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SCHOOL LEAVERS' COURSE GUIDE 2022/23





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THIS GUIDE

Designed primarily for Year 11 pupils, this guide provides a quick overview of the options available at Cardiff and Vale College for anyone aged 16+. Go to our website cavc.ac.uk for lots more information about studying with us, details of our courses and to apply.

If you're looking for university level courses following sixth form or college, visit cavc.ac.uk/HigherEducation



WHY CAN

Each year thousands of young people join us after leaving Year 11 to study A Levels, a career-focused course or an apprenticeship. Here are just a few reasons why...

**EXCELLENT
GOOD**



Our overall **student success rates** are among the best in the sector.

We pride ourselves on offering a **high-quality experience**. In our most recent inspection Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training, rated us **Excellent** or **Good** across **all inspection areas**.

This year, more than **800 learners** are studying A Levels with us across more than 30 subjects.

800+

As one of the biggest colleges in the UK, we also offer a **huge range of career focused courses**. From Aircraft Engineering to Art and Design, Business to Beauty Therapy, Construction to Catering – there's so much choice!

SKILLS

We focus on creating **skilled and employable people** who stand out from the crowd and progress. All students have exciting experiences that help them develop and get a step ahead, including work placements, live industry briefs, community projects, guest speakers, international trips, national skills competitions and more.





ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

As the first and only Microsoft Showcase College in Wales, all students have an element of online learning alongside face-to-face teaching on campus, providing a great additional skillset that employers value. Whatever happens, your high-quality education will continue.

WINNERS!

More CAVC students participated in national skills competitions — and won! **With our students being recognised as some of the best in the UK the what they do!**

NEXT STEPS

Our students have an excellent track record for progressing onto further learning or employment after leaving their course with **more than 1,000 going onto university study** in the last few years.



We have **brilliant teachers** with a wealth of expertise and experience, bringing knowledge that provides students with more than just a qualification. They're also friendly, welcoming and **award-winning!**

We have **amazing facilities** to learn in — from science labs to film studios, top class restaurants, salons and spas, and industry standard specialist centres for a range of areas.



SUPPORT

And our Support for Students has been **recognised as the best in the UK!** With our teams of specialist support staff working with teachers across the college to offer a wrap-around approach to each student including learning support, wellbeing, financial support and more, throughout your time at College.

STAY
SAFE

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Cardiff and Vale College

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CITY CENTRE CAMPUS

Location key: **City**

City Centre Campus is our main hub in the capital city. Just a five minute walk from Cardiff Central Train Station and a ten minute walk from the city centre, this campus includes seven different buildings all within a few minutes' walk.

The main building is our iconic £45m City Centre Campus which opened in 2015. This includes more than 200 inspiring teaching spaces plus some amazing facilities, including the 100-seat Theatre Michael Sheen; The Classroom Restaurant; urbasba salon and spa; specialist film, dance and music studios; science labs and lots of spaces to study, grab some lunch or take time out with friends.

Within just a few minutes' walk of this building are six specialist facilities:

CAVC Creative Arts Academy – our brand new dedicated space for art, design and creative courses – with vast studio space and specialist facilities.

CAVC Automotive Training Centre – including state of the art workshops and equipment for light and heavy vehicle maintenance, bodywork and spraying.

CAVC Construction Training Centre – a specialist centre for construction trades including brickwork, carpentry and joinery.

CAVC Building Services Centre – the specialist base for electrical, plumbing, tiling and more.

CAVC One Canal Parade – home to our huge range of courses for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

CAVC Canal Park – a brand new sports facility with Dome and 3G pitch

Find out more, browse galleries or take a tour at
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BARRY

Location key: **Barry**

Barry Campus is our main hub in the Vale. This established campus has been the popular base for the College for almost 60 years.

This large site houses a huge range of facilities including The Glamorgan Suite restaurant; academi urbasba salon; specialist construction, building services and automotive workshops; a dedicated art and design floor and a wide range of teaching and learning spaces. There is also a busy canteen, shop and coffee shop on site for learners and plenty of on-site parking. Or just hop on a bus from Cardiff or the Vale and get dropped off just outside the campus gates.



EASTERN COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Location key: **East**

This multi-million pound campus opened in January 2018 and provides an inspirational base for a wide range of exciting courses.

It includes state-of-the-art classrooms and spaces to learn, specialist facilities including a training restaurant, salon, workshops for construction, building services and automotive trades, plus fantastic sports facilities including dance studio, gym and huge outdoor multi-use pitches. There are also dedicated spaces for CAVC students to study alone or take a break, as well as an on-site shop.



CARDIFF WEST COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Location key: **West**

This brand new multi-million pound campus opened in 2019 and is the base for a wide range of career-focused courses offered by CAVC. The vast dedicated Sixth Form Centre is a fantastic space for post-16 learning. With a wide range of specialist classrooms, computer suites, specialist creative facilities, excellent sports facilities, and inspirational places to learn or spend time with friends, this site is a great place to study.



CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CAMPUS

Location key: **CISC**

Our home for CAVC Sport – this inspirational site includes classrooms, computer suites and great spaces to learn alongside top-class sporting facilities including a gym, fitness suites, airdome enclosed 3G pitch, multi-use outdoor 3G and grass pitches, performance analysis suite and professional athletics track. It is home to our Sport and Public Services courses and a fantastic facility for our sporting academies to develop their talents.



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR AEROSPACE TRAINING

Location key: **ICAT**

This renowned campus is a specialist centre of excellence for the Aerospace industry – training individuals and working with employers from the sector across Wales, the UK and the world. Situated right next to Cardiff Airport, it is the base for all Aerospace and Aviation Science courses and some Travel and Tourism courses. This fantastic facility includes a huge workshop space with aircraft, state-of-the-art flight simulators, Avionics lab and a wide range of spaces to learn or spend time with friends, including an onsite cafe.





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SUPPORT

Our support for students has been awarded the best in the UK! At CAVC we will support you to achieve your goals. Your teachers are there for you and you can access support from our specialist teams too.

WE PROVIDE...

COURSE AND CAREERS ADVICE

Our specialist Careers team can help you to choose the right course. They are also here to help you to progress after your course – providing support with applying for university, applying for another course, developing your CV or gaining employment.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Find out about the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), Free School Meals and help with travel and other costs.

ACTIVE WELLBEING

Our Active Wellbeing team offer a wide range of sessions, activities and advice to help you to keep your mind and body healthy.

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Our Wellbeing team includes Wellbeing Officers and Counsellors here to support mental health issues, attendance, advice and guidance and to support other pastoral issues you may have in college.

SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

Our experienced team provide specialist support for a wide range of learning difficulties or disabilities including dyslexia, dyspraxia, visual/hearing impairments, mobility issues, ADHD, autism and serious illness.



"The ALN team are brilliant. They have helped me through so much. They don't just ask you about College, they ask how things are at home and care for you on a personal level."

Sean Williams

IT Level 2 and formerly Vocational Access

SUPPORT FOR WELSH-SPEAKING LEARNERS

If you are joining us from a Welsh-medium school we want to encourage you to keep using your Welsh - it's great for you and your future career. We have Welsh-medium and bilingual courses across the College, so you can continue to learn through Welsh. You can also be assessed in Welsh whatever you're studying. Our Welsh Champion teachers and Student Ambassadors are there to encourage you, help you to access support and use your Welsh.

GCSE RE-SITS

Didn't get a C grade or above in GCSE Maths, English or Welsh? Alongside your College course, you can re-sit if you gained a D grade or higher. If you achieved a lower grade or no grade, you can start a programme of study alongside your course to boost your skills to get there.

CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE

Offering wrap-around support during your time at college including financial, wellbeing and study support.

FIND OUT MORE

Go to **www.cavc.ac.uk/support**

You'll find further information and contact details for each specialist team, so you can get in touch for a chat before starting College. You can also contact our Student Services team throughout the year for advice and to be signposted to the right team. **Contact them on:**

Live Chat: www.cavc.ac.uk and click on the LiveChat icon

Phone: 02920 250 250 email: studentservices@cavc.ac.uk

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"As someone who was in Welsh medium primary and secondary school, moving somewhere English based is intimidating, but integration has been amazing here. I adore the ability to use Welsh language at the College, its an amazing place to use it!"

Katie Hill

A Levels

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS

We hold the Young Carers Federation quality mark for our support for young carers and work with you to make sure you access any support you may need whilst at College.

OPPORTUN

At CAVC there are so many opportunities outside of your course.

