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Cardiff and Vale College  
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# SCHOOL LEAVERS' COURSE GUIDE

# 2025/26



# WHY CAVC?

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

**EXCELLENT  
GOOD**



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**.

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

**40**



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

**SKILLS**

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



## ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

As the first 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.

## 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!**

## 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 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.

**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 Theatre 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.

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



## 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 more than 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.

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# SUPPORT

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.

### SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH COLLEGE

We're here to make sure you feel safe, supported and confident. With wellbeing services, skills development and safeguarding in place, we create an environment where you can grow, thrive, and get ready for your future career.

### ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Our experienced team provides person-centred support for students with Additional Learning Needs (ALN), learning difficulties, and/or disabilities. This includes help from dedicated staff, help with accessibility and reasonable adjustments, targeted support and help with the transition to college.

"I was recommended to come to Cardiff and Vale College by a friend who had similar additional learning needs. They said there was a lot of great support here and that the tutors were really helpful and understanding. I've achieved so much during my time here and I'm looking forward to progressing further with my studies."

**Grace McDonald**

Studied Childcare Levels 1, 2 and 3, and now at university

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students can apply for financial support whilst at College. This includes the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and support for Free School Meals, travel to and from college and other costs.

### 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.

## 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)



"I studied in a Welsh medium Primary and Secondary school, but I found the transition to College really easy thanks to the support I received from my tutors. Through my role as Welsh Language Ambassador, I've been able to teach other students Welsh, something I've found really rewarding."

**Aidan Bowen**

Accounting learner & Welsh Language Ambassador

### 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.



# 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.



Former Cardiff and Vale College learner Ruby Pile progressed from our Level 3 Hospitality course to completing HND in Hospitality Management. Ruby later competed at WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon and won the 'Best in Nation' Award!

## 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.

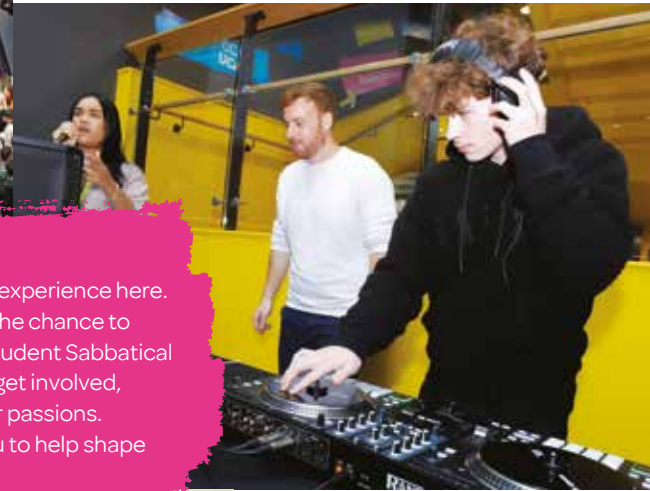
WorldSkills is the 'skills olympics' run across 80 countries. **CAVC is a UK WorldSkills Centre of Excellence** – with some students chosen to represent Team Wales and Team UK and compete against the best in the world in their chosen skill. Take part and you have a brilliant addition to your CV to progress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

# CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



## STUDENT LIFE

Student life is a huge part of your experience here. With lots of clubs, societies and the chance to become a course rep or even a Student Sabbatical Officer, there's plenty of ways to get involved, meet new people, and follow your passions. We value your voice and want you to help shape our community.



## 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 Esports 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.

## 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.



## 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)



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# 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, and Netball, 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, 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

