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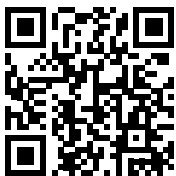
Cardiff and Vale College  
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# SCHOOL LEAVERS' COURSE GUIDE

# 2024/25



## OPEN EVENINGS



Visit us at an Open Evening to find out more about courses, chat to teachers and see our fantastic facilities.

Open Evenings take place throughout the year, visit: [cavc.ac.uk/openevenings](http://cavc.ac.uk/openevenings) for dates and details.

## WHAT'S INSIDE?

This guide, primarily aimed at Year 11 pupils, provides an overview of the options available at Cardiff and Vale College for anyone aged 16+. Go to our website [cavc.ac.uk](http://cavc.ac.uk) for lots more information about studying with us, details of our courses and to apply.

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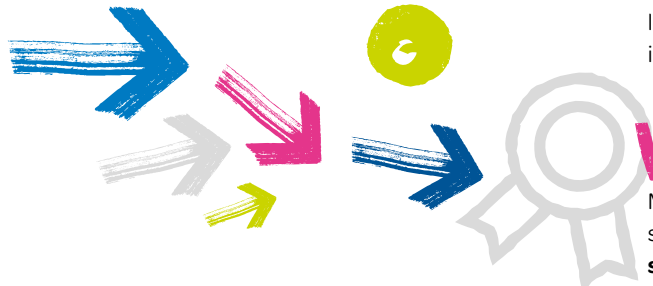
If you're looking for **university level courses** following sixth form or college, visit [cavc.ac.uk/uni](http://cavc.ac.uk/uni)

# WHY CAVC?

## ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

As the first Microsoft Showcase College in Wales, we are leading the way with using technology in learning. This helps to make learning engaging and further develops important digital skills that employers value.

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...



## WINNERS!

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



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

## NEXT STEPS

Our students have an excellent track record for progressing onto further learning or employment after leaving their course. **More than 1,000 going on to university study** in the last two years and **thousands more onto apprenticeships and employment**.



We offer more than **40 A Level subjects** – one of the largest selections in the region.



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!



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!**

And exciting opportunities to develop a passion or talent alongside your course – from our renowned Sports Academies to Performing Arts.



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.

## 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.



## 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.



**FIND OUT MORE AT**  
[cavc.ac.uk/sites](http://cavc.ac.uk/sites)

# 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 City Centre Campus. This includes more than 200 inspiring teaching spaces plus some amazing facilities, including the 100-seat Theatr Michael Sheen, The Classroom Restaurant, urbasba salon and spa, sports facilities including a huge dome, 3G pitch and strength and conditioning gym, 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 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.

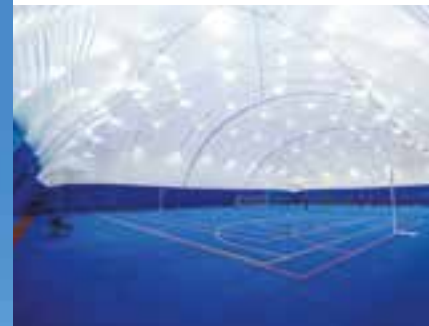
**CAVC Construction Training Centre** – a specialist centre for construction trades including brickwork, carpentry and joinery.

**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 sports facility with Dome and 3G pitch.

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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 campus provides an inspirational base for a wide range of courses.

The campus, shared with Eastern High School, includes dedicated spaces for College students including state-of-the-art classrooms and spaces to learn, and specialist facilities including a 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 is the base for a number of 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, enclosed 3G pitch, multi-use outdoor 3G and grass pitches, performance analysis suite and professional athletics track. A range of courses are delivered on site and it’s a fantastic facility for our sporting academies to develop their talents.



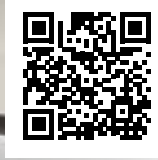
# INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR AEROSPACE TRAINING

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 Engineering 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.



Find out more, browse galleries or take a virtual tour at [cavc.ac.uk/sites](http://cavc.ac.uk/sites)



# 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.

### 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 support for a wide range of additional learning needs, learning difficulties and/or disabilities including dyslexia, ADHD, autism, mobility difficulties or sensory impairments.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Find out about the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), free school meals and help with travel and other costs. We also have the Free CAVC Rider bus service traveling between some of our Cardiff and Vale Campuses.

### 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 offer opportunities to learn bilingually across many subject areas, so you can continue to learn through Welsh for all or some of your course. You can also choose to 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.

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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, it's an amazing place to use it!"

**Katie Hill**  
A Levels

### CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE

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

### 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.

## FIND OUT MORE

Go to [cavc.ac.uk/support](https://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:** [cavc.ac.uk](https://cavc.ac.uk) and click on the LiveChat icon

**Phone:** 02920 250 250 **email:** [studentservices@cavc.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@cavc.ac.uk)



"My tutors have made it really enjoyable and everyone has been really supportive. My main achievement from being at college has been getting through the year, because when I started I didn't think I'd be able to do it. I chose to study at CAVC due to the A Level choices and the atmosphere, on top of the fact the support seemed really good. The College has definitely helped me achieve my goals, and the ALN hub being there for me has really helped."

**Seb Pegg**

Former A Levels learner, now studying the Art & Design – Foundation



# OPPORTUNITIES,

At CAVC there are so many opportunities, clubs and activities outside of your course. **Compete. Represent. Enjoy. Develop. Stand out from the crowd! The full student experience! Below are just a few examples.**

## 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.



**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!

## CAREERS SUPPORT AND MORE

Our Careers and Ideas team are here to inspire and support your future progression. Whether you want to progress in College, go on to university, apply for an apprenticeship or job, or are unsure what you should do next, they can help. They also support all learners to secure valuable work experience. They run exciting sessions 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.

Worldskills is the 'skills olympics' run across 80 countries. **CAVC is a UK WorldSkills Centre of Excellence** – with some students chosen to represent Team Wales and Team UK and compete against the best in the world in their chosen skill. Take part and you have a brilliant addition to your CV to progress to university or gain employment.

# CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

## 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 join 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 – former Business Level 3 and Career Ready learner** undertook a six-week internship at an international law firm in London. Inspired by the experience, Megan went on to study Law at university and has since mentored a Career Ready student herself!



## 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.



## 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. 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.

## MAKERSPACE CLUBS

Our Digital Makerspace offers a range of clubs for anyone to join including AV Club, Illustration Club and 3D Club. You could even become a Digital Leader and perfect your digital skills and champion digital activities for students.



## JASON MOHAMMAD ACADEMY

Renowned broadcaster and CAVC Alumni, Jason Mohammad runs this academy exclusively for CAVC students. Whatever course you take you can join the academy to experience developing podcasts, presenting and gain insights into careers in media and journalism. It offers fantastic experience for your CV to help you stand out from the crowd. Former members have gone onto related courses in university and even gained apprenticeships with the BBC!



## ESPORTS ACADEMY

One for all gamers! Join our E-Sports teams to hone your skills and compete in tournaments as part of the BEA league teams! All students are welcome, with games available including Valorant, Rocket league, League of Legends, eFootball, CSGO.



## ACTIVE WELLBEING FOR ALL

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!



## 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 [cavc.ac.uk/opportunities](http://cavc.ac.uk/opportunities)



[cavc.ac.uk](http://cavc.ac.uk)

## PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY



Got a passion for acting, dance, singing? Open to all students, take part in rehearsals and shows with fellow students who share your passion.



# SPORTS ACADEMIES

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.

## FIND OUT MORE

[cavc.ac.uk/sportsacademies](http://cavc.ac.uk/sportsacademies)



"At CAVC I've been supported to be the best I can be in my learning and my sport: playing for my college, my region and for Wales."

