are also holding the following taster events in 2018/19. This list is constantly being updated, so please visit our website [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk) for the latest information.

Event	Date	Time	Campus
Health & Social Care Early Years Taster	Monday 17 September 2018	4.30pm-5.30pm	Seevic and Palmer's
Health & Social Care Early Years Taster	Monday 22 October 2018	9.00am-10.30am	Seevic
Health & Social Care Early Years Taster	Monday 22 October 2018	1.30pm-3.00pm	Palmer's
Art Taster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Drawing Sessions</li> <li>• Architectural Problem Solving</li> <li>• Stop Motion Animation &amp; Photography</li> <li>• Performing Arts Workshop</li> </ul>	Monday 22 October 2018	1.30pm-2.30pm	Seevic
Storm Trials	Tuesday 23 October 2018	10.30am-12.15pm	Seevic
Games Design Workshop	Friday 26 October 2018	10.30am-2.30pm	Seevic
Art Taster	Thursday 1 November 2018	4.30pm-6.00pm	Palmer's
Health & Social Care Early Years Taster	Thursday 15 November 2018	4.30pm-5.30pm	Seevic and Palmer's
Art Taster	Thursday 14 February 2019	4.30pm-6.00pm	Palmer's
Art Taster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Drawing Sessions</li> <li>• Print-making workshop for Graphic and Textiles</li> <li>• Design</li> <li>• Film and Video Production</li> </ul>	Monday 18 February 2019	10.30am-2.30pm	Seevic
Storm Trials	Tuesday 19 February 2019	10.30am-12.15pm	Seevic
Games Design Workshop	Friday 22 February 2019	10.30am-2.30pm	Seevic
Storm Trials	Tuesday 16 April 2019	10.30am-12.15pm	Seevic
Storm Trials	Tuesday 28 May 2019	10.30am-12.15pm	Seevic



# College Companies

Offering a range of high calibre services to local and global businesses, our College Companies are led by industry professionals - our teachers - who work alongside a team of trainees - you!

You will automatically become a trainee in the company within your course area and will work on live briefs to real deadlines, giving you a cutting edge advantage over others once you leave college.





### **Insight**

Our Business students work with companies to provide services such as market research, mystery shopping and event management.

The company has completed many projects, including working with MORE TH>N Insurance (part of the RSA Group) on a national campaign to coincide with Road Safety Week, market research for Castle Point Borough Council and Essex Police.



### **Live Creative**

Our Creative Arts students work with companies to provide services which include branding, filmmaking, photography and design.

They have worked on many briefs including producing promotional videos for a local fitness provider, Carers Choice and The Royal Hotel, as well as working with a film company on a TV commercial.

# College Companies



## Utopia

Utopia focuses on Research and Development to give students a wide range of skills and business links with an emphasis on research and development in the local area.

In their first year, students will take part in work experience based on their area of interest and develop a project based on their Research and Development pathway to form an Extended Project Qualification in their second year at college.



## Storm

Students studying sport at USP College have the unique opportunity to be part of Storm – one of the most successful college sports programmes in the country.

Storm provides students with access to a daily training programme, high level coaching and unrivalled Sports Science support.

Our college enjoys a strong tradition of competing in the highest level national and regional competitions.

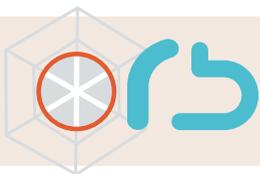


Care Ready

### Care ready

While studying health, care and medical courses and career routes at USP College, students will have the opportunity to become part of Care Ready. This will give students the opportunity to work closely with employers and gain real world experience to enhance their chosen course.

Like all of the College Companies, students will have dedicated study space which has been created to mimic working conditions as closely as possible.



### Orb

Focusing on digital design, Orb will handle briefs from external companies looking to work with our students on projects such as web design, mobile apps and game design.

Students will be able to gain real work experience and evidence for their portfolios by working with local small and medium businesses to design and maintain websites, set up and manage databases and become trainee IT technicians.

# Storm



As a leader in sporting provision, we understand that having the opportunity to improve your education as well as your athletic performance and physical condition is the key to success.



We're sensitive to the needs of high level performers so, wherever possible, your learning programme will be tailored to fit alongside your training and competition demands.

