



Course
Guide
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Welcome

I am delighted to lead Windsor College forward, building on its strong foundations of Technical, Professional and Creative education. Our unique focus on the creative arts is supported by top-tier facilities like the Old Court Theatre.

At Windsor College, you will expand your horizons, develop skills, connect with diverse people, and create lasting memories.

I look forward to our journey together, helping you to achieve excellence and prepare for a bright future.

Sinead O' Donoghue
Principal



At Windsor College, we believe your future starts with the right environment. Our College is supportive, inclusive and designed to help you thrive.

Located in the heart of town, Windsor offers more than just a place to study. It's a welcoming, vibrant sixth form community where your success is our priority.

From your first visit to our open events, through to enrolment and beyond, we'll guide you every step of the way. Our wide choice of academic and vocational courses means you can shape a study programme that fits your ambitions and opens doors to exciting opportunities.

You'll be supported by experienced, dedicated staff who treat you as an individual and are committed to helping you reach your potential.

Come along to one of our open events and discover what makes Windsor College such a special place to learn, grow and succeed.

Gillian May
Group Principal and CEO



Creative. Technical. Professional.

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Information within this guide is correct at the time of going to print.

Please be aware that some course delivery may take place off campus and between The Windsor Forest Colleges Group sites.

Home of
**STAGE,
SCREEN &
DESIGN.**



How to Apply

Your Step-by-step Guide to Studying at Windsor

Step 1: Choose Your Course

We offer a wide range of courses at all levels – if you're still not sure, give us a call on **01753 792388** or email **info@windsor-forest.ac.uk** for independent advice.

Step 2: Apply

Apply online at **www.windsor.ac.uk** You shall receive an email to confirm we have received your application.

Step 3: Attend Your Interview

You will be invited to book an interview, where you will discuss your course choice and plans for the future. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have too.

Step 4: Offer

Following a successful interview, you shall be made a conditional offer via email.

Please note: This can take up to 14 days. To accept your conditional offer, please log back into your Student Portal. You need to accept your offer to receive your invitation to enrolment.

Step 5: Enrol

You will be sent instructions on how to enrol onto your course the summer before you start with us.

Step 6: Get Your Results

You will need your exam results to be able to enrol onto your chosen course. If your results are better than expected or you didn't do as well as you'd hoped, we can find a suitable alternative.

Step 7: Start College

We look forward to welcoming you in September!

Study Programme

If you're aged 16–19, you will follow a study programme to help you develop academically, practically and personally.

Study programmes are designed to meet students' individual learning needs and includes all the elements that make up their individual timetable at the College. We want you to be confident and ready to meet the demands of learning, work and life.

Our students typically study three A Levels, a full or mixed vocational programme equivalent to three A Levels or a T-Level. Level 2 students will complete a programme consisting of vocational courses alongside GCSE English, maths and/or science.



Choose the Right Course

A Minimum of Five GCSEs Grade 4 & Above

Including English and maths. You must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Your Options at Windsor:

A Level Programme:

Two year study programme of three A Levels.

Mixed Programme:

Two year study programme of A Levels and Level 3 vocational course or Industry ready study programme.

A Minimum of Four GCSEs Grade 4 & Above

Including English and maths. You must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Your Options at Windsor:

Level 3 vocational course in any combination for two years.

Less than Four GCSEs

Minimum of three grade 3s and one grade 2 including English or maths at grade 3.

Your Options at Windsor:

Level 2 vocational course including English and/or maths for one year.

Your Progression

A Level Programme: Two year study programme of three A Levels.

Mixed Programme: Two year study programme of A Levels and Level 3 vocational course or Industry ready study programme.

T Level: Two year Industry Ready study programme

Apprenticeship: Level 3 programme in Stage, Screen and Design Industry. 80% on-the-job training and 20% classroom based.

Qualifications Offered

T Levels are equivalent to 3 A Levels and offer a broad understanding of sector-specific issues and occupational specialisms. There is a significant work experience element that supports the classroom based learning.

A Levels are focused on academic education and are typically chosen by learners who want to continue their academic studies.

BTECs are career-focused qualifications assessed mainly through coursework and practical tasks. They prepare students for university, apprenticeships, or employment in specific industries.

Apprenticeships are suitable for those who have a clear career path, are at least 16 years old and want to earn a wage while learning.

Undergraduate

Funding Your Studies

Courses are covered by a Student Tuition Fee Loan awarded by the Student Loans Company, visit www.slc.co.uk to find out more. You only start to repay your loan once you are earning over £27,295 per annum.

Our Undergraduate Pathway

Foundation Degree
Working with Children
and Young People.