**Lucas De La Rua**

A Levels & CAVC Rugby Academy and Wales U20s



## SPECIALIST ACADEMIES

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

## 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.

## 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 state-of-the-art sports dome and 3G pitch.

## 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 Rugby, 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

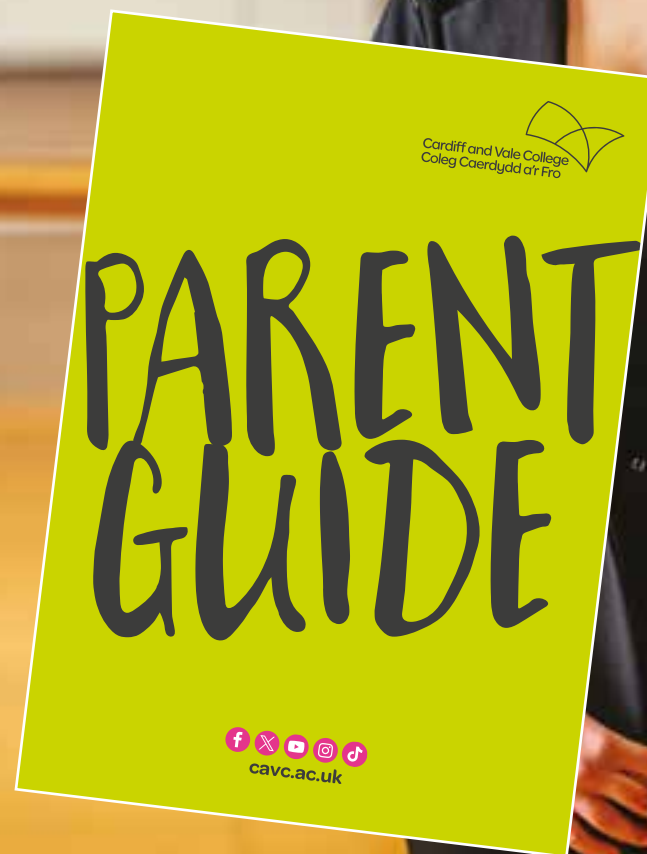
With our students gaining professional and semi professional contracts, and going on to represent their country in their chosen sport, as well as progressing to university and into careers alongside their sport.

# PARENTS AND CARERS

If you're a parent or carer 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.

Visit [cavc.ac.uk/guides](https://cavc.ac.uk/guides)



# FINDING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

After leaving school 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 more than 5,500 people enrolling onto full-time courses each year!**

You will usually study between 16-22 hours each week at a college site, plus work-related placements and other opportunities offered through the year. Full-time courses are offered in all subject 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 to develop the practical skills needed.

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.** 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.

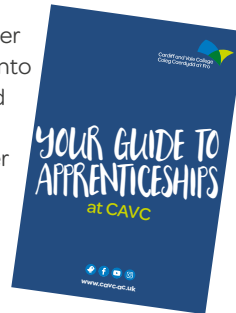
**Remember – the entry requirements shown are typical; however some courses vary so please check the course information sheet on the website for exact entry requirements.**

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 A

**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. For further details, download or order your CAVC Apprenticeships Guide at [cavc.ac.uk/guides](http://cavc.ac.uk/guides)



## HOW TO APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

### 1. FIND THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

Look at your options – read this guide, go to the website where there is a page on every course to find out more. And come to an Open Evening! It's a great way to help you decide. **Go to [cavc.ac.uk/openevenings](http://cavc.ac.uk/openevenings)**



### 2. APPLY

Contact our Apprenticeships team to discuss if you are eligible for an Apprenticeship programme.

Call **01446 748212** or email **[apprenticeships@cavc.ac.uk](mailto: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.**



### 3. NEXT STEPS



After applying we'll get in touch. This is usually a quick chat with our one of our admissions team, to make sure the course is right for you. They'll then confirm your offer of a place on the course and let you know the next steps.

For many courses you will also be invited to an applicant day – this is a great chance for you to learn more about the course. Some courses also do auditions or staff chats on the day.



### 4. ENROLMENT

During the Summer, usually around GCSE Results Day for most students, we'll invite you to the college to enrol. You're then a CAVC student!







# A LEVELS AT CAVC

## AN INSPIRING SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE WITH A DIFFERENCE...

We aim to inspire you with the right choice of subjects, personalised support and opportunities to reach your potential.

Each year around 1,000 young people study A Levels with CAVC and have a sixth form experience with a difference. Here's just a few reasons why...

More than **40 subject choices** to choose from

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...including some subjects rarely seen in schools and colleges. Look out for our CAVC exclusive subjects such as Ancient History, Applied Science, Classics, Digital Technology, Journalism, Built Environment and more.

**Specialist teachers**, all experts in their subjects and focused on teaching A Level provision.



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**Outstanding facilities!** With A Levels based at our landmark City Centre Campus, you can learn in specialist science labs, interactive classrooms, computer suites, film and photography studios, theatre and more.



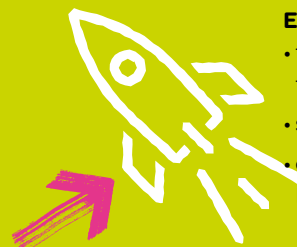
With **brilliant general spaces to spend time out of class**, including our Success and Study Centres, Student Life Hub and canteen, coffee shop and shops.

**Fantastic university progression routes!** With hundreds of students gaining places at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other leading universities. In fact, this year more than 500 students achieved their firm or insurance choice through UCAS, with nearly 100 being Russell Group universities!

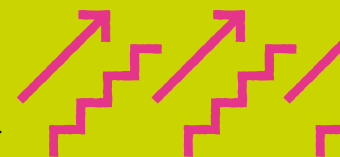


**Expert support to apply to university...**

- teachers linking with subject specialists at universities to offer insights and experiences
- specialist UCAS support with our Careers & Ideas Team
- our Scholars Programme including support for Oxbridge, Ivy League, Russell Group and leading university applications.



**The perfect stepping stone to university** – building your independence, whilst providing pastoral care and full range of support to achieve your potential and prepare for your next step.



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CAVC is a great place to study A Levels – the teachers, the support, the facilities and social experience has been so good – I'm delighted to have gained all A's in my AS exams. The support to apply and prepare for university is brilliant and I'm looking forward to progressing after college.


**Kuba Lewandowski**

A Levels (A2 Maths, Economics, & Business) & Student Union Sabbatical Officer

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# WHAT CAN I STUDY?

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT A LEVELS COMBINATION FOR YOU

A Levels are Level 3  To study A Levels you need a minimum of 6 GCSEs A\*-C including English and Maths. If you have less than that, we recommend a different pathway – including BTECs or one of our career focused courses – all of which can also get you to university and help you reach your potential.

YOUR GCSEs	9 GCSEs A*-C inc 6 A*-A	6 GCSEs A*-C inc 4 A*-B	6 GCSEs A*-C inc 2 A*-B	6 GCSEs A*-C inc 1 A*-B	5 GCSEs A*-C	4 GCSEs A*-C
<b>ADVISED COMBINATION</b>	4 AS+ Scholars Programme	3 AS+ Advanced Skills Bacc	2 AS+1 BTEC + Advanced Skills Bacc	2 AS+ Advanced Skills Bacc	Mixed BTECs	1x BTEC+ GCSE Resit

## A-Z A LEVEL SUBJECTS AT A GLANCE

Based on your advised pathway, choose your combination of subjects from below.

Subject	Qual	Additional entry requirement	Assessment
Ancient History ★	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Applied Human Biology (L3 A Levels) ★	BTEC	GCSE Science CC	A C E
Applied Science (L2)	OCR		A C E
Applied Science (L3 3 A Levels) ★	BTEC	BTEC, GCSE Science BC	A C E
Art	AS/A2	GCSE English & Art B	C
Biology	AS/A2	GCSE Maths, English & Science B	A E
Built Environment ★	AS/A2		C E
Business Studies	AS/A2	GCSE Maths B	E
Business Studies	BTEC		C E
Chemistry	AS/A2	GCSE Maths & Chemistry/Science B	A E
Classics ★	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Computer Science	AS/A2	GCSE Maths B	E
Computing	BTEC	GCSE Maths C	A C E
Criminology	BTEC	WJEC	C E
Design & Technology	AS	GCSE Maths & D&T B	A C E
Digital Technology ★	AS/A2	GCSE Maths & ICT B	C E
Drama	AS/A2	GCSE English B	A C