Storm offers you a unique opportunity to be part of one of the most successful sports programmes in England. We compete at the highest level of national competitions – with an array of team and individual champions in recent years. Sports on offer include rugby, football, basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, table tennis, trampolining, golf, swimming and athletics.

### **Football**

Our Football Academy offers male and female players the opportunity to receive elite level coaching while continuing to progress in their education. It provides you with the opportunity to train four times per week and to participate in AoC Sports leagues, National Cups, the English Schools Cup and Essex Cups.

### **Basketball**

Our Basketball Academy is headed up by GB Senior Men's Team Manager, Ross Norfolk. The team competes in the Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL) which is the top league in the country for colleges. The programme includes 13 hours of coaching per week, with specific individual Strength & Conditioning sessions provided by Head of Strength & Conditioning at Southend United FC and GB Basketball Senior Squad Coach, Mark Williams.

### **Rugby**

The Rugby Academy continues to grow from strength to strength and competes at the highest level of college rugby. The programme is very successful with excellent exit routes and opportunities to play rugby at a high level. Being part of our Rugby Academy gives you access to a comprehensive personal training schedule, including tailored Strength & Conditioning designed to improve all attributes of your game.

### **Netball**

The Netball Academy is one of the most successful college programmes in the country and also competes at the highest level of college netball. You will get the chance to participate in a range of league and cup competitions, with regular weekly fixtures. Our two squads both compete in the AoC Sport East Premier League and against netball academies from across the country.

**Be part of the  
leading sports  
college in Essex!**

# USP Futures

**Our dedicated Work Experience team, USP Futures, are here to help and support you in finding a meaningful work experience opportunity.**

Recent studies have shown that employers consider work experience to be extremely desirable. Whilst qualifications are hugely important, employers also require candidates to have skills and experience necessary for the workplace.

Preparing you for the working world is very important to us, so that you may be successful in your next step.

Work experience placements provide you with the opportunity to develop your skills; have a better understanding of the industry you want to work in and give you an insight into what it is like to be employed. They can also be great fun and very rewarding and you may even be offered a great reference, a part-time job, holiday working hours, apprenticeships or full-time jobs.



If you are studying a professional qualification here at USP College then you will undertake a work experience placement of at least 30 hours per year. Some courses such as Health & Social Care, Early Years and Animal Care include extended work placements where you will attend one or two days a week for a longer period of time.

Once you start your course you will be provided with further information about work experience programmes, but it is never too early for you to start thinking about work experience placements and finding an employer who will offer you an opportunity.

Work experience is an opportunity for you to gain experience in your chosen career path in order to develop relevant skills. Equally it also helps you to acquire employability skills, attitudes and behaviours that are essential for future employment. There will be an opportunity for you to reflect on your performance during work experience and you will receive some form of reference/feedback from the employer.



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“My work experience at the Port of Tilbury gave me the opportunity to use my IT skills in a real working environment and an insight into how the Port of Tilbury works. It has given me great experience, which I will be able to use in my future employment.”

**Talulla Kirsopp**

Level 3 Information Technology  
A former student of William Edwards. Talulla won the Work Experience Student of the Year Award and also gained a part-time job at the Port of Tilbury after completing her work experience with them.

Open to all  
students

# Voluntary Service

**Our student volunteers are amazing!  
Could you be one?**

Voluntary Service offers you an exciting opportunity to become involved in your community and develop skills that you will not gain in a classroom.

Whether you want to give something back or gain experience critical for your future career, e.g. teaching or medical careers, then this could be for you.

As well as being a rewarding experience you can:

- Meet new people and develop your confidence
- Gain new skills and experiences.
- Make a difference to the local community and have fun along the way.

At the end of the course you will be invited to an awards event and will receive a certificate to recognise your volunteering.

The course runs September – May and during this time you will:

- Volunteer one afternoon a week in a community setting, for example: schools, nurseries, care homes, charity shops, and nature reserves
- Meet regularly with your Voluntary Service teacher and keep a weekly diary of your volunteering attendance and activities
- Produce a reflective piece of work.

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“Voluntary Service has allowed me to experience lots of new and wonderful things, whilst boosting my confidence massively.”

