

OUR SCHOOL OFFER.

ACCRINGTON AND
ROSSENDALE COLLEGE.

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WORKING CLOSELY WITH SCHOOLS ACROSS PENDLE, BURNLEY, BLACKBURN, HYNDBURN, ROSSENDALE AND THE RIBBLE VALLEY.

YOUR PUPILS' FUTURE STARTS RIGHT HERE.

Our aim is to inform pupils on how best to navigate their next steps. By providing essential advice and guidance, we look to support young people in exploring the post-16 options available to them – helping them to make an informed choice that is right for them and their future.

We work with you, to provide a responsive, flexible, and relevant package of activities to suit the priorities of your curriculum and the interests of your pupils.

You will find a range of activities within this booklet, which are available at both our 'Outstanding' college sites. All of these can be tailored to your specific needs and requirements.

These activities can also help you and your school achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks. Working together, we can ensure the best opportunities for the young people in our area.

Lisa O'Loughlin
Principal and Chief Executive at Nelson and Colne College Group

MEET THE SCHOOL TEAM.



Melanie Wright
School Liaison Team Lead

From: Oswaldtwistle

Previous Roles: I was previously a College Lecturer and Curriculum Leader. Previous jobs have included roles such as a Sales Assistant, a Travel Agent and an Overseas Resort Manager.

Favourite session to deliver: College Life and T Levels



Hayley Stewart
School Liaison Officer

From: Ribble Valley

Previous Roles: I have worked as a Primary School Teacher, Nursery Nurse, Project coordinator, Sales Negotiator and Retail Assistant amongst others.

Favourite session to deliver: Interview Skills



Becky Bottacin
School Liaison Officer

From: Burnley

Previous Roles: I was previously a Primary School Teacher and Curriculum Leader. I have also been a waitress and bartender.

Favourite session to deliver: Mock Interviews

WHAT WE OFFER

The activities within this booklet are flexible and can be made to fit with your desired learning outcomes for year groups or individual class sessions.

There are also many ways in which we can work together to share best practice, inspire young people and provide informed progression opportunities for pupils including:

- Our experts working with your experts
- Bespoke teaching support/delivery
- Use of our facilities at either College
- Conference and networking opportunities

MEETING YOUR GATSBY BENCHMARKS

Our School Liaison Team can help schools meet their obligations around the provision of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. Our Activities are mapped on to Gatsby benchmarks- as highlighted throughout the booklet.

1	A STABLE CAREERS PROGRAMME
2	LEARNING FROM CAREER AND LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION
3	ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF EACH PUPIL
4	LINKING CURRICULUM LEARNING TO CAREERS
5	ENCOUNTERS WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES
6	EXPERIENCES OF WORKPLACES
7	ENCOUNTERS WITH FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION
8	PERSONAL GUIDANCE

ENTRY CRITERIA

LEVEL 3

At least five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above in a good range of subjects, including both English Language and Mathematics or a relevant Level 2 qualification in this area, plus a successful, informal interview at College.

LEVEL 2

At least three GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including both English Language and/or Mathematics OR a relevant Level 1 qualification in this area and GCSE English Language and /or Mathematics at Grade 3 or above.

LEVEL 1

At least two GCSEs at Grade 3 or above including both English Language and/or Mathematics OR a relevant Entry Level Programme and GCSE English Language and /or Mathematics at Grade 3 or above.

ENTRY LEVEL

No formal qualifications are needed for this programme. All applicants will be interviewed and assessed to ensure the course is appropriate for them.

Don't let students be put off if they don't quite achieve the entry criteria, we can discuss their options and will provide support to enable them to achieve their Maths and/or English grades.

Please note that certain courses may also require specific GCSEs depending on the subject. Please check our prospectus for details.

THE SCHOOL PORTAL.

Tracking your pupils' journey.

As a Careers Leader, we have developed a useful tracking system for you to follow your pupils on their college journey and track their progress.