Subject	Qual	Additional entry requirement	Assessment
Economics ★	AS/A2	GCSE Maths & English B	E
English Language	AS/A2	GCSE English B	C E
English Literature	AS/A2	GCSE English B	C E
Film Studies	AS/A2	GCSE English B	C E
French ★	AS/A2	GCSE English & French B	A E
Geography	AS/A2	GCSE English & Geography B	E
German ★	AS/A2	GCSE English & German B	A E
Government & Politics	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Graphic Design	AS/A2	GCSE English & Art B	C
Health & Social Care	AS/A2		A E
History	AS/A2	GCSE English & History B	E
Journalism (1 or 2 A Levels) ★	BTEC		A C E
Law	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Law (Applied) ★	BTEC		C E
Mathematics	AS/A2	GCSE Maths B	E
Mathematics (Further) ★	AS/A2	AS Mathematics	E
Media Studies	AS/A2	GCSE English B	C E
Music	AS	GCSE English B	A C E
Photography	AS/A2	GCSE Art B	A C
Physical Education	AS/A2	GCSE Science/ PE B	A
Physics	AS/A2	GCSE Physics/ Science B	A E
Psychology	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Psychology (Applied) ★	BTEC		C E
Religious Studies	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Sociology	AS/A2	GCSE English B	E
Spanish ★	AS		A E
Welsh (Second language) ★	AS	GCSE Welsh C	A C E

★ = CAVC Exclusives – rare find subjects. **E** = Exam. **C** = Coursework. **A** = Practical Assessment



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# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS (STEM)

**Our broad and exciting range of STEM courses attracts hundreds of learners each year.** Our expert STEM teachers, outstanding facilities including specialist laboratories and digital spaces, and our track record for success makes CAVC a great place to study your choice of STEM subjects and progress on to a leading university.

## Applied Human Biology BTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

**Also requires:** GCSE Science CC  
Equivalent to 3 A Levels. Develop practical and applied learning in infections, diseases, microbiology and health issues.

## Applied Sciences BTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

Equivalent to 3 A Levels. Develop practical and applied learning in science including laboratory and investigation skills.

## Applied Sciences BTEC <sup>L2</sup>

Develop your all-round understanding of science and progress onto Level 3 Applied Sciences BTEC or A Levels.

## Biology AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths, English & Biology/ Double Science at B. Develop your understanding of the science of the body, the environment and the world.

## Built Environment AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

Understand the built environment – the range of structures and assets and the professional and technical roles.

## Chemistry AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths, English & Chemistry/Double Science at B. Explore different areas of chemistry, how they relate to each other and their impact on the world.

## Computing BTEC

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths C  
Equivalent to 3 A Levels. Develop practical and applied learning in computing including cyber, security and encryption.

## Computer Science AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths & ICT at B  
Grow your knowledge of computer systems development, architecture, data, communications and applications.



## Digital Technology AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths & ICT at B.  
Develop a broad range of ICT knowledge and understanding to use digital technology effectively.

## Health & Social Care AS <sup>L3</sup>

Study human growth, behaviour and wellbeing and the services that support people through their lives.

## Mathematics AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths at B.  
Study pure and applied mathematics, developing your mathematical ability and logical thinking.

## Mathematics (Further) AS/A2 1 Year Fast Track <sup>L3</sup> ★

Study at A2 Level. Immerse yourself in mathematical topics including pure mathematics, statistics and mechanics.

## Physical Education AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Science and/or PE at B. Explore all aspects of sport, health, fitness and wellbeing and develop your personal ability in sport performance.

## Physics AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths & Physics/ Double Science at B. Grow your knowledge in all aspects of Physics including motion, energy, matter, electricity and light.

## FIND OUT MORE

For detailed information on each course, including units studied, assessment, to chat online with a teacher or apply, go to our STEM A Levels website.



## POPULAR COMBINATIONS

Most students that study STEM choose to study a combination of 2 or 3 STEM A Levels alongside the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales or Scholars Programme.

## WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

The right combination of A Levels in the area can enable you to progress to university to study Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry. Other popular university progression routes include Chemical Engineering, Accountancy, Computer Games Development, Cyber Forensics, and from the BTEC Applied Science course, Forensics and Healthcare Professions.



# HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our wide range of Humanities and Social Sciences subjects, including many innovative A Level options, stands out from other providers. This choice, along with our subject specialist A Level teachers and the exciting opportunities available to those studying these courses, attracts hundreds of students each year.

## Ancient History AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

Also requires: GCSE English at B. Study the ancient past, including Greece and Rome, and their major historical events and literature.

## Applied Law BTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

Equivalent to 2 A Levels. Develop a basic understanding of the legal system and popular areas of applied law in practice.

## Applied Psychology BTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

Equivalent to 2 A Levels. Understand the basics of psychology, behaviour and popular areas of applied psychology in practice.

## Business Studies AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE Maths at B. Understand all aspects of business, organisations and functions including marketing, finance and people management.

## Business Studies BTEC <sup>L3</sup>

Equivalent to 2 A Levels. Explore business in practice – including the basics of marketing, finance and human resources and how to apply them.

## Criminology WJEC <sup>L3</sup>

Equivalent to 1 A Level. Develop an awareness of crime, theories around it and the criminal justice sector.

## Economics AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

Also requires: GCSE Maths and English at B. Learn about economic concepts, theories and issues affecting life across Wales, the UK and the world.

## Geography AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English & Geography at B. Develop your geographical knowledge and a critical understanding of the world's people, places and environments.

## Government & Politics AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English at B

Explore the political systems and workings of the UK and USA, all to grow your overall understanding of politics.

## History AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English & History at B.

Explore a breadth of historical study, all developing the skills of a historian.

## Journalism BTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

Equivalent to 1 A Level. Develop useful knowledge and transferable skills in journalism and digital media practices.

## Journalism CTEC <sup>L3</sup> ★

Equivalent to 2 A Levels. Develop a deeper knowledge of journalism and digital media skills and practices.

## Law AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English at B

Learn about legal structures, processes and people, and the issues and concepts that surround it.

## Psychology AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also required: GCSE Maths and English at B.

Explore historical and current psychological approaches, developing your approach to carry out investigations.

## Sociology AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English at B

Develop your understanding of society and how the social and cultural environment influences people and their behaviour.

## FIND OUT MORE

For detailed information on each course, including units studied, assessment, to chat online with a teacher or apply, go to our Humanities and Social Sciences A Level website.



## POPULAR COMBINATIONS

Most students choose to study a combination of 2 or 3 Arts and/or Social Sciences A Level and BTEC qualifications, alongside the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales or Scholars Programme.

## WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Each year, A Level students studying humanities and social sciences subjects progress onto a wide range of courses in leading universities, including Russell Group and Oxbridge universities. Popular university progression routes include Business Management, Law, Journalism and Communications, Philosophy, Psychology, Police and Probation Services, Politics, Marketing and Language Studies.

# ARTS

**Our renowned arts A Level provision has a span of interesting subject choices, providing the opportunity to develop yourself in subjects you are passionate about and progress onto a leading university.** Our arts teaching team are subject specialists and expert A Level teachers. Learn in our dedicated A Level classrooms and specialist facilities including photography, dance, music and design studios.

## Art AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English B. Desirable GCSE Art B. Explore, research, experiment and develop your creative practice.

## Classics AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Study classical literature and enjoy the opportunity to explore literature, history, philosophy and politics in one subject.

## Design Technology AS <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE Maths & D&T B. Product design – identifying problems and designing creative solutions, from ideation to getting the product to the customer.

## Drama AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Develop your knowledge of texts and experience in drama and theatre performance.

## English Language AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Develop your writing, speaking and listening skills and knowledge of the English language itself.

## English Literature AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Explore and discuss novels, plays, poetry and texts, whilst developing your own creative writing.

## Film Studies AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Explore and analyse the film and cinema industries, audiences and film production and your response to it.

## French AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English & French B. Develop your French speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, whilst learning about the culture of French speaking countries.

## German AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup> ★

**Also requires:** GCSE English & German B. Develop your German speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, whilst also learning about German culture.

## Graphic Design AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Desirable GCSE Art B. Apply creativity, theory and practice and develop graphic design and communication skills.

## Media Studies AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Develop knowledge of and skills for the media industries including news, advertising and film.

## Music AS <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Study the theory and practice of music, developing performing, composing and appraisal skills.

## Photography AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Desirable GCSE Art B. Explore the theory and practice of photography and image-making with digital media.

## Religious Studies AS/A2 <sup>L3</sup>

**Also requires:** GCSE English Language B. Explore and discuss religion, beliefs and its impact of society.

## Spanish AS <sup>L3</sup> ★

Develop your Spanish speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, whilst learning about the culture of Spanish speaking countries.