**Rebecca Greig**

A former student of Hassenbrook Academy, Rebecca volunteered in year one at Hassenbrook Academy and in year two Thameside Primary School - to gain experience in counselling/mentoring for her future career pathway.

Open to all  
students

# Preparing to Teach Taster Programme

This is an exciting opportunity to find out if a teaching career is for you and to experience life in the classroom from the teacher's perspective. It can also help you decide whether you would like to teach Primary, Secondary or SEN pupils.

The Thurrock Teaching School Alliance provides a comprehensive programme which is timetabled one morning each week October to March.

The course is experience/activity based, there is no coursework or any written assignments.

## You will:

- Attend an introduction day
- A variety of workshops covering subjects such as planning lessons, managing student behaviour, marking and feedback
- Have the opportunity to teach 'micro lessons' to pupils.
- Visit local Primary, Secondary and SEN schools
- Visit Canterbury Christchurch University to discover routes in to teaching
- Attend an Awards Ceremony.

**TTSA** Thurrock Teaching  
School Alliance

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“It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with a group of such mature and dedicated students.

I have been incredibly impressed by the skills and aptitude that the students have shown at such an early stage and I really hope that they will achieve their dream of going into teaching, and that they'll eventually become our colleagues.”

Maria Stevens from Thurrock  
Teaching School Alliance.

# Progression to Higher Education

If Higher Education (HE) is the ideal next step for you, we will support you from the point of selecting an appropriate course at application through to securing your place.

Progressing to HE is a fantastic achievement for any young person, and we are here to help you every step of the way.

For more information on the HE courses we offer at our Seevic Campus, please see page 86.



Our highly experienced Careers Team provide a comprehensive support programme open to all students who wish to apply to university.

**We offer all students:**

- Extensive Information, Advice & Guidance
- UCAS support programme
- Specialist support events for parents about the university application process.

Former students have progressed to many top national universities, such as the University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Bath, University of Exeter and Loughborough University.

**Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

We also give you the chance to develop the skills necessary to enter HE and employment by completing the EPQ. It is looked upon favourably by universities and can help applicants stand out from the crowd when applying for popular degree courses like Medicine.

**See page 30 for more information.**

**Core Maths**

Core Maths is for students who have achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths and who need to be equipped for the mathematical and quantitative demands of HE courses or employment.

The primary focus is on using and applying mathematics and statistics to address authentic problems and real-life scenarios, drawn from study, work and life, with a strong emphasis on problem-solving. Many roles in the workplace require high levels of budget management and problem-solving skills and Core Maths will be a useful tool in equipping you with these skills.

Core Maths is looked upon favourably by employers and universities and it has been endorsed by the Russell Group universities.

**STEP Maths (for Maths and Further Maths students)**

If you are applying for certain courses at the University of Cambridge or the University of Warwick, you may need to take STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper).

STEP Maths is a well-established maths examination designed to test candidates on questions that are similar in style to undergraduate maths. For more information visit [admissionstesting.org/step](http://admissionstesting.org/step).

# FAQs

## Where do USP College students come from?

Students join us from more than 100 schools across south Essex and London.

## Can I study a subject if I haven't taken it at GCSE?

Yes, although some subjects require experience and a certain level of achievement at GCSE level.

## I'm in Year 12, can I complete my A-Levels at USP College?

Please contact our Admissions Team on **01268 882 618** or **admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk** to discuss your situation.

## Can I choose any combination of A-Level subjects?

Most students are able to study the courses they want, however, in some circumstances the college may advise, at interview, that certain subjects are best not studied together. If you have a career in mind then our careers packages are there to help you choose your courses, see page 10 for more information.

Once you have applied, you will be asked to come in for an interview where we will discuss your options with you.



### **I can't decide what courses to write on my application form.**

Don't worry – what you write on your form does not have to be your final choice! You can change your options when you come for an interview, you may even change your mind after you've received your GCSE results. You will have a chance to discuss any changes with us before you start your course.

### **Can I get more detailed information about the courses available?**

Yes, more information on each of our courses, such as modules and trips, can be found on the course pages on our website.

### **What happens if I'm offered a place at college but don't get the grades I need?**

If your GCSE results are not as good as you hoped, stay calm. We will be available to discuss all your options with you when you receive your GCSE results.