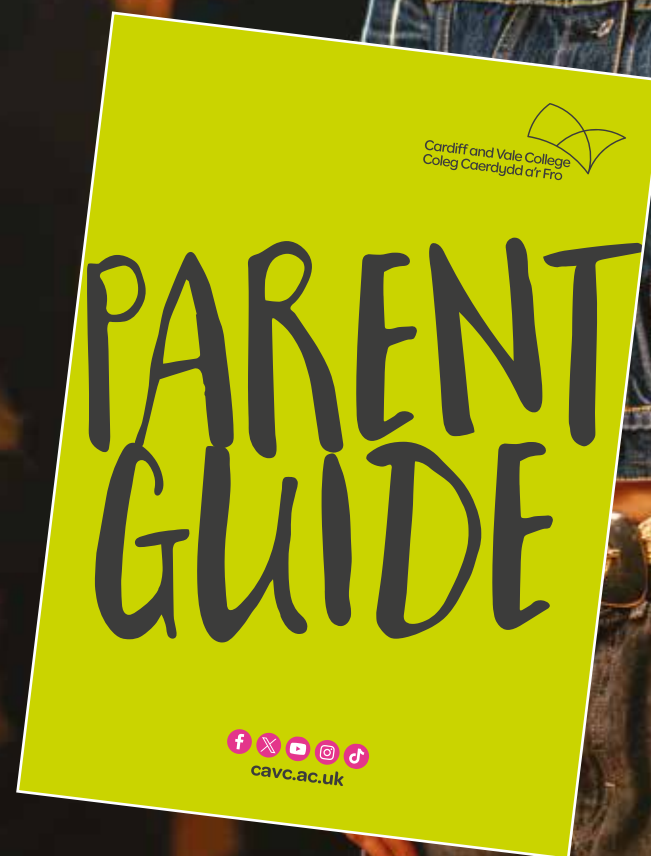
With our students gaining professional and semi professional contracts, and going on to represent their country in their chosen sport, as well as progressing to university and into careers alongside their sport.

# 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.

# A APPRENTICESHIPS

**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.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

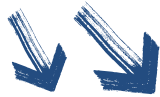
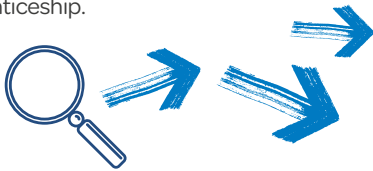
### 1. FIND THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP FOR YOU

In this guide, if a subject area offers an apprenticeship pathway to learn, it will have an A in the list of courses.

### 2. FIND AN EMPLOYER

Remember, you'll need an employer before you can apply to start an apprenticeship. Careers Wales has a website listing all apprenticeship vacancies which you can search: [careerswales.gov.wales/apprenticeship-search](https://careerswales.gov.wales/apprenticeship-search). Alternatively, you may know a local business that is looking for an apprentice.

Many young people will also apply for a course in the area they are considering, as a back-up plan, alongside looking for an apprenticeship.



### 3. GET IN TOUCH & APPLY



Once you have secured an employer who you can do an apprenticeship with, get in touch with our Apprenticeship Team. They'll advise if it is possible for you to apply and study with CAVC alongside your work and let you know your next steps.



### 4. CONFIRM YOUR APPRENTICESHIP



You, your employer and CAVC will agree your apprenticeship. You'll then enrol at college to start learning alongside your work.

### FIND OUT MORE

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





# 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.

# 40

...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, and more.

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



**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!

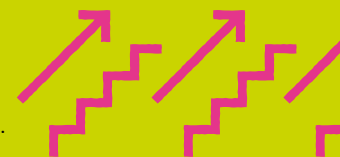


**Expert support to apply to university...**

- 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.




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

# 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 including 6 A*-A	6 GCSEs A*-C including 4 A*-B	6 GCSEs A*-C including 2 A*-B	6 GCSEs A*-C including 1 A*-B
<b>ADVISED COMBINATION</b>	4 A Levels + Scholars Programme	3 A Levels + Advanced Skills Bacc	2 A Levels + 1 BTEC + Advanced Skills Bacc	2 A Levels + Advanced Skills Bacc

## 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 ★	A Level	GCSE English B	E
Applied Human Biology (1 A Level) ★	BTEC	GCSE Science CC	A C E
Applied Science (L2)	OCR		A C E
Applied Science (2 or 3 A Levels)	BTEC	BTEC, GCSE Science BC	A C E
Art	A Level	GCSE English & Art B	C
Biology	A Level	GCSE Maths, English & Science B	A E
Business Studies	A Level	GCSE Maths B	E
Business Studies (1 A Level)	BTEC		C E
Chemistry	A Level	GCSE Maths & Chemistry/Science B	A E
Classics ★	A Level	GCSE English B	E
Computer Science	A Level	GCSE Maths B	E
Computing	BTEC	GCSE Maths C	A C E
Criminology	Diploma	WJEC	C E
Digital Technology	A Level	GCSE Maths & ICT B	C E
Drama	A Level	GCSE English B	A C

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

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



For detailed information on each course, including units studied, assessment, to chat online with a teacher or apply, go to our A Levels website... [cavc.ac.uk/ALevels](http://cavc.ac.uk/ALevels)

# 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 L3** ★

Also requires: GCSE Science CC.