## Welsh (Second Language) <sup>L3</sup> ★

**Also requires:** GCSE Welsh C. Develop your Welsh speaking, listening, reading and writing skills as a second language.

## FIND OUT MORE

For detailed information on each course, including units studied, assessment, to chat online with a teacher or apply, go to our Arts A Level website.



## POPULAR COMBINATIONS

Most students choose to study a combination of 2 or 3 Arts and/or Social Sciences A Levels alongside the Welsh Baccalaureate or Scholars Programme.

## WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Each year, A Level students studying arts subjects progress onto a wide range of courses in leading universities, including Russell Group and Oxbridge universities. Popular university progression routes include Classics, Film, Linguistics, English Language and Literature, Communication, Primary Teaching, Speech Therapy, Photography, Media Studies and Theology.

# ALONGSIDE YOUR STUDY – ADVANCED SKILLS BACCALAUREATE WALES

DEVELOP SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE,  
AT UNIVERSITY AND IN EMPLOYMENT

All A Level students at CAVC, apart from those following the Scholars Programme, study the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales alongside their A Levels.

This qualification is equivalent to an additional A Level in size and the UCAS points you can achieve through taking it. It develops your wider skills for university study and employment including integral skills of critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, planning and organising and personal effectiveness.

The programme is delivered by our team of specialist staff, and you work collaboratively and on your own over three projects. With the overall aim to grow effective, responsible and active citizens, you have a choice of topics and flexibility in how you produce each project.

## WHAT IS THE ADVANCED SKILLS BACCALAUREATE WALES?

- A recognised qualification to prepare students for university study and employment.
- Undertake three projects – with choice around the topic you pick and how you present your three projects.
- Equivalent to an additional full A Level and worth up to 56 UCAS points.
- A great way to boost your UCAS points whilst developing wider skills for university, your personal statement and your CV.

## FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate at CAVC and ask a teacher a question, scan here:



Choosing CAVC was my best decision ever. It fostered my independence, boosted my confidence and clarified my career path.

I've learnt more than I ever could have anywhere else, been given loads of opportunities and made new friends. Being part of the Jason Mohammad Academy gave me a passion I never knew I had and led me to apply for my apprenticeship with BBC Radio Cymru as an alternative to university, and I am really enjoying it.

### Ffion Llewellyn

A Levels (Business, Geography, Art with Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales). Now working on an apprenticeship with BBC Radio Cymru



# ALONGSIDE YOUR STUDY – SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

## GAIN THE SKILLS AND SUPPORT TO SUCCEED AT TOP-LEVEL UNIVERSITIES

Our renowned Scholars Programme is for learners who have demonstrated academic excellence in their GCSEs, gaining a minimum of 6 A\*-A grades.

Taken alongside your A Level study, the Scholars Programme develops your skills and provides support to apply to and succeed at, top-level universities.

As part of the programme you complete the WJEC Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), in place of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales. The EPQ develops the knowledge and skills you need for university study, including in-depth subject knowledge, research skills, critical and analytical thinking and the ability to work independently.

The programme includes visiting university speakers, subject specific taster days and specific support for applying to Oxbridge, Russell Group and other elite universities across the UK and internationally. We also partner with the Seren Network, the Welsh Government funded network supporting high-achieving students across Wales.

### WHAT IS THE WJEC EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)?

- A recognised qualification to prepare students for university study.
- On the EPQ you plan, organise, research and write a 5,000-word dissertation on a topic of your choice. This can be linked to your university choice or a personal interest aligned to your studies. You also present a summary of your findings to a small group.
- Lessons taught by college staff and visiting university lecturers.
- Equivalent of up to 28 UCAS points.
- A great addition to your personal statement and CV.

### FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about our Scholars Programme, listen to previous students and ask a teacher a question, scan here:



Going to CAVC was the best choice I ever made. I always felt incredibly supported both academically and in my wellbeing and I just loved coming to college. My teachers helped me so much, not only through teaching but also personally and in my university application.

#### Annis Wiltshire

A Levels (Classics, Chemistry & Scholars Programme  
now studying Classics at Oxford University)



# CAREER FOCUSED COURSES

**STUDY ONE SUBJECT  
YOU'RE PASSIONATE  
ABOUT TO GET TO  
UNIVERSITY OR YOUR  
IDEAL CAREER.**

# Aerospace Engineering

Train for a career in Aerospace Engineering – with exciting opportunities to work in Wales and across the world. All our Aerospace Engineering courses are based at our International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT). This iconic centre includes specialist workshops, laboratories and a huge, real-life hangar 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, as well as industry work placements – all preparing you for a career in the aerospace industry.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Aircraft Engineering	L2 ICAT
Aerospace Engineering	L3 ICAT
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (A License)	L3 ICAT
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	A ICAT

## YOUR CAVC

The College's International Centre for Aerospace Training is a renowned facility – dedicated to training the future talent for this exciting industry.

The College and its staff have excellent industry links that students can learn from including British Airways, Boeing, Caerдав, eCube and more.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The UK Aerospace industry remains as number two on the world stage and the largest in Europe with £35billion turnover, 123,000 direct employees and 3,900 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 (2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

At Level 3 you can choose to study one of two options – Aerospace Engineering or Aircraft Maintenance Engineering.

From Aerospace Engineering most progress to higher education, including ICAT's own BEng Hons Aircraft Engineering, run in partnership with Kingston University.

From Aircraft Maintenance Engineering most progress into employment or apprenticeships in aircraft maintenance, becoming A License engineers.

All options have great progression rates into successful careers this sector.

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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. Since leaving Cardiff and Vale College, I have completed my degree with Kingston University and have recently started a job with Babcock as a Mechanical design engineer in their missions systems department working on submarines. The knowledge I have learnt during my time at Cardiff and Vale College can now be put to use while working.

### Harri Stallard

Former Level 3 Aircraft Engineering student and BEng in Aircraft Engineering graduate, now working at Babcock.

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To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Aerospace](https://cavc.ac.uk/Aerospace)



# Art, Design and Multimedia

Turn your passion for art, design and multimedia into your future career. CAVC is one of the largest providers of creative industry courses in the country. Our courses develop your skills, knowledge and let you try different techniques to find your chosen specialism and possible future career.

You will learn with our expert teachers in our fantastic specialist studios including art, print, photography, film, fashion, 3D Design and Mac and multimedia suites. And there's great opportunities to link with employers, work on live projects with real clients, attend masterclasses, participate in skills competitions and make cultural and industry trips to support your development during your course.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Art and Design	L1	Barry
Art and Design	L2	City/Barry
Creative Media Production and Technology (Film & TV)	L2	City
Fashion Design	L3	City
Graphic Design	L3	City
Multimedia Design (Interactive Media)	L3	City
Photography	L3	City
Product Design (3D)	L3	City
Art & Design – Foundation (18+)	3/4	City
Technical & Production Practice (18+)	L4	City

Courses for students aged 18+ only

## YOUR CAVC

Students on art, design and multimedia courses are offered exciting opportunities to support their progress.

Developing exhibitions in high profile venues, working on live briefs with employers and through unique ways to develop and showcase their work.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The Creative industries is one of the fastest growing sectors with 56,000 people employed in Wales and an annual turnover of £2.2bn.

Within the Creative industries, there are 3,250 job openings predicted from now until 2026 with average earnings over £31,500 in the Cardiff Capital Region. (Lightcast, 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many art, design and multimedia students go on to study at universities across the UK, including renowned arts locations Central Saint Martins and Goldsmiths. CAVC also offers a unique set of Foundation Degrees to progress onto including Games Art and Design, Graphic Design and Product Design.

Others use their portfolios, industry and other experience gained to step straight into employment in areas such as Graphic Design, Website Design, Content Development and Media Production.

I decided to study at CAVC as it was what was best for me. The facilities the college have provided in terms of cameras and equipment has been great. The course which I have been studying has been designed for me and the other people in my class. I enjoy it because you get the freedom of doing what you want to do, and also getting something out of the learning process.

I've preferred the practical aspects of the course, being placed in groups with friends of mine, and then taking this as an opportunity to make something we haven't made before. I've really enjoy going to different locations and editing clips, and finding new ideas through the tasks that we are being set. I've loved studying here and I would recommend it to a lot of people.