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma	T Level Grade	A Level Grades	UCAS Points
D* D* D*	Distinction*	A* A* A*	168
D* D* D		A* A* A	160
D* D D		A* A A	152
D D D	Distinction	A A A	144
D D M		A A C	128
	Merit		120
D M M		A C C	112
M M M	Pass (C or above on the core)	C C C	96
M M P		C C E	80
	Pass (D or E on the core)		72
M P P		C E E	64
P P P		E E E	48

Your Guide to Levels

Entry Level	ESOL	Entry Level Functional Skills	Entry Level Essential Skills	Skills for Life	Entry Level Diploma	Entry Level Certificate	Entry Level Award			
1	Level 1 ESOL	Level 1 Function or Essential Skills	Level 1 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 1, 2 and 3	NVQ Level 1	GCSE Grades 3, 2, 1				
2	Level 2 ESOL	Level 2 Function or Essential Skills	Level 2 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 4 and 5	NVQ Level 2	Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship	GCSE Grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, or 4			
3	Level 3 ESOL	Access to HE Diploma	Level 3 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 6, 7 and 8	NVQ Level 3	Level 3 Intermediate Apprenticeship	T-Levels	International Baccalaureate Diploma	Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level	A Level (A, B, C, D or E)
4	Higher National Certificate	Certificate of Higher Education	Level 4 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Foundation Certificate	NVQ Level 4	Higher Apprenticeship				
5	Higher National Diploma	Diploma of Higher Education	Level 5 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Foundation Degree	NVQ Level 5	Higher Apprenticeship				
6	Bachelors Degree	Graduate Diploma	Level 6 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Graduate Certificate	NVQ Level 6	Degree Apprenticeship				
7	Integrated Masters Degree	Level 7 Award, Diplomas and Certificates	Post Graduate Certificate/ Diploma	Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)	NVQ Level 7	Master's Degree (MA/ MSC)				
8	Doctorate of PhD	Level 8 Award, Diplomas and Certificates								



WINDSOR COLLEGE



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Beyond the Classroom



Duke of Edinburgh

Build confidence, resilience skills, team working and demonstrate your resourceful side. Add value to your UCAS application and CV.



The Gold Arts Award

This Level 3 qualification is worth 16 UCAS points and will benefit those students aiming for art/drama school or university by showcasing a specialism outside of College.

Coming to Windsor will give you the chance to develop your skills through a range of extra curricular activities. These activities will allow you to make new friends, have fun and develop transferable skills to enhance your CV or UCAS personal statement.

We want to enrich your studies and further deepen your learning and understanding but we also want to give you every opportunity to enjoy new experiences and broaden your horizons. Our goal is that when you progress from Windsor, you do so as self assured and confident young adults.

Qualification (EPQ)

Boost your UCAS points with the EPQ (worth half an A Level). Choose a topic you love and showcase your independent research skills.



National Competitions

Our students excel in challenges like the Chemistry Olympiad, UK Senior Maths Challenge, NSEC and British Display Society Interior Design competitions.



Student Union Executive

Join our active SU to represent student voices and enjoy a range of opportunities and activities to enrich your College experience.

Trips & Visits

Enjoy national and international trips that enhance your learning and broaden your horizons.

Guest Speakers & Master Classes

Gain insights from keynote speakers and experts to deepen your understanding of key topics.

Study Plus+

This programme enriches learning beyond the classroom with tasks and activities to develop independence, proactivity, and academic excellence.



Aspire

A specialist programme supporting applications to top universities and high-tariff courses, with a 100% success rate for Oxford and Cambridge offers. It also uses Unifrog to help with UCAS statements, careers and apprenticeship planning.

Windsor Extra Curricular

Engaging in extra curricular activities is a strategic investment in your future. Studies indicate that students who participate in these activities often achieve higher grades, score better on exams, and have more enriching educational experiences. By joining, you'll develop new skills, build lasting relationships, and enhance your University applications and career prospects. At Windsor we have a wide range of popular clubs and societies.

Clubs Include:

- Dance Club
- Crochet Club
- Debate Club
- Photography Club
- Board Games Club
- Karaoke Club



Industry Placement



Gain hands-on experience and deep insights into your chosen industry or sector with work placements. This invaluable exposure not only enriches your understanding but also significantly enhances your UCAS and job applications, helping you stand out among your peers. Make your profile shine with practical knowledge and real-world skills!

Enhance Your Applications

Work experience is a great way to get ahead and gain the edge with employers and admissions tutors in your College interview. It shows that you have taken the time to gain experience in your chosen career area and it's a good way to check that your dream job in your chosen industry is really what you think it is.

Windsor College has a dedicated careers and placements team to support students with finding a suitable work placement. All of our students are encouraged to participate in a week of Industry Placement as part of their study programme.

This year our students experienced a range of successful placements with local businesses.

Supporting You

The physical and mental wellbeing of all our students is extremely important to us, so we provide a number of support services to help.



Safeguarding

It is important to us that everyone feels safe while at college. Our safeguarding team help students make good decisions and offer a range of advice from digital safety, radicalisation, neglect, to homelessness, mental health and personal safety.