Equivalent to 1 A Level. Develop practical and applied learning in infections, diseases, microbiology and health issues.

## Applied Sciences BTEC L3

Equivalent to 2-3 A Levels. Develop practical and applied learning in science including laboratory and investigation skills.

## Applied Sciences BTEC L2

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

## Biology A Level L3

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

## Chemistry A Level L3

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

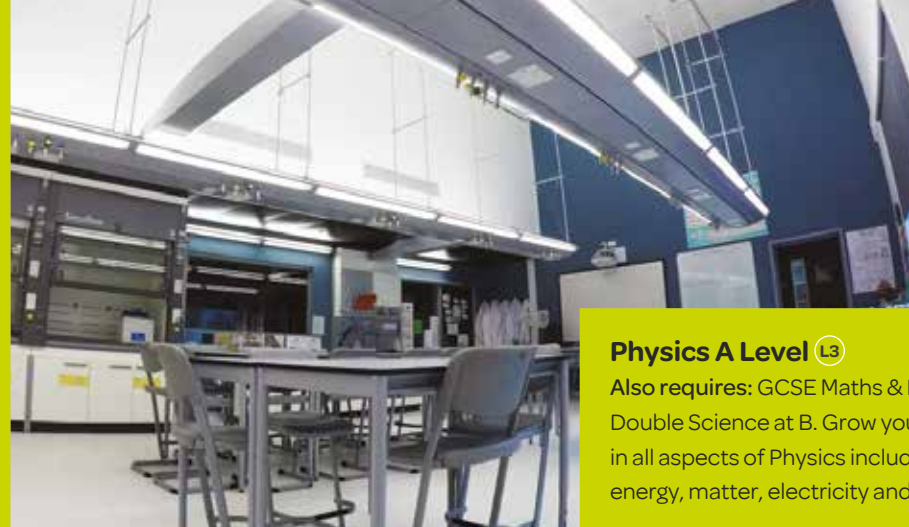
Also requires: GCSE Maths C  
Equivalent to 3 A Levels. Develop practical and applied learning in computing including cyber, security and encryption.

## Computer Science A Level L3

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

## Digital Technology A Level L3

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



## Physics A Level L3

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

## Health & Social Care A Level L3

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

## Mathematics A Level L3

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

## Mathematics (Further) A Level 1 Year Fast Track L3

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

## Physical Education A Level L3

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.

## 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 A Level <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 1 A Level. Develop a basic understanding of the legal system and popular areas of applied law in practice.

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

Equivalent to 1 A Level. Understand the basics of psychology, behaviour and popular areas of applied psychology in practice.

## Business Studies A Level <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 1 A Level. Explore business in practice – including the basics of marketing, finance and human resources and how to apply them.

## Criminology Diploma <sup>L3</sup>

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

## Economics A Level <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 A Level <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 A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE English & History at B.

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

## Journalism CTEC <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 A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup>

Also requires: GCSE Maths and English at B.

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

## Sociology A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup>

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

## Classics A Level <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.

## Drama A Level <sup>L3</sup>

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

## English Language A Level <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 A Level <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 A Level <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 A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup> ★

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



## Spanish A Level <sup>L3</sup> ★

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

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

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

## Graphic Design A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup>

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

## Photography A Level <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 A Level <sup>L3</sup>

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

## 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)



# 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) – a renowned facility – dedicated to training the future talent for this exciting industry.

This iconic centre includes specialist workshops, laboratories and a huge, real-life hangar with aircraft where you will develop your practical skills. The Centre has fantastic links with industry, including British Airways, Boeing, GE and Caerdydd. 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. Some learners even go on to start careers with these companies straight after college.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Aircraft Engineering	L2 ICAT
Aerospace Engineering	L3 ICAT
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	A ICAT

## YOUR CAVC

Our Level 3 learners can study A Level Maths alongside their course – increasing UCAS points and furthering their skills for the future.

Our learners are recognised as among the best in the country at what they do – including representing Wales in Aircraft Maintenance at WorldSkills UK!