### Hani Monawar

Former Creative Media Level 2, and Creative Media Production and Technology (Film and TV) Level 3 learner. Hani is now studying Filmmaking at the University West of England.

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/ArtandDesign](http://cavc.ac.uk/ArtandDesign)





# 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	E	City
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	City
Vehicle Refinishing	A L2	City
Vehicle Maintenance	E	East/Barry
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 WorldSkills UK finals.**

CAVC Automotive training facilities are among the best in the country, covering every area of specialism in the industry.

## 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 sports car.

## YOUR FUTURE

We have a full range of level 3 options for students to progress their training with us at CAVC. Choose to specialise further as you reach a higher level of course.

**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.



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. The College has helped me achieve my goal and gotten me where I am today.

### Omer Waheed

Former Level 3 Vehicle Body Repair Apprentice.  
Now working for Davies Motor Company.

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Automotive](http://cavc.ac.uk/Automotive)



[cavc.ac.uk](http://cavc.ac.uk)

# Building Services

Our Building Services courses and Apprenticeship programmes train you to become a skilled and qualified tradesperson in Plumbing, Electrical Installation or Wall and Floor Tiling.

You will learn in our specialist construction and building services centres and facilities. These include huge trade-specific workshops where you develop your practical skills each week. You'll start on a course developing skills in two complementary trades, then select one to focus on as you progress.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Electrical Installation and Plumbing	L1 Barry/East
Electrical Installation and Plumbing	L2 Barry/City
Plumbing with Electrical Installation	L2 Barry/City
Plumbing with Wall & Floor Tiling	L2 City
Wall & Floor Tiling with Plumbing	L2 City
Electrical Installation	A City
Heating & Ventilation	A City
Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heat Pumps	A City
Plumbing & Heating	A Barry/City
Wall & Floor Tiling	A City

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC is one of the largest providers of Building Services and Construction Training in the country. With expert tutors with broad industry experience and contacts helping you progress to employment and succeed.

You'll start on a course where you develop skills in two complementary trades. You then go on to select one main trade as you progress. This provides you with a useful skills base and helps you to choose the right trade for you.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

According to Lightcast 2022 data, the construction sector is due to grow by 9.1% in the Cardiff Capital Region between 2022-2026, with an average wage over £30,000 per year.

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) predicts annual workforce growth of 2.1% in the Welsh construction sector, leading to an extra 11,500 workers required between 2022-2026 (CITB 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many learners start on a full-time course and gain an apprenticeship as they progress in their learning and trade.

Most learners go straight into employment after completing their training, with local and national employers, and some start their own business.

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FOR FURTHER  
TRADE OPTIONS

I chose to study at the College because of the facilities here and because I'd heard so many good things about it locally. I've really enjoyed improving my skills in the workshops, making friends and learning from the staff – they're very knowledgeable. The College gave me the opportunity to compete in last year's WorldSkills competition, which I really enjoyed. I was also lucky enough to win Learner of the Year for Building Services, this was another highlight for me. I've just been accepted on to a degree course at the University of Bath. Once I finish this, I'll be looking to get some more work experience and then start my own business.

### Aram Elbadion

Former Level 3 Wall & Floor Tiling  
with Plumbing student

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Building](https://cavc.ac.uk/Building)



[cavc.ac.uk](https://cavc.ac.uk)



# Business

Developing your knowledge and skills in business opens doors to careers across a huge range of industries. On our Business courses you can learn about areas including management, marketing, retail, accountancy, customer service, financial services, administration and entrepreneurial skills.

You'll also put theory into practice throughout your course with a range of opportunities including work on real briefs from industry, team challenges, skills competitions, visiting speakers, work placements or visits – all helping to make you employable and prepare you for your future career.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Accounting	L2 L3 Barry/City
Business	L3 Barry/City
Business with Entrepreneurial Skills	L2 Barry
Business with Finance	L3 City
Business with Marketing	L3 City
Office Administration Skills	L2 City
Professional Business Administration Skills	L3 City

## 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 7% across the Cardiff Capital Region, leading to 2,500 additional jobs. (Lightcast 2021).

## 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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I've really enjoyed the course at CAVC, the teachers were great and gave me any support I needed. Due to the breadth of the course I think this would be a great course to study for anyone looking to work in the financial services sector.

I would definitely recommend studying at Cardiff and Vale College, as the college helped me to gain valuable work experience which allowed me to build my CV. Since I've left CAVC I have started a new role in Deloitte as a systems support analyst. I believe this course has helped me to succeed in the application process and has given a great variety of knowledge I can use in my current role.

**Evelina Sinkeviciute**

Former Business with Finance Level 3 learner

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To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Business](https://cavc.ac.uk/Business)





# Childcare & Working in Schools

Gain the required qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience to start your career working with children. Our childcare courses help you step into a career working in nurseries, pre-school and a variety of childcare settings.

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools is an alternative route for those who would like to work as teaching assistants in schools and colleges, with the option to specialise in supporting those with additional learning needs. On all courses you'll be taught by industry experienced teachers and undertake work placements with employers as part of the course, to grow your practical experience.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Introduction to Care, Early Years & Childcare	L1	Barry/East
Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development	L2 L3	Barry/City /East
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	L2	City
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools (incl. ALN specialism)	L3	City

## YOUR CAVC

All courses involve meaningful work placements in childcare, early years, schools and other settings. These develop valuable skills and practical experience for your starting your career.

Our teachers are also qualified and experienced in childcare and early years.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Currently, there are almost 103,500 people employed within this sector in the Cardiff Capital Region, with employment numbers expected to reach 105,000 by 2027 (Lightcast 2022). Projections also indicate that around 20,000 more employees will be needed over the next 10 years. (Social Care Wales 2018).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many childcare students progress directly into employment in nurseries and childcare centres. Some from the Level 3 course progress onto university to study subjects including Child Development or Teaching.

Those on Supported Teaching and Learning in Schools courses also progress into work in a range of primary and secondary schools.

I really enjoyed my experience studying the Level 2 Children's Care, Play, Learning & Development course at Cardiff and the Vale College. The tutors were really supportive and have always encouraged me to do as well as I can, which has certainly helped me progress from Level 2 to Level 3. They have provided me with the tools to develop my skills and further my knowledge in the subject. I've been learning both in the classroom and out on work placements, which has allowed me to gain real life experience and prepared me for the world of work.

### Aliyah Bowring

Current Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning & Development student

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Care](https://cavc.ac.uk/Care)



# Construction

Our Construction courses and apprenticeship programmes train you to become a skilled and qualified tradesperson in Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plastering, Painting and Decorating or a construction profession.

You will learn in our specialist construction and centres and facilities. These include huge trade-specific workshops where you develop your practical skills each week. You'll start on a course developing skills in two complementary trades, then select one to focus on as you progress.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Construction Trades	L1 Barry/City /East
Bricklaying and Carpentry	L2 Barry/City
Bricklaying and Plastering	L2 City
Carpentry and Painting and Decorating	L2 Barry/City
Plastering and Carpentry	L2 City
Plastering and Wall & Floor Tiling	L2 City
Construction & The Built Environment	L3 City
Brickwork	A Barry
Carpentry and Joinery	A Barry
Civil Engineering	A City
Painting and Decorating	A Barry
Plastering	A Barry
Quantity Surveying	A City

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC is one of the largest providers of Construction Training in the country. With expert tutors with broad industry experience and contacts helping you progress to employment and succeed.

You'll start on a course where you develop skills in two complementary trades. You then go on to select one main trade as you progress. This provides you with a useful skills base and helps you to choose the right trade for you.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

According to Lightcast 2022 data, the construction sector is due to grow by 9.1% in the Cardiff Capital Region between 2022-2026, with an average wage over £30,000 per year.

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) predicts annual workforce growth of 2.1% in the Welsh construction sector, leading to an extra 11,500 workers required between 2022-2026 (CITB 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many learners start on a full-time course and gain an apprenticeship as they progress in their learning and trade.

Most learners go straight into employment after completing their training, with local and national employers including Persimmon and Redrow, whilst some start their own business.