### **Can I get careers advice at college?**

Yes – we have dedicated Careers Advisors so you can get help and advice whenever you need it.

To book an appointment email [careers@uspcollege.ac.uk](mailto:careers@uspcollege.ac.uk) or call **01268 882 666**.

### **How and when should I apply?**

Although there is no deadline, we encourage students to apply as early as possible by completing the online application form at [uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk).

For help and guidance on how to do this, see page 92.

# How to get to our Seevic Campus

## Travelling by car

The college can be accessed easily from the A127 or A13, please use the postcode SS7 1TW on your Sat Nav. The campus benefits from free car parking, although we cannot guarantee every student a parking space.

## Travelling by bus

The following buses currently serve our Seevic Campus:

Arriva - 1

First - 21, 25B, 27, 27A, 28

It is recommended that you contact the local transport companies for further information, as routes are subject to change.

The college also offers its own college bus service - see page 120.

## Travelling by rail

Benfleet station, on the Fenchurch Street line, and Rayleigh station, on the Liverpool Street line, are the nearest stations to the college.

Discounted student season tickets are available on the Southend to Fenchurch Street line.

Students can register online for a c2c Smartcard at [c2c-online.co.uk](http://c2c-online.co.uk) and follow the instructions to save a third off rail travel to college.

Please note that these stations are not within reasonable walking distance of the college and will require further transport.