Our dedicated school portal allows you access to your pupil applications, interview dates/times and enrolment destinations at the touch of a button for both our colleges. All you need to do is register a school account with us and we will activate access to your pupil information.

We have sent information out to schools already with sign up details, however if you wish us to resend, please get in touch on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk

***Please note that your school must have completed a Data Sharing Agreement**

"The portal is brilliant - it's really user-friendly and it's so much easier when I need information on whether a pupil has applied and what for. To go on the portal rather than have to send an email every time, wait for the response was much easier. It also really helps to be able to see when pupils' interviews are so that I can remind them and make sure they're prepared. I've been singing its praises to the other big colleges I work with!"

Testimonial from Chris Barratt - Careers Lead at Mount Carmel High School



YEAR SEVEN

Introduction to the World of Work

Gatsby Benchmarks 1, 2 and 5

An introduction to the world of work is a fun session we provide to introduce Year 7 pupils to the world of work in an interactive session to explore careers and challenge stereotypes.

YEAR EIGHT

Choosing Your Options

Gatsby Benchmark 1

An interactive session with tips and advice on choosing their options and how they link to College courses and future job roles or careers.

Escape To Your Future

Gatsby Benchmark 1

This is an interactive session themed around a paper-based escape room concept. Students will work together using the prospectus to solve puzzles, whilst gaining an insight into college life and future career options.

YEAR NINE

Choosing Your Options

Gatsby Benchmark 1

An interactive session with tips and advice on choosing their options and how they link to College courses and future job roles or careers.

YEAR TEN

School Assembly

Gatsby Benchmarks 3 and 7

A member of our team will deliver an engaging and informative presentation on our College offer for your assemblies. We offer three types of assembly: General Information and bespoke T Levels and Apprenticeships assemblies.

Careerwise

Gatsby Benchmark 2

A useful session for pupils to explore career planning with tips, advice and information on job applications, careers development, labour market information and employability skills.

Mock Interviews

Gatsby Benchmark 5

An opportunity for learners to participate in an interview, followed by feedback. We offer face-to-face and digital options. Interviews can take place within school or at our College, subject to availability.

YEAR ELEVEN

School Assembly

Gatsby Benchmark 3 and 7

A member of our team will deliver an engaging and informative presentation on our College offer for your assemblies. We offer three types of assembly: General Information and bespoke T Levels and Apprenticeships assemblies.

Post 16 Pathways

Gatsby Benchmark 1

An interactive session designed to explore the pathways and choices available after school, and understand the differences between different types of qualifications on offer.

Mock Interviews

Gatsby Benchmark 5

An opportunity for learners to participate in an interview, followed by feedback. We offer face-to-face and digital options. Interviews can take place within school or at our College, subject to availability.

CV Writing Session

Gatsby Benchmark 5

Tips and advice on how to create a professional CV. Computer access is required.

Interview Skills and Techniques

Gatsby Benchmark 7

An engaging session with top tips on how to answer key interview questions today's employers are asking. Includes an introduction to digital interviews, transferable skills and qualities and practical activities.

Applying For College

Gatsby Benchmark 7

This session provides prospective learners with an overview of the College application process, College interviews and general College life. It will include information on what happens after application, key dates and useful tips.

This will be followed by FAQs and practical support to help your students complete their online application during the session or at a later date.

Uni Mythbuster

Gatsby Benchmark 3 and 7

Get the low down on different types of University courses, how to apply, and hear about some of the new developments and study options.

Play our fact and fiction game to bust myths and learn something new.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Drop-in Advice Sessions

Gatsby Benchmark 8

A member of our team will be available to support your school by offering advice and information. This may be in school or online, subject to arrangement.

Parents Evening Support

Gatsby Benchmark 7

A member of the team will be available to support these events with a stand, providing College information, advice and guidance on courses.

Careers Fairs and Events

Gatsby Benchmark 7

A member of the team can visit your school careers fair offering information and guidance on College courses and College life.