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TRADE OPTIONS

After I left school I got a job in retail but I soon realised it wasn't for me. I've always been a practical person and I enjoy working with my hands so the Carpentry and Joinery course felt like a good fit. I know that learning this trade will stand me in good stead for the future in terms of employment opportunities. As I didn't come straight from school my pathway onto this course was a little different, but I've always felt included and supported throughout my course. The tutors are amazing and the facilities are great here! Next year I'll be looking to secure an apprenticeship locally and progress onto Level 3.

**Megan Millward**

Current Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery student

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Construction](https://cavc.ac.uk/Construction)





# Computing and IT

Developing your knowledge and skills in Computing and IT will open doors to a huge range of careers.

These courses help you to grow your knowledge and skills working with different technologies, configuring hardware and software and problem solving. You will learn in dedicated IT suites and have the opportunity to put theory into practice, working on live briefs from employers or competing in skills competitions.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

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

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC computing students have an exceptional reputation for success at national skills competitions winning medals at the Skills Competition Wales and WorldSkills finals!

All students get to put learning in practice, including exciting challenges, projects and live briefs set by employers – including cyber challenges or developing websites. All things that help you stand out from the crowd and progress.

## 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 (2020) data; the average salary in Cardiff for the digital tech field is £37,500.

## YOUR FUTURE

Computing and IT students progress and have a great track record for securing employment.

Many Level 3 students progress to universities across the UK and higher apprenticeships. Some also choose to study higher education courses at CAVC.

With computing skills highly valued by employers, many students also progress straight into employment in roles including Web Design, IT 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 studying the Bsc (Hons) in Cyber Security at CAVC

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To find out more and to apply [cavc.ac.uk/en/IT](https://cavc.ac.uk/en/IT)





# Engineering

Engineering develops a wide range of transferable skills and lead to a huge range of future careers.

Engineering is involved in everything around us – machines, mobile phones, buildings, energy – engineers are involved in the design, development, testing and problem solving of it all.

Learn in our specialist engineering facilities with industry experienced teachers. Choose from Engineering covering mechanical, electrical, electronic and general engineering, or focus on Electronic Engineering – both options provide you with a great base of skills to progress to employment, an apprenticeship or university.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Engineering	L1 L2 L3 A	Barry
Electronic Engineering	L1 L2	City
Electronic Engineering (Robotics & Cyber)	L2	Barry

## YOUR CAVC

Our courses aim to put theory into practice, with real world engineering examples throughout your course. This includes using links with local, national and global employers.

Develop useful knowledge and gain industry qualifications as part of your course, including Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Green Technology, all further boosting your employability.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

There are over 75,000 currently working across Cardiff Capital Region in Engineering and Electronic Engineering. The average wage for those working in the industry is £33,000. (Lightcast 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Engineering courses can lead to a huge range of careers.

Most of Level 3 students progress onto university or an apprenticeship to further their learning. CAVC also offers HNC Engineering as a progression route too.

Many other students use the skills and qualifications they've gained to go straight into employment.



I looked into coming to college and discovered Electrical Engineering is what I wanted to do. It seemed like a good opportunity for me, so I came to see if this was something I was interested in and that I wanted to make a career out of.

I've really enjoyed the practical sessions on this course; and the facilities are great as they have everything you need here to prepare you for future employment. As a part of my course I have used drones and also miniature robots. I have found the teachers have been really supportive throughout the course and after finishing this course I am hoping to gain a Higher Apprenticeship or go on to University to study Electrical Engineering.

**Kieran Devine**

Former Level 3 Electrical Engineering student

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Engineering](https://cavc.ac.uk/Engineering)



## ESOL and ESOL+ Improve your English and skills for a future career

CAVC works with many young people each year whose first language is not English.

At College you can study English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at the right level for you and start to train for your future career at the same time.

You will improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. This will help you in life and work in the future. And on an ESOL+ course you gain skills, experience and qualifications for a future career at the same time and at the same college campus.

### WHAT CAN I STUDY?

ESOL	Barry/City
ESOL+ Academic Study Skills	City
ESOL+ Business Administration	City
ESOL+ Construction	City
ESOL+ Hairdressing and Customer Service	City
ESOL+ Health and Social Care	City
ESOL+ Hospitality and Catering	City
ESOL+ AAT	City
ESOL+ Skills for Employability	City
ESOL Stepping into FE (Under 20s)	City

City Centre Campus is also home to REACH+  
– the central hub for ESOL assessment in Cardiff.  
[www.reach.wales](http://www.reach.wales)

### YOUR CAVC

CAVC works with thousands of people each year to improve their English on an ESOL course.

We make sure you learn English at the right level for you. When you apply, we invite you to college to meet our friendly team at our REACH Centre. They check what level is right for you when you start.

### YOUR FUTURE

After finishing ESOL + many young people study a higher-level course at college.

Some ESOL + students use the skills and qualifications they have gained to go straight into work.



I came to study ESOL at Cardiff and Vale College as I wanted to improve my English, which I hope will help me in finding a job in the future. I knew it would be a unique experience learning English with native speakers. The process from starting the course at Entry Level 1 has been good for me; I've found the progress through the levels to be good; as I have had excellent support from all my teachers. All the years I have been in the College I have found the teaching support has been excellent, they provide great advice and guidance and are always on hand to help.

I believe after leaving this course it will be very beneficial to me, as I will then be fluent in two languages, which will help me gain employment in the future.

**Michalis Pappas**  
Former ESOL+ Business Administration student



To find out more visit  
[cavc.ac.uk/ESOLPlus](http://cavc.ac.uk/ESOLPlus)





# Esports

Do you have a passion for gaming? Esports is a fast-growing global industry offering many career paths into event management, coaching, journalism and marketing.

On an Esports course you will develop sector-specific knowledge as well as transferable skills that employers value. You will learn about gaming organisations, teamwork, wellbeing, event planning, content development and match streaming. Higher-level study involves understanding of coaching teams, strategies, analysis and tactics, enterprise and entrepreneurship and sports psychology.

You will also be given the opportunity to play as part of a competitive team and enter tournaments. You'll learn in high specification gaming facilities with the latest hardware to enable competitive play to a professional level.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Esports

L1 L2 L3 Barry

## YOUR CAVC

Our qualifications are endorsed by The British Esports Association, meaning employers in this growing industry will recognise your suitability and skills.

You'll learn from expert teachers in specialist facilities, and benefit from guest speakers, masterclasses and trips.

You will also put theory into practice, further developing your skills by organising events.

Training with Team CAVC Esports Academy alongside your course, you'll complete in national tournaments in the BEA league!

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The UK esports sector has grown at an annual rate of 8.5% between 2016 –2019 (Ukie 2020).

## YOUR FUTURE

CAVC Esports courses provide you with specialist qualifications, skills and experience in the growing Esports industry.

Students can also use their qualifications and skills to progress onto university and careers in other areas. Previous students have progressed onto university to study a range of courses including Esports, Event Management and Sports Journalism.

Studying at Cardiff and Vale College has allowed me to progress onto something that didn't think I could do. It helped me get on an in Esports course at Nottingham Trent University, broadening my horizons on what I can do in the future and set me on a pathway to one day work in Esports and pursue it as a career, which I'm really excited about. Esports is something I'm passionate about, and I've been able to realise my dream thanks to the support I've had from the College.

### Owain Godfrey

Former Level 3 Esports student, now studying at Nottingham Trent University

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/esports](https://cavc.ac.uk/esports)





# 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 City
Beauty Therapy	L2 Barry/City
Beauty and Spa Therapy	L3 Barry/City
Hair & Beauty	E City
Hair & Beauty	L1 Barry/City
Hairdressing	L2 L3 Barry/City
Hairdressing & Media Make-up	L2 Barry
Make Up & Nail Services	L2 City
Theatrical, Special Effects and Media Hair & Make-Up	L3 City

## YOUR CAVC

Learn with our industry qualified and experienced staff, and benefit from our industry links with visiting speakers, masterclasses and employer visits.

Our salons and spas, urbasba and academi urbasba, offer a professional environment for you to learn in, equipped with leading technology for the industry.

Our students have a track record for success in industry skills competitions, competing to be the best in the country at what they do.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Just over half of hairdressing and beauty businesses have an annual turnover of almost £99K. The industry generates almost £7.7 billion 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 Lightcast Data 2022, the Hair and Beauty workforce in the Cardiff Capital Region will grow at a rate of 2.6% by 2026.

## YOUR FUTURE

Our students go on to successful careers in some of the best salons and spas in the country. Some even up their own business.