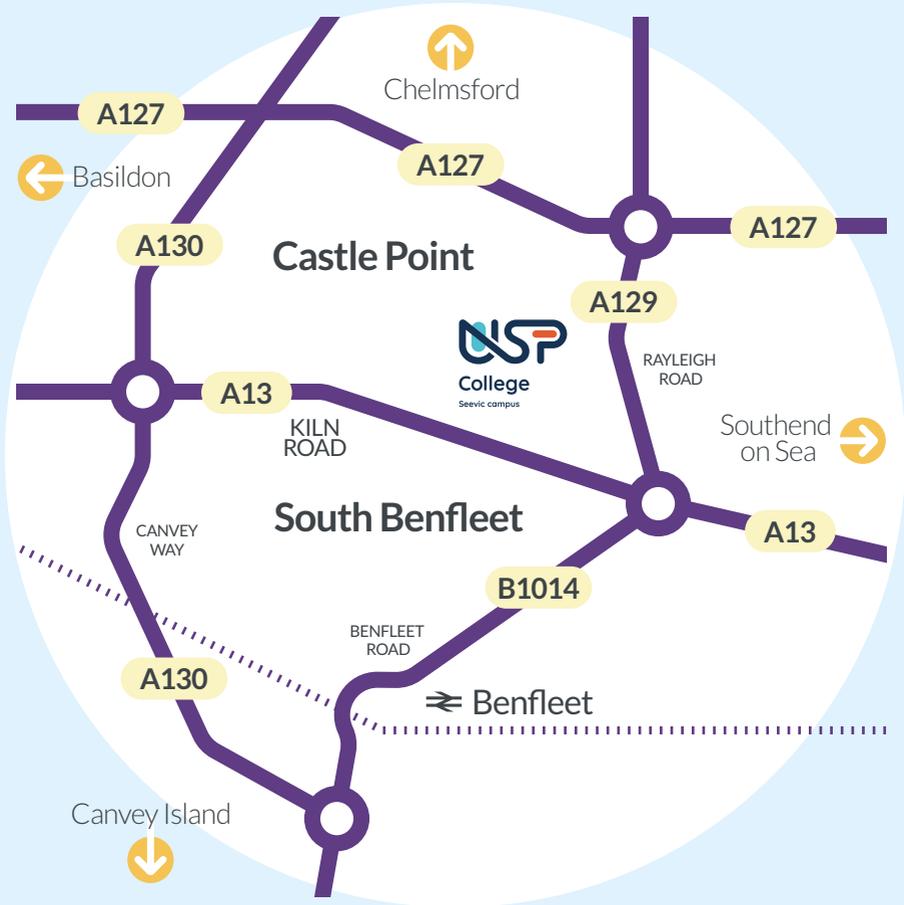
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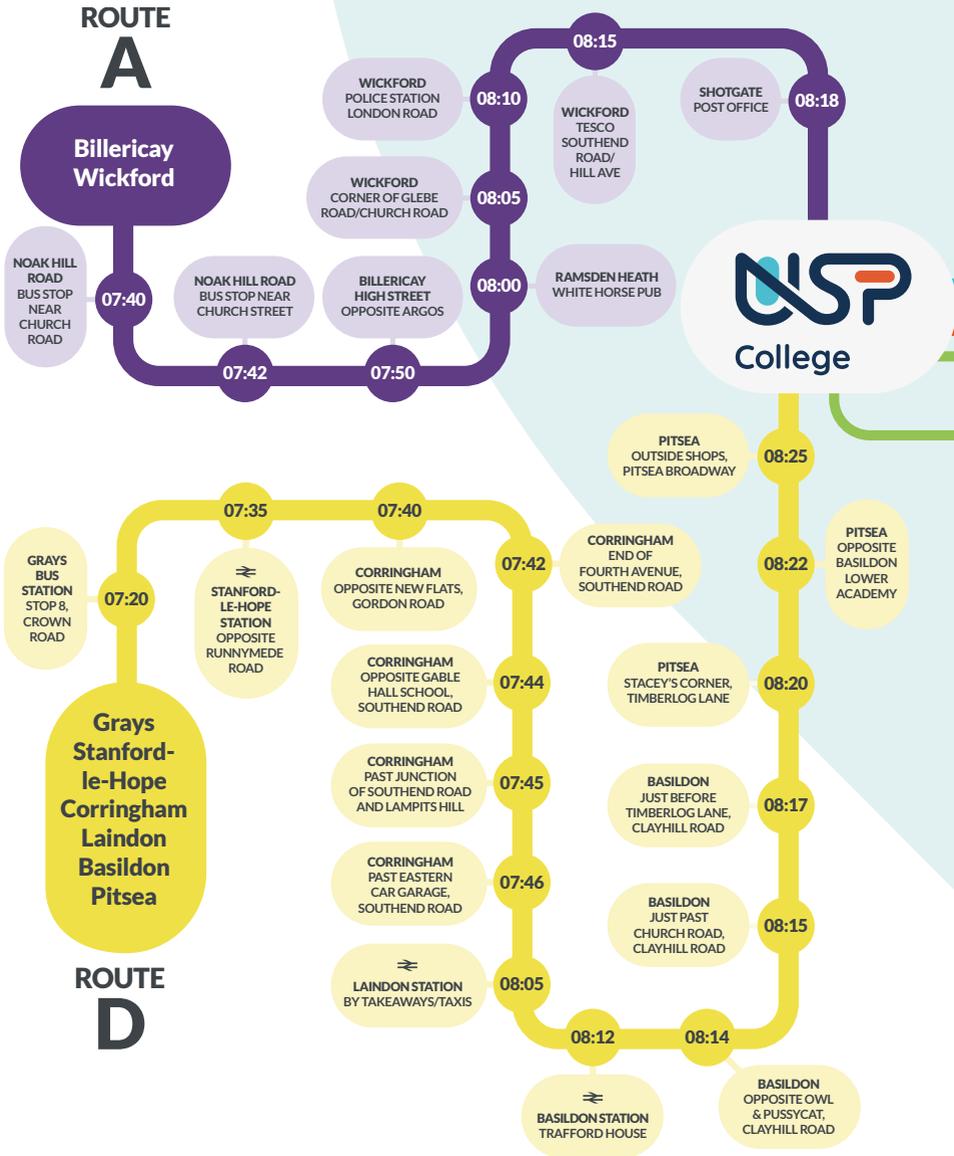
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[arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk)