Compete. Represent. Enjoy. Develop. Stand out from the crowd!

CAREERS AND IDEAS

Our Careers and Ideas team are here to inspire and support your future progression. Whether you want to progress in College, go onto university, apply for an apprenticeship or job, or have no idea what you should do next, they can help.

They run exciting sessions online and on campus that all students can sign up to. These can include talks and other activities with employers, universities and inspirational speakers from all walks of work and life.

CAREER READY

The Career Ready programme links students with a fantastic line-up of employers to access mentoring, masterclasses, workplace visits and even internships.

Students from across the college can apply to take part on this programme which has seen students use the experience to support university and employment applications. Some have even progressed into work after their course with the companies they were partnered with.

Megan Harrington, Business & Career Ready

Megan joined the Career Ready programme alongside her business course and undertook a six-week internship at an international law firm in London. Inspired by the experience, Megan went onto study Law at university and has since mentored a Career Ready student herself!



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NITIES

SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Each year hundreds of students compete in industry skills competitions – aiming to be the best in their chosen career area. You can compete against the best from our region, Wales, the UK and even the world! From Beauty Therapy to Cyber Security, Automotive to Catering – more students than ever before are competing and winning. Some of our students have won competitions – being recognised as the best at what they do in the UK! Take part and you have a brilliant addition to your CV to progress to university or gain employment.

Ieuan Jones, Catering & Hospitality & International Skills Competition Winner

Ieuan flew to India to participate in the Young Chef Olympiad. Competing against young chefs from across the world, Ieuan won Best Dessert Creation!



WORLD SKILLS

WorldSkills is the largest and most prestigious skills competition. It's the 'skills olympics', run across 80 countries, with the goal of creating excellence in work in lots of different careers. CAVC is one of the first UK WorldSkills Centres of Excellence – with some of our students chosen to represent Team UK and compete against the best talent from across the world. This year, more CAVC learners than ever before have been chosen to compete in the WorldSkills UK Finals, in sectors including 3D Game Design, Automotive, Forensic Science, Restaurant Service/ Hospitality, Wall and Floor Tiling and Web Design.

Kaiden Ashun, Electrotechnical Apprenticeship & UK Skills Competition Winner. Kaiden went up against 2,000 people from across the UK to compete for the Screwfix Trade Apprentice of the Year 2021 contest – and won!





GET ACTIVE!

At CAVC we encourage the benefits of active wellbeing for your body and mind for everyone. There are lots of opportunities for all students to get involved in regular clubs and activities. If you're serious about your sport, you may want to join one of our sports academies - turn over to find our more!

Ben Thomas, A Levels & CAVC Rugby Academy

Ben studied A Levels and was CAVC's first Rugby Academy Captain. He progressed to university and is now a professional rugby player with Cardiff Rugby and a capped senior Wales player.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The College has its own Combined Cadet Force (Army). Join up and you will take part in adventurous outdoor training activities, drills, volunteer and charity work, and have the opportunity to undertake Duke of Edinburgh awards.

JOIN A CLUB

We offer a range of clubs and opportunities throughout the week, from Debate Club to Drama, Sign language to Welsh. Got a passion? We can even help you start your own club for fellow students to join.



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THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME – SUPPORTING OUR MOST ACADEMICALLY ABLE STUDENTS

This dedicated programme supports our most academically able A Level learners to achieve and apply to some of the most competitive universities in the UK and across the world.

Oscar Griffin, A Levels & Scholar's Programme

Achieved A* in Classics and English Literature & an A in History and is now studying Classical Latin and Greek at Cambridge University.



REPRESENT STUDENTS!

Be a course rep, student sabbatical officer or work for the student union!

We listen and involve our students in making the College the best it can be. You can become a Course Rep and feedback the views of your class to the College through focus groups, think tanks or meetings.

Or be part of our Student Union (part of the National Union of Students) or a Student Sabbatical Officer and champion students or areas you feel passionately about developing, such as Active Wellbeing, LGBT+ or Environmental issues.



FIND OUT MORE

Go online to find out more, watch videos and learn about the huge range of opportunities available for you as a CAVC student
www.cavc.ac.uk/opportunities



CAVC SPORT ACADEMIES & ELITE SPORT

Cardiff and Vale College is a leading college for sport – providing an inspirational environment for you to focus on your chosen sport whilst also gaining a quality education. We are serious about sport and invest in the best facilities, coaching, contacts and wrap-around support to help you achieve your sporting goal.

WE OFFER

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

Cardiff International Sports Campus (CISC) is our dedicated home for CAVC Sport. This large facility includes grass, 3G and 4G pitches, state-of-the-art sports dome, full size athletics track and stadium, large gym and analysis suite. In addition, at our City Centre Campus we have a high-performance strength and conditioning gym and brand-new state-of-the-art sports dome and 3G pitch.

FIND OUT MORE AT
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SPECIALIST ACADEMIES

We offer specialist academies in sports including Rugby, Football, Basketball, Netball and Cricket.

COMPETITIVE FIXTURES

All our academies play in regional and Welsh Colleges Leagues. Academies also compete in high profile Welsh and UK competitions and tours in the UK and overseas.

ONE #TEAMCAVC

We are proud of our sporting talent at CAVC. Partnered with macron, we provide access to our renowned kit packages – so you become recognised as a member of CAVC Sport with staff and students of the biggest college in Wales right behind you!

THE RIGHT BALANCE

We work with you, your teachers and coaches to ensure your studies and your sports commitments don't conflict. We create the right balance for you to reach your potential in both.

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

We work in close partnership with the leading sports teams in our region including Cardiff Blues, Cardiff City FC, Celtic Dragons and Glamorgan Cricket.

PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIST COACHING STAFF

Our academies are led by professional coaching staff, with a network of contacts and significant experience of competing, coaching, developing and progressing future talent.

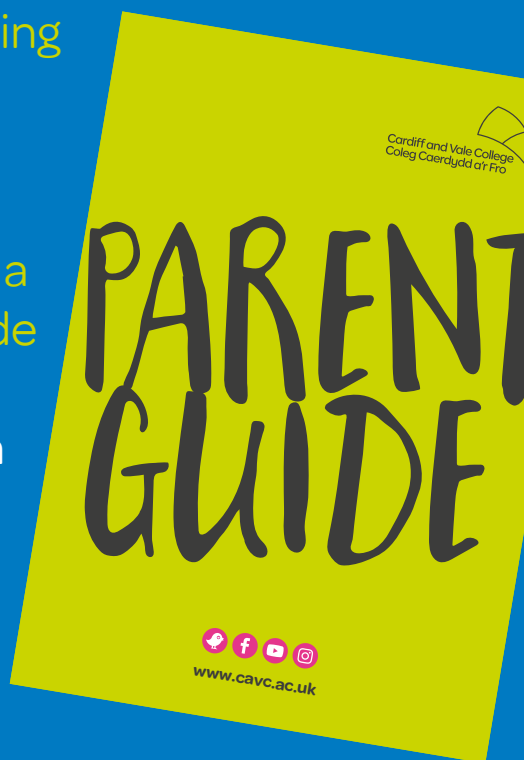
A REPUTATION AND TRACK RECORD FOR GROWING TALENT

With our students gaining professional and semi professional contracts, and going on to represent their country in their chosen sport, as well as progressing to university and into careers alongside their sport.