Counselling

The College provide a fully qualified counsellor that can be accessed during the College day.

Health & Wellbeing

We provide help and information about staying healthy with a range of services and advice for your wellbeing and safety.

Careers & Employability

Our accredited team is always on hand to offer impartial and confidential advice and guidance on courses, careers and training.

Personal Support Services

You are a name, not a number at Windsor College and we are dedicated to helping you achieve your potential.

Personal Tutors

You will have a tutor who will play a central role in supporting your progress at sixth form. Group tutorials and one-to-one meetings will help keep you on track with your studies as well as helping you plan for life after College.

Learning Support

The Learning Support team are there to help with literacy and numeracy skills, provide you with expert support with dyslexia and dyspraxia, support time management, revision skills, essay writing, assistive technology and access arrangements.

Exam Arrangements

We know that some students will require special arrangements when taking exams and support can be provided, post assessment, in accordance with awarding bodies' guidelines. Dependent upon assessment results, scribes and readers may be supplied and assistive equipment may be borrowed.

Financial Support

For those from low household income families, The Windsor Forest College Group offers financial support for the compulsory costs associated with your course.

Please email us for information about support at the College.
studentservices.sixthform@windsor-forest.ac.uk

Home of Stage, Screen & Design

Windsor College offers dynamic full-time and short courses in film, television, and production media for both 16–19-year-olds and adult learners.

Following major investment through the Berkshire Local Skills Improvement Plan, the College underwent a transformation and our state-of-the-art facilities are now fully integrated into the curriculum. These include a cutting-edge virtual production studio, professional editing suites, a recording studio, podcast studio, DJ studio and a fully equipped hair and make-up room.

Our strong partnerships with industry give students access to real-world experience and outstanding career opportunities in the creative sector.



We offer two apprenticeships in this area, Content Creator and Production Assistant. An apprenticeship offers students practical experience, mentorship and expertise from industry professionals, a blend of on-the-job training and classroom learning, and potential future employment opportunities in the stage, screen and design arena.



Art & Design

Course Areas

Graphic
Communication

Art & Design
Practice

Fashion, Interiors,
3D Design



Find out more
[www.windsor.ac.uk/
art-design-media/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/art-design-media/)

Business

Course Areas

Business

Marketing

Economics



Find out more
www.windsor.ac.uk/business/

Stage, Screen, Design

Course Areas

**Hair & Makeup
Effects for Film**

Film Studies

Media Studies

**Creative Media
Production &
Technology**

**Creative Media
Practice**

**Art, Design &
Media for Stage
and Screen**

Fashion & Textiles

**Media Broadcast
& Production -
Events & Venue
Technician**



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art-design-media/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/art-design-media/)



Performing Arts

Course Areas

Performing &
Production Arts

Performance



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performing-arts/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/performing-arts/)



Humanities

Course Areas

Geography

Psychology

Law

Sociology

Modern History

English Literature

Philosophy

Politics



Find out more
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humanities/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/humanities/)

Mathematical & IT

Course Areas

Computer Science

Mathematics

Sciences

Course Areas

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Applied Science

Health & Social Care

Medical Science



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computing/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/computing/)



Find out more
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science/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/science/)

GCSE Pathways

English

Mathematics



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gcse/](http://www.windsor.ac.uk/gcse/)



Apprenticeships Course Areas

Our Stage, Screen and Design Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to earn while you learn in the creative industries.

What is an Apprenticeship?

As an apprentice, you'll learn through a mix of on-the-job experience, classroom-based teaching and independent study. Everything you learn is carefully mapped to the requirements of your chosen role.

To successfully complete your apprenticeship, you must meet all the skills, knowledge and behavioural criteria set out in the Apprenticeships Standard. Some Apprenticeship Standards also include additional qualifications to help you build the full knowledge needed for your role.

As an Apprentice You Will

- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job-specific skills
- Earn a wage and get holiday pay
- Get time for study related to your role

Our Apprenticeships Pathways

- Level 3 Media Industries – Content Creator Apprenticeship (15 months)
- Level 3 Media Industries – Production Assistant – Screen and Audio Apprenticeship (15 months)

What Our Students Say

In 2024, among the 11 subjects offered, our students achieved fantastic results of 93% D*-P in BTEC Exams.



Among the 22 A Level subjects offered at Windsor College, all subjects achieved a pass rate of over 93%. Furthermore, 14 subjects saw 52% or more of their students attain A* to C grades.



"I love coming to College, the environment is relaxed and I have become more independent coming here"
Current Student

"One of the best Colleges. Lively staff and lovely students."
Google Review

"Windsor College has a mature, diverse vibe and gives students real freedom and trust, which makes learning so much better!"
Current Student



Start Your Journey

Open Events

Open Days

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Tuesday 30th June 2026

All running from 4.30pm to 7pm

Adult Open Evening

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Running from 5pm to 7pm



Register for an
Open Event

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