We are the only college in Wales to have CAA 147 approval, enabling learners to gain a professional license to practice whilst at CAVC.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The UK Aerospace industry remains as number two on the world stage and the largest in Europe with £35bn 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

Most Level 2 learners progress onto Level 3 study at ICAT, on a full-time course or through an apprenticeship.

From Level 3, many learners progress onto higher education, including ICAT's own BEng Hons Aircraft Engineering, run in partnership with Kingston University. Others progress onto apprenticeships and employment in aircraft maintenance. Both options see great progression into successful careers in this sector.

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.

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	L3 City/Barry
Creative Media Production & Technology (Film & TV)	L2	L3 City
Fashion Design	L3	City
Graphic Design	L3	City
Digital Arts, Animation & Communication	L3	City
Photography	L3	City
Product Design (3D)	L3	City
Art & Design – Foundation (18+)	3/4	City
Technical & Production Practice - TV & Film (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 4,250 job openings predicted from now until 2029, with average earnings over £33,500 in the Cardiff Capital Region (Lightcast, 2024).

## 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 have really enjoyed studying the Art and Design course at Cardiff and Vale College. I have a passion for the subject and it's great to be able to study it full-time. The highlight of my time here came at the end of my first year, when my work was selected by the course's awarding body to be exhibited at one of the top galleries in London. I felt really proud when I took down my family to see the exhibition. I'm looking forward to finishing my second year and heading to university to further develop my practice.

### Noami Provence

Level 3 Art & Design learner and exhibitor at Origins Creatives 2024

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

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

## 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 accounts for approximately 8% of the UK's automotive manufacturing, supported by a skilled workforce of 18,000 employees and generating an annual turnover of £3bn. In the Cardiff Capital Region, the automotive sector reports average earnings of £31,000 per year (Lightcast, 2024).

## YOUR FUTURE

Students specialise in an area of automotive as they progress in their training.

Most students progress directly into apprenticeship and employment in the industry in jobs such as Mechanic, Body Repair specialist or Quality Engineer. Some continue their training with us alongside work, taking higher level industry qualifications to further their skills and career.



I didn't really enjoy the classroom environment in school, so I decided to do a more practical course. I found the staff treat you like an adult here. I started on the Level 1 Vehicle Repair and Refinishing course, before moving on to Level 2 and then onto a Level 3 Apprenticeship. The facilities at the College are great, they have all the correct tools and the staff are really knowledgeable. My tutors have backed me all the way – they even put me in touch with local employers and helped me gain some work experience.

I've learned so much and I've gained a lot more confidence. I competed in WorldSkills this year and finished second in Wales for Vehicle Refinishing. I'll be competing in the UK Finals next – I can't wait! I feel like I've come a long way since first joining the College, I know that if I keep doing what I'm doing to the best of abilities I can have a great career and maybe even have a business my own one day.

### Kyle Davin

Vehicle Repair and Refinishing learner,  
now a Level 3 Apprentice at Love Your Car

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





# 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'll start on a course developing skills in two or more trades. You then go on to select one main trade as you progress. This develops your practical experience, provides you with a useful skills base and helps you to choose the right trade for you.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Electrical Installation and Plumbing	L1 Barry/East
Plumbing with Electrical Installation	L2 Barry/City
Plumbing with Wall & Floor Tiling	L2 City
Wall & Floor Tiling with Painting	L2 City
Electrical Installation	A Barry/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.

Our students are recognised as among the best in Wales at what they do! Showcasing their skills and competing in industry skills competitions across Wales and the UK.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

According to Lightcast 2024 data, the Construction sector is due to grow by 5.7% in the Cardiff Capital Region between now and 2029, with an average wage over £33,000 per year.

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) predicts annual workforce growth of 1.2% in the Welsh Construction sector, leading to an extra 11,000 workers required between now and 2028 (CITB 2024).

## 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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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

Business students benefit from opportunities to meet and learn from employers through visiting speakers and trips locally, across the UK and abroad! Last year, our students visited the USA to visit companies including Google.

CAVC is accredited by professional industry bodies including for accountancy (AAT), Marketing (CIM) and Human Resources (CIPD).

## YOUR INDUSTRY

The Financial, Legal, and Professional Services sector remains one of the top-performing industries in Wales, making a significant contribution to the economy. In 2022, this sector employed around 73,000 people in Wales.

By 2029, it is projected to grow by 3.7% across the Cardiff Capital Region, creating approximately 1,100 additional jobs, with average earnings exceeding £33,500 (Lightcast, 2024).