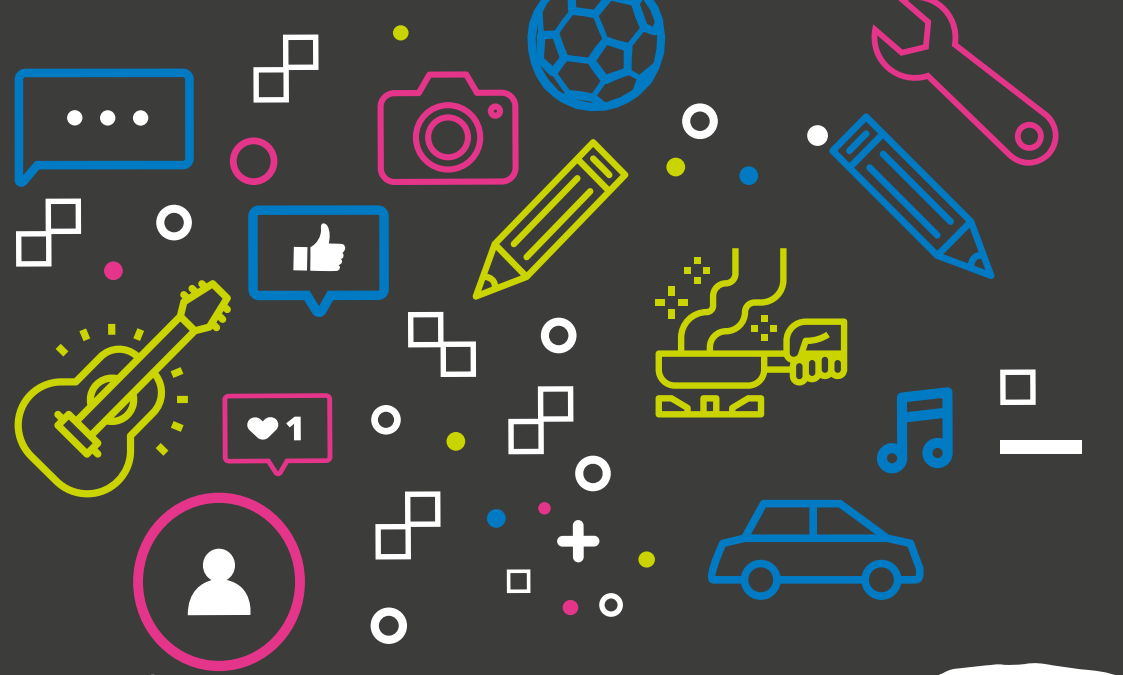
PARENTS

If you're a parent wanting to know more about CAVC, what we offer and how we support our students, we have a dedicated Parent Guide just for you. You can download a copy from our website or order your own printed copy to your door.

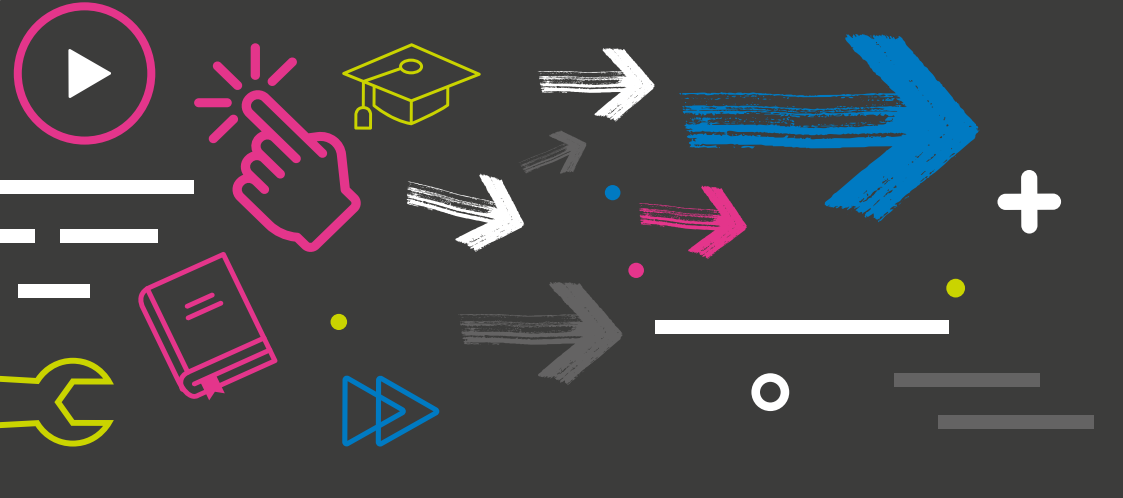


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WHAT CAN I STUDY?

There are two ways you can learn with CAVC – choose a **full-time course** or apply for an **Apprenticeship**, the choice is yours.

FULL-TIME COURSES

This is the most popular way for 16-18 year olds to learn at CAVC, with around 5,000 people studying full-time courses each year!

You will usually study between 16-22 hours each week – with a mix of on campus and online learning, plus work-related placements and other opportunities offered through the year. Full-time courses are offered in all areas. They are also offered at different levels – Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3. Usually the level you do is based on the grades you get at GCSE. However, for very practical courses such as hairdressing, brickwork or bakery, everyone starts at the lowest level.

When applying for a full-time course at CAVC, choose the level of course best suited to you. You can use your predicted grades for GCSE to help or speak to your teachers or our advice team at the College. The level you will study will be confirmed on enrolment and upon seeing your qualifications and results. We will work with you to ensure you are on the right level of course.



Here is a quick overview of the different levels – the types of courses at each level and typical entry requirements for each:

L3 LEVEL 3

Includes full-time AS/A Levels or a career focused qualification such as BTEC or Extended Diploma – equivalent to 2-3 A Levels, but just in that one subject.

Most Level 3 courses carry UCAS points, so you can progress to university after successful completion. Level 3 courses develop in-depth knowledge and high level skills in a subject.

Entry requirements:

usually a minimum of 5 GCSEs grade A*–C, including English and Maths.

L2 LEVEL 2

Includes career focused qualifications such as BTEC and Diploma or NVQ 2. Level 2 courses develop a good overall knowledge of a subject.

For many career areas this is the minimum level qualification required to work in a particular industry.

Entry requirements:

usually a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade D or above, ideally including English and Maths.

L1 LEVEL 1

Includes career focused qualifications such as NVQ

1. These courses give an introduction to a subject, developing your practical skills and building your knowledge.

Entry requirements:

usually a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade E–G.

E ENTRY

These courses provide an introduction to a subject.

They often involve additional support for those studying the course to help your development.

Entry requirements:

no formal qualifications required.

Remember – the entry requirements shown are typical; however some courses vary so please check the course information sheet on the website for exact entry requirements.

For some courses there will also be additional entry criteria such as a successful interview, audition or skills test – all to ensure the course is right for you.

APPRENTICESHIPS

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Apprenticeships are a great way to train. Start a full-time job in the career area you wish to work in. Then work, earn and learn alongside this, coming into college usually for one day per week. Develop practical skills in your job and be assessed whilst working as well as in college. CAVC is one of the biggest providers of Apprenticeships and now has more Apprenticeships than ever before! Apprenticeships are run in most areas and are offered at different levels. To apply for an Apprenticeship you will need to find yourself employment with an employer who is happy for you to come to college and undertake your Apprenticeship qualifications alongside work.

STEP 1



Find an employer

Careers Wales publishes Apprenticeship vacancies online via the **Apprenticeship Vacancy Service** where you can search vacancies across Wales. Cardiff and Vale College works with many employers each year to offer Apprenticeships. Visit careerswales.gov.wales/apprenticeship-search for the latest vacancies.

Apprenticeship vacancies are sometimes advertised in the job sections of newspapers or you could also approach an employer directly.

If you're already employed, then we can offer advice and guidance to both you and your employer about the process of arranging an Apprenticeship programme for you.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP



STEP 2

Get in touch with us

Contact our Apprenticeships team to discuss if you are eligible for an Apprenticeship programme. Call **01446 748212** or email **apprenticeships@cavc.ac.uk** to find out more about CAVC Apprenticeships run at a Cardiff and Vale College site.

You will be required to undertake a literacy, numeracy and digital literacy initial assessment and an interview ahead of step 3.

STEP 3

The agreement

You, your employer and the College will agree an Apprenticeship programme of learning.



STEP 4

Sign up and enrol at CAVC

Complete the process by enrolling onto your apprenticeship training programme and you're all set.



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- ✓ Earn a salary while you train
- ✓ Receive expert training
- ✓ Gain nationally recognised qualifications
- ✓ Develop job-specific skills for your career
- ✓ Start your career straight from the word go
- ✓ Get lots of support from your employer, college tutors and your training co-ordinator and assessors.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR STARTING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Anyone who is over 16, living in Wales and not in full-time education can apply for an Apprenticeship. You will need to gain employment in the sector you wish to work in before applying to Cardiff and Vale College for your training. You will also need to undertake an initial assessment in numeracy, literacy and digital literacy.

A Levels



Studying A-Levels is a great way to prepare for university study. Our full-time A Level programmes are aimed at schools-leavers and you can choose from one of the widest choices of AS and A Levels in the region. We work with schools in the region on shared timetabling – which means you can also choose to stay at school and come to CAVC for an A Level subject not offered at your school. All students also study the Welsh Baccalaureate as part of the AS/A Level programme, giving you a broader experience and range of opportunities to develop.

Most of our A Level students study at our City Centre Campus and benefit from fantastic subject specific facilities. These include a dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Centre with impressive industry standard specialist laboratories. Our general teaching rooms are also exciting spaces and all students have access to the huge Success Centre for out of lesson study.





WHAT CAN I STUDY?