You could start a career as a Hair Stylist, Colour Technician, Barber, Beauty Therapist, Nail Technician, Aesthetics Therapist, Theatrical Hair and Make Up Specialist, Salon Manager and more.

Some students progress onto higher level specialist courses at CAVC after their course including professional Level 4 aesthetics qualifications, the HNC in Technical Make up Artistry or the HND in Complementary Healthcare.



I really enjoyed my time studying at Cardiff and Vale College, it's definitely helped me to get to where I wanted to be. I began on the Level 2 Beauty Therapy course and then progressed to the Level 3 Beauty and Spa Therapy. I then returned to do Level 4 Advanced Aesthetics. It was so great learning and getting valuable work experience in a real-life salon. The tutors were amazing, they were really helpful and supportive the whole way through. A real highlight for me was competing in the WorldSkills Competition and taking second place. Since leaving, I have set up my own salon, where I offer a range of different treatments. Next year I'll be taking on a nail technician and a beauty therapist to help grow the business and offer even more services to my clients.

### Freya Rees

Former Level 2 & 3 Beauty student and Level 4 Advanced Aesthetics graduate



To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/HairandBeauty](https://cavc.ac.uk/HairandBeauty)



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# Health & Social Care

Gain the required qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience to start your career in the care sector. There is a need for more people to work in the care sector and there are lots of opportunities for those with the right skills and qualifications to have successful careers and make a real difference by supporting others.

From social work to youth work, care homes to hospitals and many other settings, you'll learn about and experience the careers available.

On all courses you'll be taught by industry experienced teachers and undertake work placements with employers as part of the course, to grow your practical experience and help to find the career you want.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Skills for Working in Health & Care	<b>E</b> Barry/East/West
Introduction to Care, Early Years & Childcare	<b>L1</b> Barry/East
Preparing to work in Health & Social Care	<b>L2</b> Barry/City
Health & Social Care	<b>L2</b> <b>L3</b> Barry/City
Youth Work	<b>L2</b> Barry/City

## YOUR CAVC

All courses involve meaningful work placements in health and social care settings. These develop valuable skills and practical experience for your starting your career.

CAVC offers the Royal College of Nursing Prince of Wales Nursing Cadets Scheme, preparing young people for careers in nursing with further practical work experience to support their future.

Our teachers are also qualified and experienced in the care sector.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Currently, there are almost 103,500 people employed within this sector in the Cardiff Capital Region, with employment numbers expected to reach 105,000 by 2027 (Lightcast 2022). Projections also indicate that around 20,000 more employees will be needed over the next 10 years. (Social Care Wales 2018).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many health and social care students progress directly into employment in a wide range of roles and settings including community care, care homes and work in hospitals.

Some Level 3 students progress onto university to study subjects including Social Work, Youth and Community Care.

This course has given me valuable, hands-on experience in healthcare and I have always felt supported by my teachers throughout my time here. The facilities are great and we always use the most up-to-date, industry-standard equipment. The College has also provided me with accessible transport links, which has made getting to and from campus really easy. I'm excited for my future, I'm looking to progress to Level 3 next year and then into employment in the sector.

**Salma B'Zioui**

Current Level 2 Health and Social Care student

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Care](https://cavc.ac.uk/Care)





# Hospitality and Catering

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	L1 City
Bakery, Patisserie and Confectionery	L2 L3 City
Culinary and Service Skills	L1 City
Culinary and Service Skills	L2 Barry/City
Culinary and Service Skills	L3 City
Hospitality Supervisory Skills	L3 Barry

## YOUR CAVC

Our renowned city centre restaurant, The Classroom – Y Dosbarth, was awarded first AA College Rosette in Wales, as well as being named in the top 3 College restaurants in the UK-wide AA Rosette Awards.

All staff are industry professionals and you'll benefit from masterclasses from leading professionals including from Michelin star venues, as well as opportunities for UK or international work placements.

Our students have a reputation for success in skills competitions – recognised as the best future talent in the country!

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Cardiff Capital Region currently has over 78,000 jobs in the Hospitality and Catering Sector and this is predicted to grow 6.3% by 2025. (EMSI 2021). 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 chef, pastry chef, baker, front of house or hospitality management.

Our students have gone on to work at Michelin star restaurants and five-star locations across Wales, the UK and the world.

Some students also choose to progress to Higher Education to further their study.

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. The Hospitality course has opened so many doors for me – including getting to the semi-finals of the Nestle Toque d'Or, winning in Skills Competition Wales and I have been given the opportunity to represent the UK in WorldSkills and compete in Lyon in 2024. The College has given me the skills to achieve my goals and has helped me secure work at Lucknam Park as a chef de rang in Restaurant Hywel Jones. I'm now studying for my HND in Hospitality Management at CAVC alongside my job.

### Ruby Pile

Former Level 2 & 3 Hospitality student, now studying HND in Hospitality Management

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Catering](https://cavc.ac.uk/Catering)





# Independent Living Skills

Our Foundation Skills courses help you to develop skills for your future – for independent living or for work. We support learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. We work with you to put together personalised learning plan based upon your needs, future goals and aspirations. You'll develop all-round skills in communication, independent living, health and wellbeing, employability and the community around you.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Towards Independence

**E** City

Work & Life Skills

**E** Barry/City

## YOUR CAVC

Our support for learners at CAVC has been awarded the best in the UK! (TES Awards, 2022).

We have specialist teachers and a dedicated ALN team, with experts in many areas, all to support your time at college and your future.

Our 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 at [cavc.ac.uk/support](http://cavc.ac.uk/support).

And our students take part in visits, trips or inclusive skills competitions to widen skills, experiences and confidence during the course.

## YOUR FUTURE

Our Foundation Skills courses develop your skills for life and possible future work.

Some students progress onto further learning. Some students progress into work.

We have unique Supported Internships with a range of employers that provide a supportive experience to start your working life. Many of students then secure a job with that employer or use the experience to gain work.



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I moved from school to college last year and it's really helped my confidence. Both me and my parents were a bit nervous before I started the programme, but it's been a great experience. I've been able to get to and from college easily, even with a long bus route. It's allowed to get some work experience making and selling cakes on campus. This year we will be helping out at the Christmas Market in Cardiff and in the College's coffee shop. There will be some more opportunities to help out on reception and in the HR department. After I finish, I'll be looking to go onto a Supported Internship locally and get even more work experience.

### Lili Rees

Work & Life Skills student, now on the Pre-Supported Internship Programme

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To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/livingskills](http://cavc.ac.uk/livingskills)



# Music and Performing Arts

Performing, acting, singing, dancing, music, producing... your passion could become your future career. Our well-respected Music and Performing Arts courses are based in our City Centre Campus, with fantastic facilities including state-of-the-art film, dance and music studios, Mac suites and specialist creative classrooms. There's also the 100-seat Theatr Michael Sheen, home to many performances and screenings through the year.

CAVC is one of the largest providers of creative industries education in the country staff are industry professionals with vast and current experience and contacts in the industry. This sees exciting links, live projects, performances and opportunities with the likes of BAFTA, It's My Shout and headline music venues throughout the year, all helping you to further stand out from the crowd.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Music	L2 City
Music (Production)	L3 City
Music (Performance)	L3 City
Performing Arts Practice (Musical Theatre)	L3 City
Performing Arts Practice (Acting)	L3 City
Performance – Professional Diploma (18+)	L4 City
Technical & Production Practice (18+)	L4 City

Courses for students aged 18+ only

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC has strong creative industry links including Everyman Theatre, BAFTA, It's My Shout, Bad Wolf, the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and more. This provides you with unique and exciting industry talks, masterclasses, work experience, opportunities and involvement in high profile live projects.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The music industry is worth £5.2billion to the UK economy and has a workforce of 190,000 (UK Music 2019). 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 (2009-2017).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many students choose to progress to higher education, securing places in leading music and performing arts universities, including the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Many students move directly into work, starting their career in the creative industries.



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I received great tutoring from my singing, acting and dancing teachers that helped me develop as an all rounded performer. The tutors did a fantastic job of exposing our class to a selection of theatre from Shakespeare to contemporary work; no page was left unturned!