## 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.



I have always had an interest in banking and finance, so when I saw the course advertised online, I knew it would be a good fit. Moving from a school environment to college was a big deal for me, but I settled in quickly. The tutors and support staff are really helpful and it didn't take me long to make a load of new friends here. The topics we study on the course are interesting and they've given me a greater depth of knowledge in the subject.

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to go to the San Francisco with my classmates and tutors, visiting universities and the Google Discovery Centre – an experience I'll never forget. I'm looking forward to completing this year and then I have some really great options; I can start an apprenticeship, go to university to further my studies or head into the world of work.

### Bailey Hughes

Current Level 3 Business and Finance learner

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



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

# 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
Working in Childcare	L2 Barry/East
Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development	L2 L3 City
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools (incl. ALN specialism)	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 students are recognised as among the best in Wales at what they do! Competing in national skills competitions and winning Gold in Childcare in Skills Competition Wales.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Currently, approximately 101,500 people are employed in the social care sector within the Cardiff Capital Region, with projections indicating this number will rise to 102,800 by 2029 (Lightcast, 2024). The Social Care Workforce Delivery Plan for 2024–2027 outlines the increasing demand for a skilled social care workforce by 2030.

## 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.

After I looked into studying Childcare at Cardiff and Vale College, I knew it was the right course for me. The learning environment here is great and there's so much support available. I am dyslexic, but the tutors here have all been so helpful all throughout the course. I can be quite anxious when it comes to meeting new people, but even within the first week I felt settled here. Studying here also gave me the opportunity to participate at Skills Competition Wales 2023 in Childcare – which I went on to win! I plan on progressing from Level 2 to Level 3 here at the College and then train to be a Speech and Language Therapist, helping children and young adults with their communication skills.

### Grace Deguara

Former Level 2 and current Level 3 Childcare Learner

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'll start on a course developing skills in two or more trades. You then go on to select one main trade as you progress. This develops your practical experience, provides you with a useful skills base and helps you to choose the right trade for you.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Construction Multi-Trades	L1 Barry/City /East
Brickwork & Plastering	L2 City
Brickwork & Groundworks	L2 Barry/City
Brickwork & Carpentry	L2 Barry
Carpentry & Roofing	L2 Barry/City
Plastering & Tiling	L2 City
Plastering & Painting	L2 City
Painting & Tiling	L2 City
Construction & The Built Environment	L3 City
Brickwork	A Barry
Carpentry & Joinery	A Barry
Civil Engineering	A City
Painting & Decorating	A Barry
Plastering	A City

## YOUR CAVC

CAVC is one of the largest providers of Construction Training in the country. Our expert teachers have a broad range of industry experience and contacts, helping you progress to employment.

Our students are recognised as some of the best in the country in their chosen trade! Competing in industry skills competitions and winning!

## YOUR INDUSTRY

According to Lightcast 2024 data, the construction sector is due to grow by 5.7% in the Cardiff Capital Region between 2024-2029, with an average wage over £33,000 per year. The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) predicts annual workforce growth of 1.2% in the Welsh construction sector, leading to an extra 11,000 workers required between now and 2028 (CITB 2024).

## 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 some start their own business.

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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 & 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 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

Wales continues to experience the fastest-growing digital economy outside London, with Cardiff serving as a leading hub for fintech and digital innovation. The Cardiff Capital Region features a thriving digital cluster, with projections indicating an increase of 9,400 jobs by 2029, a third of which will be created in Cardiff. Average salaries in this sector are approximately £38,500 per year (Lightcast, 2024).

## 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.

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

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 leads 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 Engineering with a specialism of Advanced Manufacturing, Electronic Engineering or Robotics and Cyber. All options provide you with a great base of skills to progress to employment, an apprenticeship or university.

Benefit from real world engineering learning and experiences throughout your course.

CAVC links with businesses and education providers across the country and even the world! Just this year students visited a wide range of employers, partner universities and the Institute of Technology in Japan!

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

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Engineering	L1 L2 L3 A	Barry
Engineering (Advanced Manufacturing)	L3	Barry
Electronic Engineering	L2 L3	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

Over 76,000 people are currently employed in Engineering and Electronic Engineering roles across the Cardiff Capital Region, with the sector projected to grow by 2.6%, adding an additional 2,000 jobs. The average salary for those in the industry stands at £35,000 (Lightcast 2024).