AS/A2: 

Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths

Applied Science	BTEC Diploma* 
Applied Science	BTEC 
Biology	AS/A2
Chemistry	AS/A2
Computer Science	AS/A2
ICT	AS/A2
Mathematics	AS/A2
Mathematics (Further)	AS/A2
Physics	AS/A2
Physical Education	AS/A2

Social Sciences

Applied Psychology	BTEC* 
Applied Law	BTEC* 
Ancient History	AS/A2
Business Studies	BTEC Ext Cert* 
Business Studies	AS/A2
Criminology	AS/A2
Digital Publishing (Journalism)	BTEC Ext Cert* 
Economics	AS/A2
Geography	AS/A2
Government & Politics	AS/A2
History	AS/A2
Law	AS/A2
Psychology	AS/A2
Sociology	AS/A2

Arts

Art	AS/A2
Classics	AS/A2
Dance	AS/A2
Design Technology	AS/A2
Drama	AS/A2
English Language	AS/A2
English Literature	AS/A2
English Language & Literature	AS/A2
Film Studies	AS/A2
French	AS/A2
Graphic Design	AS/A2
Media Studies	AS/A2
Music	AS
Photography	AS/A2
Religious Studies	AS/A2
Welsh Baccalaureate	AS/A2

Find out more...
Go online to apply today
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*this can be studied alongside an A Level or AS.



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YOUR CAVC

As an A Level student you can choose from a wide range of activities to widen your skills and experience, to help you boost your CV and UCAS Personal Statement and stand out from the crowd. These range from **European exchanges**, joining the **Student Union**, being a member of one of our successful **Sports Academies** or **clubs** or being part of our volunteering or extra-curricular programmes.

YOUR FUTURE

In the past few years, more than **1,000 students progressed to university level study from CAVC!** If university is your goal we provide advice and guidance on university choices, UCAS applications and personal statements. **Our support team** in the College is here to help you apply to university and progress. We also have regular expert talks and **visits from universities** across the UK.

SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Our Scholars Programme is designed for learners who show academic excellence and want to broaden their learning beyond the confines of the traditional A-Level Curriculum.

A team of dedicated Scholar's Tutors will support learners in the admissions process for study at the top universities in the UK like Oxford and Cambridge, along with competitive courses like medicine, dentistry and veterinary studies.

Alongside this, CAVC Scholars will complete the Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives and Research Project to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed at a top-level university.

I did have the option to study at my high school's sixth form, but I thought CAVC would give me a better preparation for university and also allow me to have more independence. I met a lot of great people from various backgrounds and walks of life; I liked the diversity within the College.

I participated in the Career Ready program which was very enriching and gave me some knowledge of the labour market and how to make myself more employable.

Bianca Zerbini

Former A Level student who achieved 2 A* in Art and Maths and A in Physics and has now progressed onto the University of Bath to study Architecture.

**READY TO
APPLY?**

Applying to CAVC is quick, simple and all online! Visit: www.cavc.ac.uk/apply

Aerospace and Aviation Science

Train for a career in Aerospace – with exciting opportunities to work in Wales and across the world. All our Aerospace and Aviation Science courses are based at our International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT). This iconic centre includes specialist workshops, laboratories and a huge, real-life hangar with aircraft where you will develop your practical skills. The Centre has fantastic links with industry. This means you gain the right knowledge, skills and industry qualifications on your course or Apprenticeship, as well as industry work placements – all preparing you for a career in the aerospace industry.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Aircraft Engineering	L2 ICAT
Aeronautical Engineering	L3 ICAT
Engineering	L3 ICAT
Electronic Engineering	L2 ICAT
Mechanical Engineering	L2 ICAT

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Aerospace

YOUR CAVC

The College's International Centre for Aerospace Training has many **links with industry, offering opportunities for work experience and placements** for CAVC students with the likes of British Airways, AerFin, Caerdydd and GE Aero.

YOUR INDUSTRY

The UK Aerospace industry remains as number two on the world stage and the largest in Europe. £35bn turnover, 123k direct employees and 3.9k Apprentices. Wales is a centre of excellence for Aerospace manufacturing – over 160 companies employ in excess of 23,000 people. It has around 10% of the UK's aerospace industry which includes 20% of the UK Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) market. Aerospace Wales Forum (2019).

YOUR FUTURE

After CAVC **many students progress on to employment**, apprenticeships and trainee roles in engineering and aerospace companies across South Wales and beyond. Other students progress on to a related university course across the UK, with some choosing to stay at ICAT to study our unique BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering degree run in partnership with Kingston University.



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What stood out for me about Cardiff and Vale College were the fantastic facilities at ICAT and the smaller class sizes. I have the ability to spend one to one time with the lecturers who are very patient and help you understand the work being carried out. Having that experience with people who have a wealth of knowledge about the industry is invaluable.

I have bonded and formed great friendships with my classmates over the duration of the course. Being able to see the design and electrical aspects come together to create a glider plane was the highlight of my course for me. Once I finish this course, I hope to complete a graduate scheme or progress into full-time employment within the Aircraft industry.

Harri Stallard

Former Level 3 Aircraft engineering student,
now studying the BEng in Aircraft Engineering at CAVC.

**READY TO
APPLY?**

Applying to CAVC is quick,
simple and all online! Visit:
www.cavc.ac.uk/apply

Art, Design and Multimedia

Our range of courses develop your skills and knowledge and let you try different techniques to find your chosen specialism and possible future career. You will learn in our fantastic specialist studios including art, print, photography, film, fashion, 3D Design and Mac and multimedia suites. Our brand new Creative Arts Academy provides a bespoke space, specialist facilities and an inspiring environment to make your visions a reality.

CAVC is the founder college for the National Skills Academy for Creative and Cultural in Wales – providing great opportunities for students to link with employers. You also have the opportunity to work on live projects, with real clients, during your course.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Art and Design	L1	Barry
Art and Design	L2 L3	City/Barry
Creative Media Production and Technology (Film & TV)	L3	City
Creative Media Production and Technology	L2	City
Design (3D)	L3	City
Fashion Design	L3	City
Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	3/4	City
Graphic Design	L3	City
Multimedia Design (Interactive Media)	L3	City
Photography	L3	City

YOUR CAVC

Students get the chance to gain real live brief experience **developing exhibitions for renowned venues** such as National Museum and Gallery Wales and developing work for **high profile projects and organisations** such as Roald Dahl City of the Unexpected, Motorpoint Arena, BBC Introducing, BBC Digital and Royal Opera House.

YOUR INDUSTRY

The Creative industries is one of the fastest growing sectors in Wales with an annual turnover of £1.9bn. Within the Creative industries, there are nearly 3,000 job openings predicted from now until 2024 and a 16% growth in Cardiff Capital Region (EMSI, 2018). Average earnings within the Cardiff Capital Region was over £30,000. (EMSI, 2019)

YOUR FUTURE

Many students go on to **study university courses across the UK**, as well as onto one of the great range of Foundation Degrees we run at CAVC in subjects including Film, Games Art and Design, Graphic Design, Performing Arts, Product Design, Contemporary Artist Designer Photography and Music. Others use the experience they have gained on their course to go straight into employment in areas such as Graphic Design, Website Design and Media Production.





Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/ArtandDesign

In Art & Design – Foundation, I have specialised in fine art where I was allowed to experiment with different media. This year I've focused mostly on textiles, photography, and videography. During my time at the college I learned to sew, rework clothes, and make outfits. I have experimented with photography, videography, and made a YouTube video.

My highlight of this course is learning to sew and being able to explore all of the themes that I wanted to and producing a really cool cowboy project. My plans after college are to go to Brighton University and study fashion design and business studies so that I can then go on to potentially own a store. This course allowed me to find my specialty and, with the support from my tutors, I was able to learn and refine my skills.

Caitlin Rees

Previously studied Art & Design level 3,
and Art & Design – Foundation level 4.