The highlight of the course by far was my end of year musical. We performed three shows of the musical 'I love you, you're perfect, now change!'. The rehearsal process gave me a real insight of working in a professional environment. As a collective we were treated like a real touring ensemble and received excellent direction and tutoring. Many students started this course shaking at the thought of singing in front of others. However, thanks to the course, every single one of those students have gained so much confidence and can proudly showcase their passion with conviction.

I've since progressed onto a BA Music Theatre degree course at the Royal Welsh College whilst working as a musical theatre performer.

### Rhosyn Boyce-Jones

Former Level 3 Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) student, now studying BA (Hons) Musical Theatre at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/MusicPerformingArts](https://cavc.ac.uk/MusicPerformingArts)





# Public Services

Our Public Services courses prepare you for entering a uniformed service including the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, Armed Forces and Prison Service.

The courses develop your knowledge of the wide range of careers within these services and help you to develop the right skills secure employment or progress to university.

On the course you'll study topics including Citizenship and Diversity, Behaviour and Discipline, Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing, Teamwork, Leadership, Communication and more. And there's exciting experiences to widen and develop your confidence and skills for future work in these services.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Public Services

L1 CISC

Public Services

L2 L3 Barry/CISC

## YOUR CAVC

Our Public Services courses benefit from access to great facilities including those at CAVC Cardiff International Sports Campus.

Our teaching team include people with first-hand experience in Public Services and you'll benefit from visiting speakers and visits through the course.

You can also develop your skills and build your CV further by joining the CAVC Combined Cadet Force.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

In the Cardiff Capital Region, there are 13,000 people working in Public and Uniformed Services occupations with average earnings of £32,500 per annum. (Lightcast 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many students from the Level 3 course apply to university to further their learning and support their progression.

Other students use the skills, experience and qualifications gained at college to step directly into work in a uniformed service.



I came to Cardiff and Vale College as the course has given me loads of difference pathways to choose from, including a variety of careers I was interested in. The tutors have been very helpful and have been very encouraging through the course. I have enjoyed meeting new people. The College has made me motivated and driven and kept me on the right path. My highlight of my time at college has been making friends and the facilities. The fitness aspects and facilities have made me prepare for the fire services which is the area of work I would like to go into.

After college I am hoping to go straight into the Fire Services, if this isn't a option I am hoping to go to University to study Fire Science, which will then increase my chances of being employed by the Fire Services.

**Sophie Marie Ventrice**

Former Public Services Level 3 learner

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/publicservices](https://cavc.ac.uk/publicservices)



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# Sport

Turn your passion for sport into your career. Studying sport can be a stepping stone to a whole range of careers including coaching, teaching, sports psychology, health and wellbeing, fitness instructor, sports and leisure management and more.

You'll be based at Cardiff International Sports Campus (CISC) – our inspirational home for sport, with classrooms and learning spaces as well as a large gym, fitness studios, outdoor and covered 3G pitches and athletics track. You'll also benefit from specialist teachers, visiting speakers and opportunities put theory into practice running coaching sessions or undertaking work placements.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Sport	L1 L2 L3	CISC
Sport Performance and Excellence	L3	CISC
Health, Fitness & Wellbeing	L2	CISC
Personal Trainer	L3	CISC

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC is serious about sport with excellent sports facilities which you will benefit from. Cardiff International Sports Campus (CISC) is home to all sports courses and boasts outdoor and covered 3G pitches, large gym, athletics track and more. You'll also have access to our nearby City Centre Campus to study or use sports facilities there, including our Dome, Strength and Conditioning Gym and 3G pitch.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Sports Occupations has a growing workforce of over 8,000 with an estimated 1,600 jobs openings by 2026 in the Cardiff Capital Region. (Lightcast, 2022).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many students study Sport or Sport Performance and Excellence, then progress onto university to study a wide range of courses including Sports Science, Sports Psychology, Physiotherapy, Teaching and more. We also offer higher education at CAVC.

Alternatively, our Health, Fitness and Wellbeing course is for those wanting to step straight into employment working in a sports centre or gym, often taking the Personal Trainer course after so you can work 1-2-1 with clients.



My highlight of the college has to be meeting people who have just as much of a 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 enjoyed 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

Former Level 3 sport student, now studying at Weatherford College in Texas, on a tennis scholarship

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Sport](https://cavc.ac.uk/Sport)



# 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?

Travel and Tourism

L1 CISC

Travel and Tourism

L2 Barry/CISC

Travel and Tourism (with Cabin Crew)

L3 Barry/CISC

## YOUR CAVC

The College has many links with industry offering opportunities for guest speakers, work experience and work placements for students with the likes of British Airways, TUI and Virgin Atlantic as well as in tourist destinations across the UK and internationally!

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Tourism in Wales is a £6.3 billion industry. Currently, there are 65,000 people are employed in Cardiff Capital Region. This is set to grow by almost 5% leading to 3,000 additional jobs by 2025 (EMSI 2021).

## YOUR FUTURE

Many students go straight into employment in roles in hotels, events management, tourist attractions and holiday resorts.

Our Level 3 course includes our renowned Cabin Crew course. This unique course has seen many students gain employment with airlines including Emirates, British Airways, Virgin, EasyJet, TUI and more. Other students choose to progress onto university to study subjects including Tourism or Events Management.

I was attracted to CAVC because I felt like the college environment would be the right suit for me – as I wanted to study something that I loved. I felt like Cardiff and Vale College was able to offer me much more than just my course as I was part of the Netball Academy and a course rep.

My favourite thing about the Travel and Tourism course is how diverse it is – we were never just stuck in the classroom. During my course, we had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Palma doing a work placement, and learning in a practical environment.

Since finishing my course, I have now progressed to working for Swissport at Cardiff Airport.

### Chloe Hobbs

Former Travel and Tourism Level 3 learner, now employed at Cardiff Airport

To find out more and to apply  
[cavc.ac.uk/Tourism](http://cavc.ac.uk/Tourism)





# Vocational Access

Our popular Vocational Access courses help you develop your skills, qualifications and discover what you enjoy, so you can progress onto a higher-level course in college or into work.

You will choose two career-focused options to 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 enjoy and you'd like to progress onto to study or work in.

On the course you'll take part in group projects and live briefs with employers, trips, visit or work placements. You also continue to develop your skills in English, Maths, with some students choosing to re-sit their GCSE in these subjects at the same time.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Vocational Access

**E** **L1** Cardiff/Barry/East/West

## YOUR CAVC

Our Vocational Access courses help you to find your passion and develop the skills and qualifications you need to progress.

It's the perfect course if you have missed out on gaining GCSEs to get the course you want. Or if you need more support to find a subject you want to study.

And many students choose to re-sit their GCSE in English or Maths – which really helps your progression in the future.

## YOUR FUTURE

We want you to enjoy college and progress – onto the course and future career path you want.

Students on our Vocational Access courses progress onto Level 1 and 2 courses across the College including IT, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Health & Care, Art & Design, Music, and more!

Some use the GCSE's they gain whilst on Vocational Access to help with their progression too.

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 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 & Performance student

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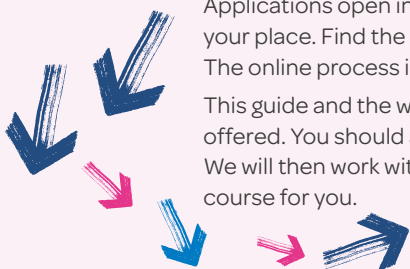
# HOW TO APPLY

## OPEN EVENINGS



Starting from October, Open Evenings take place throughout the year. Visiting us is a great way to help you decide on a course [cavc.ac.uk/openevenings](http://cavc.ac.uk/openevenings)

## APPLY ONLINE



Applications open in October to give you plenty of time to secure your place. Find the course you want online and click "Apply". The online process is quick and easy.

This guide and the website give 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.



## NEXT STEPS



You'll get a confirmation of receipt of application from our helpful Student Services Team who will process your application and let you know what happens next.

For many of our courses you may be invited to an applicant day, audition or information event. A great chance to meet your fellow students to be!

## ENROLMENT

During the Summer (specifically in August following GCSE results for most students), Enrolment takes place and you'll be invited to enrol.

## WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

### QUESTIONS?

Contact our helpful Student Services Team:

Call us on **02920 250 250** Email us: [studentservices@cavc.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@cavc.ac.uk)

Live chat us on our website [cavc.ac.uk](http://cavc.ac.uk)