## 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 from Eritrea a couple of years ago with a goal of improving my English, both speaking and written, and gaining new skills I can use for work. I am in my second year at the College and I'm currently on the ESOL+ programme, which allows me to spend time studying Accounting too.

I have really enjoyed my time here at Cardiff and Vale College, I have made a lot of friends from lots of different backgrounds. The teachers have really been helpful throughout my time here, and the Skills Centre in particular, has been very beneficial to me. My English has improved so much, I'm very pleased with the progress I have made. In the future I'm looking forward to finishing my course then finding employment here in the UK.

**Yowhans Tadesse Okubazgi**  
Current ESOL+ Accounting learner

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

L2 L3 City

## 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 is poised for considerable growth, with online gamers projected to reach 11.56 million by 2027, marking a 6.64% increase from 10.84 million in 2023. This trend highlights the increasing popularity of esports and the expanding opportunities within the industry.

## 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.



Starting College has been a great experience for me. It's given me more independence and really improved my confidence. Tutors here are friendly, approachable and really knowledgeable about their subject. It's a great learning environment; you work hard, but very supportive and you can always ask for help.

I love the course as I have a passion for gaming, but I have also enjoyed other elements of the course. We learn about what it's like working in an Esports organisation and also about maintaining good physical and mental health too. I have been able to take my gaming to the next level here – I have been selected for in the Top 20 competition in the Student Racing League! After next year, I'll have the option of going to university or finding work in the industry.

**Harry Martin**

Current Esports Level 2 learner

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 Dermalogica 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	E	City
Beauty	L1	City
Beauty Therapy	L2	L3 Barry/City
Make up & Nail Services	L2	City
Complementary Therapies	L3	City
Hair & Beauty	E	City
Hair & Beauty	L1	Barry/City
Hairdressing	L2	L3 Barry/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 £7.7billion for the UK Economy. NHF (2018) The industry will need over 5,500 new recruits in Wales by 2022. (Working Futures 2012-2022). According to Lightcast Data 2024, the Hair and Beauty workforce in the Cardiff Capital Region will grow at a rate of 9.8% by 2029.

## 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)



# 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
Introduction to Care, Early Years & Childcare	<b>L1</b> Barry/East
Working in Health & Social Care	<b>L2</b> Barry/East
Health & Social Care	<b>L2</b> Barry/City
Health & Social Care	<b>L3</b> 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
Professional Cookery & Hospitality Service	L1	L2 Barry/City
Professional Cookery	L3	Barry/City
Hospitality Supervisory Skills	L3	City

## YOUR CAVC

Our renowned city centre restaurant, The Classroom – Y Dosbarth, was awarded to 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 winning Best in Nation at WorldSkills 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've recently completed my HND in Hospitality Management at the college and progressed to a degree course at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

### Ruby Pile

Former Level 2 & 3 Hospitality and HND in Hospitality Management student. Now studying at Cardiff Metropolitan University

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



# Independent Living Skills

Our Independent Living Skills courses support you to develop skills for your future. We focus on building your communication, employability and independent living skills. We also develop your awareness of health, wellbeing and the local community.

Learners on Independent Living Skills courses typically progress from specialist schools and should have an IDP (Individual Development Plan) or equivalent statutory document.

You follow one of two pathways (Pathway 2 or Pathway 3), that best supports you and helps you meet your goals. Once you apply you are invited in for an Experience Day, where you meet teachers and other new learners. After that day, we decide what pathway is right for you to follow when you start at CAVC.

Whatever pathway you follow, you will have personalised targets tailored for your learning journey with us. Our staff will support you every step of the way and celebrate your progress as you work towards achieving your goals and aspirations.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Independent Living Skills

 Barry/City

**Learn Independent Living Skills at:**

### Pathway 2

*For learners likely to lead semi-independent lives and progress to playing an active part in the community and voluntary work, or*

### Pathway 3

*For learners who are likely to live independent lives with some support, and could progress to supported employment, or achieve employment without support.*

## 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 Independent Living Skills courses help you build essential life skills and prepare you for potential future employment. When you leave college, you'll have a personalised learning record showcasing your progress.

Your next steps will depend on your goals and aspirations, which could include further learning or supported employment.