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Automotive

On our renowned Automotive courses and Apprenticeship programmes you can train to be an Automotive Engineer and choose to specialise in working with light vehicles (e.g. cars) or heavy vehicles (e.g. trucks and buses), or even become a specialist in Body Repair and Refinishing. You will train in dedicated, industry standard facilities fully-equipped with the latest custom made equipment, where you will gain practical skills working on vehicles, with industry qualified staff, as well as through work placements in industry.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Body and Paint	L1 City
Car Repair and Maintenance	L2 Barry/City/ East
Heavy Vehicle	L1 City
Repair & Service of Light Vehicles	A City
Repair & Service of Heavy Vehicles	A City
Vehicle Body Repair	A L2 L3 City
Vehicle Refinishing	A L2 City
Vehicle Maintenance	L1 East/Barry

YOUR CAVC

CAVC Automotive students have a great track record for success, **representing Wales and winning medals at the prestigious World Skills UK finals.**

YOUR INDUSTRY

Wales has about 8% of the UK's automotive manufacturing and has a skilled workforce of 18,000 people and a £3 billion turnover annually. Two luxury car-makers have turned to Wales for their latest developments. Aston Martin Lagonda is expected to create around 750 high-value jobs in the Vale of Glamorgan. TVR have secured a new site in Wales to build their new sportscar. In addition, BritishVolt are developing plans for a gigaplant factory in the Vale of Glamorgan potentially leading to 3,500 jobs for the region.

YOUR FUTURE

Most students progress directly into employment in the industry after college in jobs such as Mechanic, Body Repair specialist or Quality Engineer. Some students continue their training with us – taking higher level industry qualifications once in work.

Find out more... Go online
cavc.ac.uk/Automotive



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Studying at CAVC has been really enjoyable. The automotive facilities are fantastic, and as I really enjoy the practical aspects of my course this was really important to me. My tutors have been brilliant and I've also had the opportunity to take part in the WorldSkills UK competition where I came second. After finishing my course, I want to be a fully qualified technician in Body Repair and Paint. The college has helped me achieve my goal and gotten me where I am today.

Omer Waheed

Current Level 3 Vehicle Body Repair - Apprentice

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Building Services

Our Building Services courses and Apprenticeship programmes train you to become a skilled and qualified tradesperson in a variety of trades such as Plumbing and Electrical Installation. You will study in our dedicated construction and building services centres and facilities. These include classrooms for theory and huge trade-specific workshops where you develop your practical skills each week.

When you apply to study a Building Services course with us you will start by studying a Pre-Foundation or a Foundation course (depending on your GCSE results). On these courses you focus on developing skills in two trades. Once you've successfully completed the Foundation programme, your next step is to select one main trade to study at a higher level and start your career.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Plumbing and Electrotechnical	L1 East/Barry
Wall and Floor Tiling and Plumbing	L1 City
Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation with Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment	L2 City/Barry
Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation with Wall and Floor Tiling	L2 City
Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment with Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation	L2 City/Barry
Wall and Floor Tiling with Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation	L2 City

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Plumbing	A City
Electrical	A City
Tiling	A City

YOUR INDUSTRY

According to EMSI 2019 data, the construction sector is due to grow by 9.4% in the Cardiff Capital Region over 2019-2025. This increase would lead to 4,000 additional jobs over that period and average wages reaching £30,000.

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Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Building

I chose the College because I'd studied here before and I knew what to expect. Studying here is great – there's excellent mentorship and support plus it's a very diverse place to learn. My tutor Geoff has been responsible for entering me in competitions throughout my time at College and I beat 2,000 other candidates to win the Screwfix Trade Apprenticeship Award. I owe that to him. In the long run I'm looking to open my own business and the College is definitely helping me achieve my goals.

I look back to last year and I never thought I'd have the skills or confidence I have now. If you're a young person looking to sign up to this course, I would highly recommend it. It's the best thing I've done career-wise.

Kaiden Ashun

Current Electrotechnical Apprenticeship, Year 3

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APPLY?**

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Business

Develop your knowledge and skills in business and open doors to careers across a wide range of industries. On our Business courses and Apprenticeship programmes you can learn about areas including management, marketing, retail, accountancy, customer service, financial services and administration. You will have the opportunity to develop your entrepreneurial skills, work on real briefs from industry, compete in team challenges or pitch ideas to employers. You will also have the chance to undertake work placements – all helping to make you employable and prepare you for your future career.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Accounting	L2	L3	Barry/City
Business	L2	L3	Barry/City
Business Administration	L2	L3	Barry/City
Business Administration (Professional)		L3	City
Esports	L2	L3	CISC
Financial Studies		L3	City

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Business

YOUR CAVC

Our Career Ready programme sees the business community pass on their knowledge and experiences to you. **Alongside your course, the programme offers a mentoring scheme, workplace visits and internships.** CAVC is recognised for business – accredited by professional industry bodies including AAT, CIM and CIPD.

YOUR INDUSTRY

The Financial, Legal and Professional Services sector remains one of Welsh Government highest performing sectors by GVA to the Welsh Economy. Wales has the fastest growing digital economy outside of London which has led to a thriving financial technology sector (fintech). Business News Wales (2019). By 2025 this industry is predicted to grow by 9% across the Cardiff Capital Region, leading to 9,000 additional jobs. (EMSI 2019).

YOUR FUTURE

In recent years our students have progressed straight into careers in finance, business development, sales, marketing, retail and more. Many Level 3 students also go on to university courses across the UK in business or related subjects. You can even study university-level courses at CAVC.



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After finishing high school, I looked up the different opportunities available to me as I already had an interest in business so I applied to the course at CAVC.

There are lots of aspects I enjoy about coming to college; particularly the freedom of being able to work on assignments at home, and the independence of college. I've also really appreciated how the tutors have been so helpful, always there to offer support and advice when I've needed it.

My highlight has been the fact that course covers a broad area of topics, there is a wide variety from finance, to customer service and marketing, which then gives you a lot of opportunities for when you go out to look for jobs, or setting up your own business which is what I would like to do in the future.

I would definitely recommend someone to come to Cardiff and Vale College, there are lots of different people from a variety of backgrounds, with different ambitions and goals and it's been great to get to know everyone and learn from each other.

Finlay Sullivan

Currently study Business level 3, year 2

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APPLY?**

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Catering and Hospitality

Our catering and hospitality courses offer you the chance to gain the knowledge, skills, experience and industry recognised qualifications to start a career as a Chef, Baker or Front of House specialist.

You will learn in top class facilities including, huge training kitchens, a bakery and in our commercial restaurants – The Classroom and The Glamorgan Suite.

All staff are industry professionals and you can also benefit from masterclasses by visiting top chefs from across the UK.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Bakery, Patisserie and Confectionery	L2	L3	City
Hospitality	L2		Barry/City
Hospitality	L1		East
Hospitality – Front of House	L3		City
Hospitality – Kitchen	L3		City
Hospitality Supervision	L3		Barry
Professional Cookery	L2		City

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Catering

YOUR CAVC

Our restaurant **The Classroom** has been awarded the first AA College Rosette in Wales, as well as being named Restaurant of the Year in 2017 at the Cardiff Life Awards. Our students have also represented Wales in a prestigious international competition for young chefs the **International Young Chef Olympiad 2019 held in India**.

YOUR INDUSTRY

Cardiff Capital Region currently has over 78,000 jobs in the Hospitality and Catering Sector and this is predicted to grow 4% by 2025. (EMSI 2019). The Welsh Government plans to grow the industry substantially and have put an action plan in place, creating more jobs and opportunities for the industry.

YOUR FUTURE

Most students choose to **progress into industry**, gaining employment as chefs, pastry chefs or bakers, or front of house. Our students have gone on to work at Michelin star restaurants and five star locations across Wales, the UK and the world.



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I chose to study at Cardiff and Vale College because school wasn't for me, and I wasn't interested in any of the subjects. Then I saw the College online and I haven't looked back. The course has opened loads of opportunities for me – I got to the semi-finals of the Nestle Torgue d'Or and won in Skills Competition Wales and will compete in WorldSkills UK. This course has made me really excited for my future. I hope to go on and do the Level 4 and see where it takes me. The College is helping me achieve my goals because I've achieved so much already.

Ruby Pile

Former Hospitality level 2 student, current
Hospitality Management level 3 student

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Childcare, Health and Social Care

Our childcare, early years and health and social care courses give you the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, experience and industry qualifications you need to start your career. You will spend time in valuable work placements in different care settings related to your chosen course – such as nurseries or care homes. Your time at college focuses on developing your knowledge in relevant topics such as children's learning and development, safeguarding, anatomy and physiology and equality – taught by staff who are industry professionals.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development

L2 L3 Barry/City/East

Children's Care, Learning and Development (Bilingual)

L2 L3 City

Health and Social Care

L2 L3 City/Barry/East

Introduction to Health and Social Care
Early Years and Child Care

L1 Barry/East

Introduction to Health and Social Care
Early Years and Child Care (Bilingual)

L1 City

YOUR CAVC

All care courses have a big emphasis on work placements – to make sure you get the practical experience that develops your employability, CV and career prospects.