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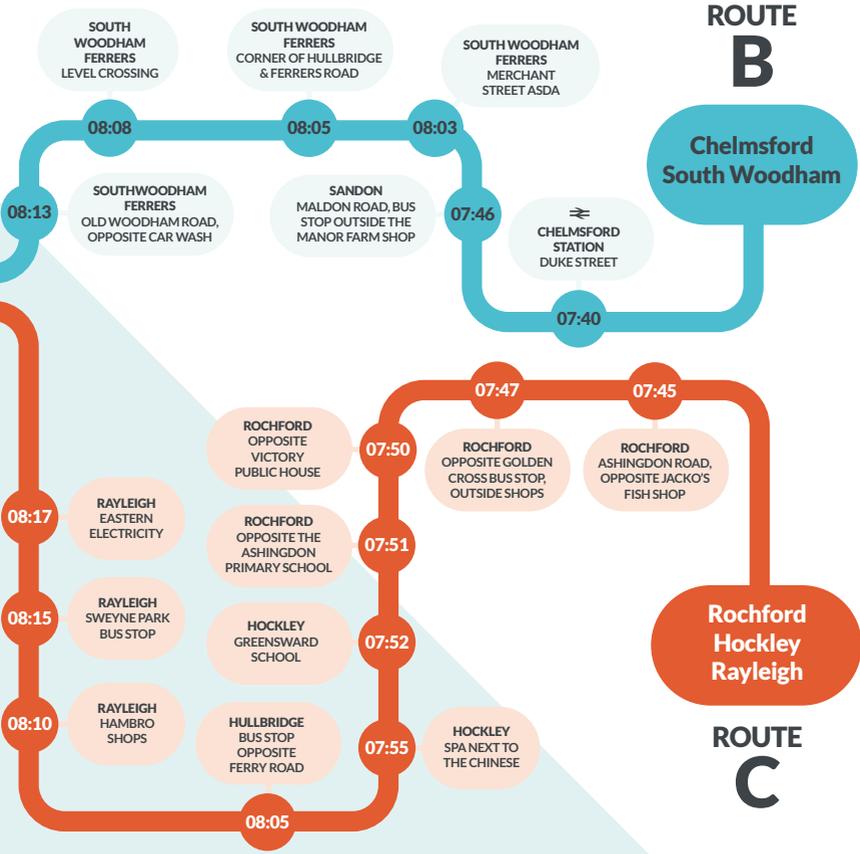


# Seevic Campus bus routes



Please note: Seevic Campus bus routes are subject to sufficient demand. The information on this map is accurate at the time of going to print, but can be subject to change. We constantly review our routes – so please let us know if our buses don't currently cover your area. If you would like more information or have any queries regarding transport, including how to find out if you are eligible for financial support, please contact our Student Advisors on 01268 882 666.

Our Seevic Campus bus is often cheaper than public transport and Essex County Council's Post 16 Transport assistance.



**First Essex** 21 25B 27 27A 28 \*

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\*It is recommended that you contact the bus companies for further information, as routes are subject to change.

# How to get to our Palmer's Campus

Our Palmer's Campus is located in Grays just off the A13 and benefits from good transport links.

## Travelling by car

The college can be accessed easily from the A13, please use the postcode RM17 5TD on your Sat Nav. The campus benefits from free car parking facilities on campus for students, although we cannot guarantee every student a parking space.

Cyclists are welcome.

## Travelling by bus

USP College works very closely with both Ensignbus Company and First Bus to provide affordable travel for students. The current price of the Ensign/First Bus pass which allows students to travel at any time over a 28 day period is £44\*.

Buses from Rainham, Upminster and Brentwood are contracted by the college and cost £495\* per year and run twice a day.

## Travelling by rail

Grays station and Tilbury station on the Fenchurch Street line are the nearest stations to the college.

Discounted student season tickets are available on the Southend to Fenchurch Street line.

Students can register online for a c2c Smartcard at [c2c-online.co.uk](http://c2c-online.co.uk) and follow the instructions to save a third off rail travel to college. There are regular bus services from Grays station to the college.

Please note that these stations are not within reasonable walking distance of the college and will require further transport.

It is recommended that you contact the local transport companies for further information, as routes are subject to change.

## Useful websites

[c2c-online.co.uk](http://c2c-online.co.uk)  
[ensignbus.com](http://ensignbus.com)  
[firstgroup.com](http://firstgroup.com)

\*Prices correct at time of publication.



# Discover more at one of our Open Evenings

## Seevic Campus

6-8.30pm  
Thursday 4 October 2018  
Tuesday 20 November 2018  
Tuesday 5 February 2019

## Palmer's Campus

6-8.30pm  
Thursday 11 October 2018  
Thursday 29 November 2018  
Thursday 31 January 2019

Pre-book online to  
beat the queues at  
[uspcollege.ac.uk](http://uspcollege.ac.uk)



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