This could include a Supported Internship – a unique opportunity to work with an employer to provide a supportive experience to start your working life. Many 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**

Former Independent Living Skills – Pathway 3 learner

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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 Theatre 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

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 UK music industry is now valued at £6.7bn, with an estimated workforce of 210,000 (UK Music, 2022). In Wales, the music sector is thriving, contributing approximately £131 million to the economy in 2020, with around 4,000 jobs directly linked to music, including a significant number of musicians.

### 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.



I chose to study this course as I wanted to improve my acting, dancing and eventually study Dance at degree-level at university. I've enjoyed being on campus and making friends with likeminded people with similar interests to myself.

The facilities here are great, especially the theatre – the quality of the lighting and sound means we can always put on a good show!

**Chloe Hourihane**  
Studied Performing Arts Level 3

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



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# 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.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

In the Cardiff Capital Region, there are 37,000 people working in Public and Uniformed Services occupations with average earnings of £32,500 per annum. (Lightcast 2024)

## 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 feel like I've gained confidence, knowledge and loads of new skills during my time studying the Public Services course here at Cardiff and Vale College. I think the course has developed me as a person and it's given me real clarity on what I'd like to do next. I've really enjoyed my time here, but I am looking forward to completing my course and taking the next step; a full-time job in the Police.

**Tyrees Mapiki**  
Studied Public Services Level 3



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



# 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

The sports occupations sector in the Cardiff Capital Region is on the rise, boasting a workforce of over 8,000. By 2029, the sector is expected to expand by 5.2%, adding around 430 new jobs. (Lightcast, 2024).

## 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, with some gaining sports scholarships in the UK and overseas.

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.

I didn't enjoy school that much, so moving over to College allowed me to have a fresh start. I chose this course because I was aware of the great facilities here and the excellent teaching. Studying Sport full-time has given me opportunity to focus on something I really care about rather than spending my time on subjects I wasn't that interested in. The mix of theory and practical elements have helped me deepen my knowledge of the subject and improve my performance on the field too.

### Yusef Moore

Current Level 3 Sport learner and CAVC Student Athlete Award Winner 2023

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 whilst at CAVC with the likes of British Airways, TUI, P&O Cruises and Virgin Atlantic as well as in tourist destinations across the UK and internationally.

## YOUR INDUSTRY

Tourism in Wales is now a £6.3bn industry. In the Cardiff Capital Region, the sector currently employs 75,500 people, with projections showing an 8.4% growth by 2029. This increase will create an additional 6,000 jobs (Lightcast 2024), highlighting the sector's continued expansion and importance to the regional economy.

## 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](https://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 have access to career focused course sessions in CAVC's specialist spaces with subject experts to find what you enjoy and excel in. And whatever your interest, we help you build the skills you need to progress.

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

We offer inclusive well-being support throughout your time at college to ensure you are supported and able to thrive both academically and personally. Whether you need advice, someone to talk to, or resources to help manage stress, our dedicated team is here to provide guidance and support, helping you stay balanced and focused during your studies.

## YOUR FUTURE

A Vocational Access course is a fresh start and a springboard to you moving towards the career path that's best for you.

After completing Vocational Access students have progressed onto Level 1 and Level 2 courses across CAVC including IT, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Health and Social Care, Art and Design and more!

Some students also re-sit their GCSE in English or Maths whilst on a Vocational Access course – which really helps with self-confidence and meeting progression requirements.



The Vocational Access course has helped me start my journey to becoming a Personal Trainer. It's helped with developing my confidence, as well as my skills in English and Maths. It's improving my ability to communicate with others too! Right now I'm focused on working towards getting my qualifications, and then I can either continue my studies or find a full-time job.

**Keegan Murray**

Former Vocational Access learner

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



# HOW TO APPLY

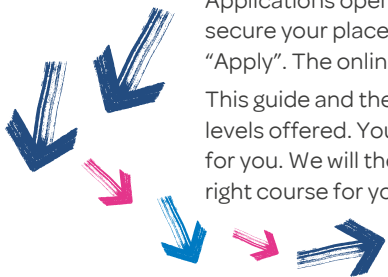


## OPEN EVENINGS



Starting from November, 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 November 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 you'll be invited to enrol – the final step to becoming a CAVC student! For most people joining college after Year 11, this will take place on GCSE Results Day, after you pick up your results.

## 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)

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