Our Employability team works hard to find the best range of settings for student placements including nurseries, schools and a wide choice of NHS settings.

YOUR INDUSTRY

Currently, there are almost 108,000 people employed within this sector in the Cardiff Capital Region, with employment numbers expected to reach 111,000 by 2025 (EMSI 2019). Projections also indicate that around 20,000 more employees will be needed over the next 10 years. (Social Care Wales 2018)

YOUR FUTURE

Many students progress into employment in their chosen field after completing their course. **This includes roles in nurseries, childcare centres, care homes and youth work.** Many Level 3 students go on to university courses including Child Development, Youth and Community Care, Nursing, Social Care and Teaching. You can also study a university course at CAVC, with a Foundation Degree in Youth and Social Care and a popular Education, Learning and Development course.





Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Care

What I've enjoyed about my course is going out to do my placements and that the college is local to me. The highlight of my course has been meeting new people, and my tutors. My tutors have been so supportive and lovely – I have dyslexia and they have given me additional support when I've asked for it. Once I left school I started on my entry level course, then progressed to level 1 and 2, and have now finished the first year of my level 3 and am on the second year. After finishing this course, I hope to progress on to university to become a qualified primary school teacher.

I've really enjoyed studying at Eastern Community Campus, we are separate from the school, and it is very local for me which has been great.

Jessica Thomas

Former Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 Childcare student, currently studying Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development Year 2

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Construction

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When you apply to study a construction course with us you will start by studying a Pre-Foundation or a Foundation course (depending on your GCSE results). The Pre-foundation course offers an introduction into Construction and the Built Environment and a range of trades. The Foundation programme involves focusing on developing skills in two trades and then once you've successfully completed this, the progression programme requires you to select one main trade to study.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Construction	L1 Barry/City/ East
Bricklaying and Carpentry	L2 Barry
Bricklaying and Ground Working Operations	L2 City/Barry
Bricklaying and Plastering	L2 City
Carpentry and Painting and Decorating	L2 City/Barry
Construction & The Built Environment	L2 City
Plastering and Carpentry	L2 City
Construction & The Built Environment (Including Site Supervision)	L3 City

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Brickwork	A City
Carpentry and Joinery	A City
Painting and Decorating	A City

YOUR INDUSTRY

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Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Construction

YOUR FUTURE

After completing your qualification most students progress into employment in the construction industry. This includes jobs with large employers such as Willmott Dixon, Redrow and smaller construction companies or even starting their own business.

My favourite thing about studying the course is learning to understand the theory behind what I do in the workplace, where I can put theory and the practicality hand-in-hand together to make the best outcome for my job. My highlight from the course is learning the maths and the structures behind construction. I do a lot of the drawings in work already, so getting the mathematical side of it is intriguing. If you're interested in a course in construction, I'd say that it doesn't matter who you are, you can make it in construction. The people in my college are changing all the time and it's definitely not a male based industry anymore.

Lauren Willacott

Former Construction & Civil Engineering level 3 apprentice, now progressed on to the Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) level 4 higher apprenticeship.

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Engineering

Our Engineering programmes train you to become a skilled and qualified Engineer – opening doors to a wide range of career opportunities. Learn in our specialist facilities and industry specific workshops, from industry qualified and experienced staff. Develop your knowledge, practical skills and gain the industry recognised qualifications you need to start on your chosen career path. You will also gain valuable industry experience throughout your course.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Engineering	A L3	Barry
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	L3	City
Electronic Engineering	L2	City/Barry
Mechanical Engineering	A L1 L2	Barry

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Engineering

YOUR CAVC

Our students have a great track record – regularly competing in and **winning UK national WorldSkills and industry skills competitions.** Boost your CV with extra industry qualifications such as Computer Aided Design (CAD), to help further your skills and stand out from the crowd.

YOUR INDUSTRY

There are over 81,000 currently working across Cardiff Capital Region in Engineering and Electronic Engineering. The average wage for those working in the industry is £31,678. (EMSI 2019)

YOUR FUTURE

Did you know? CAVC offers a number of university level courses, providing you with an opportunity to continue studying at a higher level after you complete your course.



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I had previously studied mechanical and electrical engineering and, after a bit of time off in-between, the position of process operator felt like a good choice for me.

I have found the tutors are really good. The facilities are also really good here and I think the College has everything you would need.

Jay Johnstone

Former Level 2 Process Operating Apprentice.

Current Level 3 Process Operating Apprentice

**READY TO
APPLY?**

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simple and all online! Visit:
www.cavc.ac.uk/apply

ESOL and ESOL+

Courses to improve your English and train for a career

CAVC has an excellent reputation for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). We are the biggest provider in Wales. We help you to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. This can help you in life and work in the future. Our ESOL courses are delivered at our One Canal Parade building, part of our City Centre Campus.

While most ESOL learners study part-time, you can come to college to study ESOL full-time. This helps you to improve your English each week and to gain ESOL qualifications during the year. On an ESOL+ course you can train for the career you want and improve your English through the course. Study ESOL at the right level for you – between Entry Level and Level 2 – and also gain skills, experience and a qualification in your chosen career area.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

ESOL	E L1 L2	City
ESOL+ Business Administration	L1 L2	City
ESOL+ Carpentry	E	City
ESOL+ Hairdressing and Customer Service	L1	City
ESOL+ Health and Social Care	E L1 L2	City
ESOL+ Hospitality and Catering	L1	City
ESOL+ IT	L2	City
ESOL+ AAT	L1 L2	City
ESOL+ Skills for Employability	E	City

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/ESOLPlus

YOUR CAVC

CAVC is the **biggest provider** of ESOL in Wales!

City Centre Campus is also home to REACH+
– the central hub for ESOL assessment in Cardiff.
www.reach.wales

YOUR FUTURE

On ESOL+ you can develop your skills in English and the career you want. After ESOL+ students progress on to courses in that subject.



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My favourite thing about the college is how everyone is very kind and friendly, which made me feel very comfortable. The best part of my college experience has been the tutors, they are very supportive to their students, and this has helped me grow in confidence with my English Language skills. After completing my ESOL course I hope to progress onto a course which will allow me to go to University to study Law.

Oyun Dulmaa

Former ESOL student, now studying ESOL+ Business Administration

**READY TO
APPLY?**

Applying for an ESOL course is quick, simple and all online!
Visit: www.reach.wales

Hairdressing, Beauty and Complementary Therapies

Gain the industry qualifications and experience you need to start your career as a Hair Stylist, Colour Technician, Beauty Therapist, Complementary Therapist or Salon Manager.

You will learn from industry qualified staff, using high quality products including Elemis and Goldwell, in outstanding facilities with paying clients, as well as benefiting from masterclasses by visiting professionals. Benefit from training in our excellent industry-standard facilities including urbasba salon and spa in Cardiff and Academi urbasba in Barry.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Barbering	L2	City
Beauty	L1	East
Beauty and Spa Therapy	L2 L3	City/Barry
Beauty Therapy	L2	City/Barry
Complementary Therapies	L3	City/Barry
Hair & Media Make-Up	L2	Barry/City/East
Hairdressing	L2 L3	City/Barry
Hairdressing and Beauty	L1	Barry/City/East
Retail Skills & Hairdressing Services	L2	City
Theatrical, Special Effects and Media Hair and Make-Up	L3	City

YOUR CAVC

Our hair and beauty students have enjoyed great success in national skills competitions winning medals at the **Skills Competition Wales final!** Students also have a great track record for securing employment in top salons and spas across Wales – including The Celtic Manor.

YOUR INDUSTRY

Just over half of hairdressing and beauty businesses have an annual turnover of almost £99K. The industry generates almost £7.7billion for the UK Economy. NHF (2018) The industry will need over 5,500 new recruits in Wales by 2022. (Working Futures 2012-2022).

According to EMSI Data 2019, Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan are expected to see a 7% increase in jobs for the Hair and Beauty Industry by 2025.

YOUR FUTURE

Our students go on to successful careers in some of the best salons and spas in the country. You could develop a career as a hair stylist, colour technician, barber, beauty therapist, nail technician, Theatrical Hair and Make Up Specialist, salon manager and more. Some of our students have even opened their own successful salons.



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Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/HairandBeauty

I chose CAVC because there seems to be lots more opportunities here being in the Capital. I enjoy my course because it's an actual real-life salon so there is real work experience and there are plenty of facilities here.

I think the College has helped me with my future career by providing opportunities such as the Welsh Skills Competition. My favourite moment at College has been doing the Skills Competition Wales where I came second.