College Campus Tour

Gatsby Benchmark 3

Book a 1:1 College Campus Tour for yourself or for a small group of pupils to view our facilities.

12.01

Gatsby Benchmark 2, 3, 5 and 7

12.01 is a unique three-year raising aspirations programme that begins in year 9 through to year 11. Sessions take place at our college campus after school once a term and this exciting programme offers strong employer links and business experiences to inspire your able, gifted and talented students. Limited places available, please contact us for information on the selection and participation process.

Early booking is recommended.

Please note that all sessions are subject to availability. Some sessions may have a maximum number capacity depending on session type, and computer access may be needed for some activities. For more information and to book, please email schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.

CURRICULUM EXPERIENCES AND MASTERCLASSES.

Vocational Curriculum Experience Sessions.

Choose from a range of vocational subjects to experience activities and taster sessions in a subject of your choice, delivered by our expert tutors. Select your curriculum area and enjoy interactive sessions with your learners to prepare them for college.

See page 17 for a full list of our Vocational curriculum areas.

A Level Masterclasses.

Choose from a range of A Level subjects to experience activities and taster sessions in a subject of your choice.

Our expert tutors will deliver an interactive session to help your students prepare for college, including progression pathways and career opportunities linked to the subject.

Please contact us for more information on subject areas we cover.

T LEVELS

Accrington and Rossendale College was one of the first institutions in the country to embrace T Levels and as such, we have already amassed a wealth of experience within the qualification. With a brand new, state-of-the-art T Level Hub on site, there truly isn't a better place for your students to embrace this new and exciting approach to education.

T Levels are a nationally recognised qualification with a focus on vocational skills and valuable workplace experience, combined with an outstanding classroom education.

Over the 2-year course, your students will learn whilst gaining valuable work experience during their minimum of 315-hour work placement with an external employer - relevant to your students' preferred field.

T Levels are made alongside employers, ensuring that your students maximise their chances of employment and career success on completion and are well prepared for a role within their chosen sector.

If your students are looking to further their studies at University, then a T Level can open that door too. One T Level is equivalent to 3 A Levels, a Distinction* being worth the same amount of UCAS points as three A*'s.

If your students would like to start their career straight after College, our external employers often employ successful students after they have finished their course.

T LEVEL COURSES WE OFFER AT ACCRINGTON AND ROSSENDALE COLLEGE

- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Business Services
- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Management and Administration
- Media, Broadcast and Production





VOCATIONAL

A Vocational qualification will help your students progress directly into employment, an Apprenticeship, or University, as they will learn real industry skills which will help them be career ready at the end of their course.

A Vocational route is ideal if your students enjoy practical, hands-on learning, and a mix of assessment styles. A two-year full-time Level 3 Vocational programme is the equivalent to three A Levels.

All our Vocational courses are available in Level 3, Level 2, Level 1 and Entry Level.

VOCATIONAL COURSES WE OFFER AT ACCRINGTON AND ROSSENDALE COLLEGE

- Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team
- Business
- Construction
- Creative Media
- Digital and IT
- Education and Childcare
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care
- Law, Justice and Protective Services
- Motor Vehicle
- Sport

APPRENTICESHIPS

Your students will work for a business, receive on-the-job training and get paid, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification. Your students will develop the skills and experience that employers want, and build up an impressive CV.

Apprenticeships take between one to four years to complete, depending on the type and level. Your students will be able to learn at a pace that suits them and will be supported at each stage by an industry specialist Trainer Assessor.

After completing an Apprenticeship, your students could continue to train for an advanced, higher, or degree level Apprenticeship, or related Vocational qualification. Alternatively, they could go on to University, or take a professional qualification that leads to a specific job role.

Many employers choose to continue to invest in their future workforce and grow their talent pool by employing Apprentices upon completion of their studies.

APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER AT ACCRINGTON AND ROSSENDALE COLLEGE

- Business, Accounting and Professional Services
- Catering and Hospitality
- Childcare and Teaching
- Construction
- Health and Social Care
- Hair and Beauty
- Information Technology
- Motor Vehicle

Have any more questions about Apprenticeships?
Contact our Apprenticeship Team!

01282 440 319 or apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk



Our Learner Journey.

See below more information on your pupils' journey to becoming a student at Accrington and Rossendale College.

01 Encourage research

Ask students to think about their favourite subjects. What is their dream career and what subjects or courses will help them get there? Encourage them to talk to friends, family, teachers and their careers adviser.

02 Visit us

Open Events are a great place to visit the campus and find out more about our wide range of courses. Students can chat to course tutors, watch demonstrations, explore our facilities and find out what we have to offer. We run Open Events throughout the year, dates are listed on the back cover.

03 Submit Application

Once your students have decided which course you would like to apply for, they can submit their application.

04 Interview

Our Admissions Team will be in touch with details of your students interview. This is a friendly, informal chat with a course tutor which gives students the opportunity to find out more about the course they have chosen. Interviews take place once a month, between 4-6pm.

05 Offer Acceptance

After the interview your students will receive a conditional offer for their chosen course. To accept this offer, they can log into their online account or let our Admissions Team know and they will update their record.

06 New Student Day

Our New Student Day takes place on **Friday 30th June 2023**. This event gives your students the opportunity to sample their chosen course, meet tutors and fellow classmates. They will also be able to explore the campus and experience college life.

07 Prepare for joining college

Your students will receive a guide to starting college which will land in the post with them towards the end of July. This details everything they need to know about enrolment, which is when they officially join college.

08 GCSE Results and Enrolment

Students need to bring their GCSE results to their enrolment appointment. Here they will meet with tutors to confirm their course choices. Do not worry if your students have not got the grades they were expecting, we will have a suitable, alternative course for them.

09 Congratulations

Your students have officially enrolled at College!



ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT.

No matter what your students' needs or requirements are, we are committed to ensuring their time at college is as supportive and empowering as possible.

Our dedicated Additional Learning Support Team (ALS) will work closely with them to ensure they have everything they need to be able to achieve their full potential.

For more information or to book a 1:1 for your pupil, please contact:

als.arc@nelsongroup.ac.uk

Our key contact for ALS information is Mary O'Keefe.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

Whether your student has a physical, hearing or visual disability, we are equipped to support them with all the access and learning resources they need to succeed at college.

EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLAN (EHCP)

If they have an EHCP and need more comprehensive support, we can work with you, your student and the Local Authority to ensure that they get the best possible support when they come to college. We can even plan transition visits to help with their move from school to college and visit them in school to see what works best.

LEARNING SUPPORT

If students require any learning support, whether that be due to dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism or just help to manage their study workload, we've got them. All our support is confidential and any information they provide will always be kept between your student and the appropriate professionals. Here are some of the many ways we can help:

- ▶ Support inside and outside the classroom
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Extra exam time
- ▶ Tailored support needs

ALS QUIET ZONE AND STUDY SPACE

The ALS Study Zone is a multi-functional resource that students can access while at College. It can provide them with a quiet place to study within a more focused environment. The ALS Study Zone is staffed by a member of the Additional Learning Support Team who will be able to arrange any of the following:

- ▶ One-to-one or small group weekly support sessions
- ▶ Assignment guidance and exam revision techniques
- ▶ Informal support on a daily basis
- ▶ Person development, mentoring and coaching for success
- ▶ Laptop Access

OPEN EVENTS

School Leaver Open Event

Wednesday 16th November
5.30pm -7.30pm

School Leaver Open Event

Monday 30th January
5.30pm -7.30pm

Apprenticeship Open Event

Thursday 9th February
5.30pm -7.30pm

Year 8, 9 and 10 Open Event

Wednesday 19th April
5.30pm -7.30pm

New Student Day

Friday 30th June

**Register
Now**