What's next for me will be continuing learning here doing Level 4 Beauty and hopefully one day owning my own salon.

Freya Rees

Former Level 2 and 3 Beauty student

**READY TO
APPLY?**

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Independent Living Skills

Our Independent Living Skills courses help you to overcome barriers and develop skills for your future. Our courses support learners with a wide range of learning difficulties/disabilities and additional learning needs, including those with and Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Our courses are all about you. We put together a personalised learning plan based upon your learning needs and future goals. You'll develop all-round skills in communication, independent living skills, health and wellbeing, employability and the community around you, focusing on areas you need to develop the most.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Towards Independence

E City/Barry

Work & Life Skills

E City/Barry

Work Skills

E City/Barry

Skills for Progression

E City/Barry

Project Search

L1 City/Barry

Find out more... Go online cavc.ac.uk/livingskills

YOUR CAVC

At CAVC our support for learners was awarded the best in the UK last year! We have a dedicated support teams, with experts in many areas, to support your time at college and your future. Our team of Transition Officers can work with you to support your move to college and make sure you have everything in place to start with us. Find out more or get in touch with one of our team to have a chat about how we could support you on www.cavc.ac.uk/support

YOUR FUTURE

Students on our Independent Living Skills courses have become more independent in their daily lives, have progressed onto supported employment, further education, or work within the community.



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I like my lessons, teacher and being with my friends at college. I enjoy cooking and working on the iPad in my lessons and have learnt to write my name! My teachers at the college are always kind and happy. I like coming to college because I always learn new things. My favourite thing to do is when we go on the bus to go shopping and buy ingredients for our cooking lessons! I would tell my friends to come to college because it is brilliant and fun!

Arfana Begum

Towards Independence student

**READY TO
APPLY?**

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IT and Computing

IT skills are hugely valuable for employers in all sectors. Develop your knowledge and skills in IT and Computing and open doors to a wide range of careers. On our IT and Computing courses and Apprenticeship programmes you develop your work-related skills including working with different technologies, configuring hardware and software and problem solving.

You will learn in our dedicated IT suites, including our Cyber Security Lab. You will also have the opportunity to take part in live briefs set by industry, for example developing websites for real businesses. Our IT students also compete in national skills competitions including the WorldSkills Microsoft challenge – and have a track record of great success. These opportunities help you to develop your CV and stand out from the crowd.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

IT	L1 L2	City/Barry
Computing with Cyber Security	L3	City/Barry
Computing with Games Development/Coding	L3	City/Barry

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/IT

YOUR CAVC

CAVC IT students have an exceptional reputation for success at national skills competitions winning medals at the Skills Competition Wales finals and even competing in the WorldSkills competition in Russia. Students also have a great track record for securing employment after completing their course.

YOUR INDUSTRY

The Digital and Enabling Technology industry is a key sector for the Welsh Economy, directly employing 40,000 people and contributing £8.5bn to the Welsh Economy (RSP 2020).

The Cardiff Capital Region has a thriving digital cluster with projections of 6,000 additional jobs by 2025, amounting to 28% growth (EMSI 2019). According to Tech Nation data 2020, The average salary in Cardiff for the digital tech field is £37,500.

YOUR FUTURE

Many Level 3 students progress on to IT related higher education courses in universities across the UK and at CAVC, where we offer a Computing HND and BSc (Hons) in Cyber Security.

Many students go straight into employment in roles including Web Design and Development, Technician and IT Support.



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I found the variation of units in my course really enjoyable, as part of this my assignments involved research which I enjoyed as it was independent learning.

While studying at the college I've had the opportunity to take part in the WorldSkills UK competition, my tutor was really supportive through this process and I really enjoyed being competitive in my subject.

My favourite thing about this course is the facilities which are available to us, and that we can access them all the time.

After finishing my level 3 course at the college I have enrolled on the Bsc in Cyber Security at CAVC. After finishing this course I would like to progress on to a masters in Digital Forensics, and then work with the police department to catch cyber criminals.

Heather Curtis-Rich

Former level 3 Computing student, now study the Bsc (Hons) in Cyber Security at CAVC

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simple and all online! Visit:
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Music and Performing Arts

Our well-respected courses are taught in our City Centre Campus which includes, state-of-the-art film, dance, music and performing arts facilities. That's not all though, our Theatr Michael Sheen (officially opened by the man himself!), Mac suites and specialist creative classrooms are also on site. Learn from staff who are industry professionals and work on live briefs for industry as part of your course.

CAVC is the founder college for the National Skills Academy for Creative and Cultural in Wales – providing opportunities for students to link with employers. We also work with prestigious organisations including BAFTA and the National Theatre of Wales to offer you unique opportunities to hear from industry experts and undertake work placements that boost your CV and help prepare you for employment.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Dance	L3 Rubicon Dance
Music	L2 City
Music (Production)	L3 City
Music Technology	L3 City
Performing Arts Practice (Musical Theatre)	L3 City
Performing Arts Practice (Acting)	L3 City

Find out more...

Go online cavc.ac.uk/MusicPerformingArts

YOUR CAVC

The College has strong links with industry including the **BBC, National Theatre Wales, Wales Millennium Centre, ITV Wales and the Sherman Theatre**, providing opportunities for work experience and involvement in high profile projects.

YOUR INDUSTRY

The music industry is worth £4.5billion to the UK economy and has grown by 2% since 2017 (UK Music 2018). According to data contained in the Clwstwr Report 2020, There are more than 2,400 jobs in the Music, performing and visual arts with an average yearly growth rate of 2.2% in Cardiff (09-17).

YOUR FUTURE

Our students progress – many directly into employment in the creative industries. **Most Level 3 students go on to study a university course in universities across the UK**, with many choosing to stay at CAVC to study one of our unique and respected Foundation Degrees in subjects including Performing Arts, Film, Photography and Music.



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I chose to come to this college because I thought the course suited my goals for the future and my sister went to the college so I already knew the college a little. I also saw how the college offered everything I could need in terms of facilities, with the theatre and lighting, and dance studios. I have enjoyed studying here as my class is great, and we all get along really well, and although we are all very different, we all bounce off each other.

My highlight of being at college has been my performance of John Godber's Bouncers, we all had to wear our old school shirts, and although it wasn't perfect we all really enjoyed ourselves.

The support at the college is good, they check in on us to make sure we're doing okay on the course, they always give us everything we need. When I finish my course here I plan to go to university to study acting.

Bethan Simmons

Currently studying Performing Arts Level 3, Year 2

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Sport and Public Services

Our Sport courses are based at Cardiff International Sports Campus (CISC) – the inspirational home for CAVC Sport. This facility features excellent sports facilities including a large gym, fitness studios, Airdome enclosed 3G pitch and athletics track. You will also have the chance to develop your skills through opportunities including running coaching sessions or undertaking work placements in sport. Our Sport courses cover all aspects of sport – from sports and exercise science, to sports performance and excellence. Our Public Services courses are designed to prepare students for successful entry into any of the uniformed public services so the learning is focused upon investigating the work of the Police Service, Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, Armed Forces and Prison Service.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Health, Fitness and Wellbeing	L2	CISC
Personal Trainer*	L3	CISC
Public Services	L1 L2 L3	CISC/Barry
Public Services (Welsh)	L3	Barry
Sport	L1 L2 L3	CISC
Sport	L3	Cardiff Arms Park
Sport (Welsh)	L3	CISC
Sport (Glamorgan Cricket)	L3	Sophia Gardens

Find out more...
Go online cavc.ac.uk/Sport

YOUR CAVC

Our Sport courses and Cardiff based Public Services courses are delivered at the new home for CAVC Sport in Leckwith – Cardiff International Sports Campus. With the **latest in facilities** including Airdome enclosed 3G pitch, fully equipped gyms and athletics track there's no better place to be if you're serious about sport.

YOUR INDUSTRY

Currently, there are over 13,500 people working in Public and Uniformed Services occupations and almost 9,000 people employed in sports occupations with 1.6% growth predicted until 2025. (EMSI, 2019)

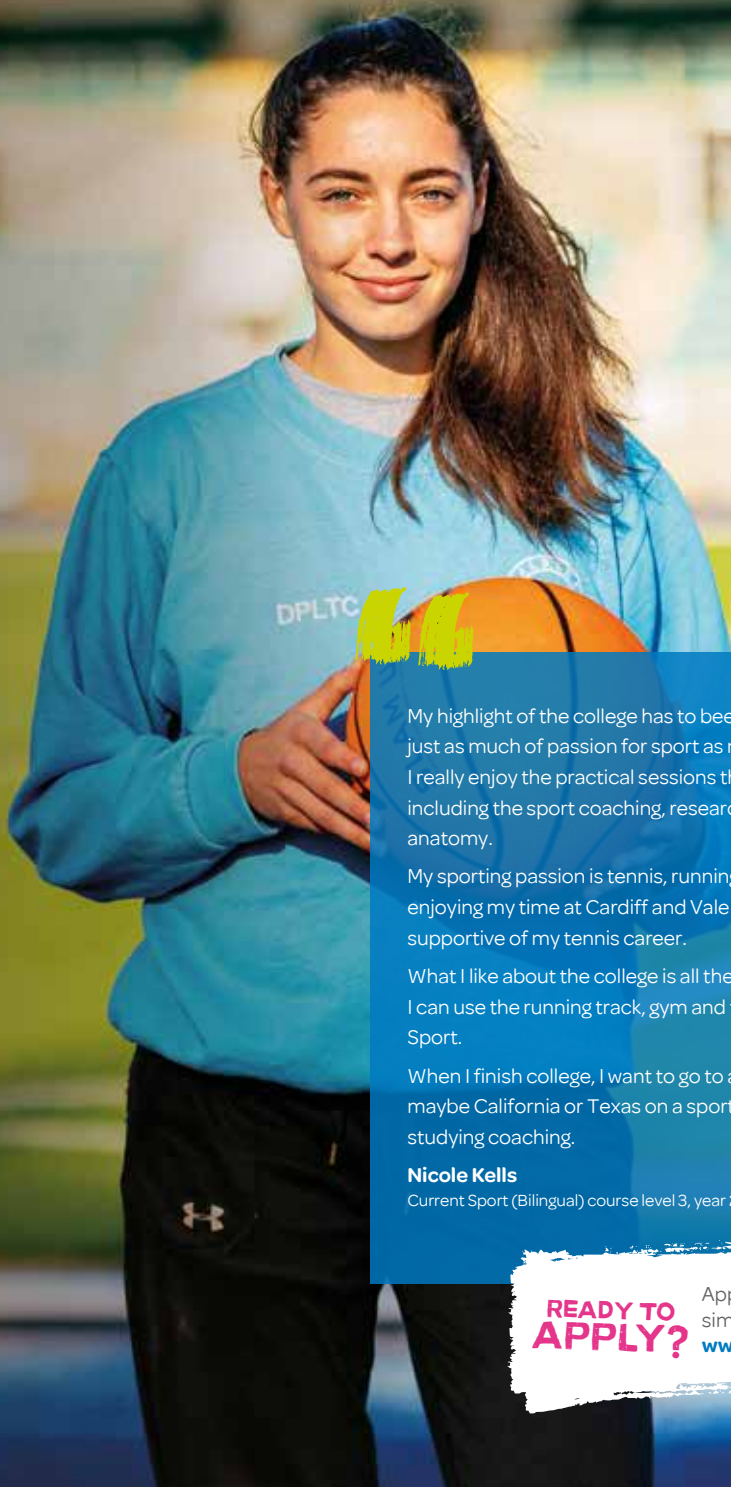
YOUR FUTURE

Many students choose to take a professional industry qualification with CAVC after the age of 18 to become a qualified Gym Instructor or Personal Trainer. Others go on to higher education with universities across the UK, or stay at CAVC to take the **well-respected HND in Sport Coaching and Performance** or Strength Coaching and Rehabilitation run in partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University.



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*you must be 18+ to undertake this course.



My highlight of the college has to be meeting people who have just as much of passion for sport as myself, and the facilities. I really enjoy the practical sessions that we do on the course, including the sport coaching, research methods and human anatomy.

My sporting passion is tennis, running and gym fitness. I've enjoying my time at Cardiff and Vale College as they are very supportive of my tennis career.

What I like about the college is all the facilities which are here, I can use the running track, gym and tennis courts at House of Sport.

When I finish college, I want to go to an American University, maybe California or Texas on a sport scholarship for tennis to studying coaching.

Nicole Kells

Current Sport (Bilingual) course level 3, year 2 student.

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Travel and Tourism

Would you like a career in the travel and tourism industry, with exciting opportunities to work across Wales or worldwide?

Our travel and tourism courses develop your skills, experience and provide industry recognised qualifications to open doors to a career in the industry. Study modules including travel destinations, foreign languages, customer service and first aid and you can gain experience through visiting industry experts, site visits and work placements in tourist destinations and attractions in Wales and beyond.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Introduction to Cabin Crew

L2 ICAT

Travel and Tourism

L3 City/Barry

Travel and Tourism

L1 L2 Barry

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Go online cavc.ac.uk/Tourism

YOUR CAVC

The College has many links with industry offering **opportunities for work experience and placements** for CAVC students with the likes of **British Airways, TUI** and **Virgin Atlantic**.

YOUR INDUSTRY

Tourism is the UK's 5th largest industry and supports 3 million jobs, there are more than 200,000 Small to Medium sized businesses and that is growing all the time (CAVC LMI Update, 2015). Tourism in Wales is a £5 billion industry. Currently, more than 70,000 people are employed in Cardiff Capital Region. There is a 70% net growth predicted over the next 5 years. (EMSI 2019).

YOUR FUTURE

Many students go straight into employment in roles in hotels, events management, tourist attractions and holiday resorts. **Progress onto our renowned Cabin Crew part time course** and join students who have gained employment with airlines including **Emirates, British Airways, Virgin, EasyJet** and more.



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I chose CAVC because I knew that I wanted to study a course that would help me get to the future career and job that I aspire to and it was the best opportunity available to me.

I enjoy working in a state-of-the-art campus right in the heart of Cardiff. I also enjoy just getting on with the work and being able to work towards what I want. There are several opportunities such as study visits that we can have along the way. The whole experience is just great!

The College has helped me with my future career as there is a lot of help available, there's people I can speak to and programmes like the Career Ready programme. The tutors have got lots of experience in the workplace so they are able to help me.

I have just enjoyed the whole College experience overall. It's a really pleasant environment and it is great for working.

In terms of what's next for me is I am keeping an open mind and I am open to any possibility. Ideally, I'd like to work in the rail industry but I am happy to take whatever opportunity comes my way.

Sean Fairman

Former level 3 Travel and Tourism student

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Vocational Access

Our Vocational Access courses offer you the opportunity to develop your skills and confidence to progress onto a course in college and future work.

On all our courses, you will choose two vocational options that you will learn during your course. You can choose from Catering, Health and Social Care, Sport, Public Services, Media, Art, IT, Building Trades, Hair and Barbering, Beauty, Customer Service, Business, Plumbing and Electrical, Performing Arts, Mechanics and Music. We recommend you pick two options that you'd like to progress onto to study or work in.

You will get to participate in group projects or work placements. You also continue to develop your skills in English, Maths, and other areas that will help you with your next step.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Vocational Access Gateway

E Cardiff/Barry/East/West

Vocational Access

L1 Cardiff/Barry/East/West

Vocational Access Work Skills

L1 Barry/East/West

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YOUR CAVC

At CAVC we want you to achieve your goal. As well as your teachers, we have lots of friendly and expert support staff – in fact, our support for learners was awarded the best in the UK last year! Find out more or get in touch with one of our team to have a chat about how we could support you on www.cavc.ac.uk/support

YOUR FUTURE

Students on our Vocational Access courses have progressed onto courses across the College including IT, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Health & Care, Art & Design, Music, and more! Other students have secured a job straight after leaving college.

Some learners choose to take GCSEs in English or Maths during their course to help them progress.



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When I first joined the college, I studied Vocational Access for two years, and then went on to study MAC Media for one year based at Media Academy Cardiff. From my Vocational Access course, I could have progressed on to courses in cookery, science or sport to a name a few, but I chose music. Having so many opportunities being given to you to pick from was brilliant. I then progressed on to Music and Performance Level 2 and Level 3. My next step is to go to university.

My biggest achievement since being at college has been winning CAVC's best performer 2020 having my talent recognised by people that believe in what I can do was my biggest highlight.

The support I've been given, especially for my tutors, has been brilliant; constantly believing in my ability. I think without that kind of support, I would never have been able to have got to this point.

Mathew Williams

Former Vocational Access and Music and Performance student

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This guide and the website gives you an idea of the different levels offered. You should apply for the level you think is right for you. We will then work with you to make sure you are on the right course for you.



NEED HELP APPLYING?

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