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THE GATEWAY ALUMNI

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In return, they receive regular copies of the College magazine (and often make contributions to it), along with invitations to events, exhibitions and the opportunity to meet up with former students and staff.

To become a member of the Gateway Alumni Network go to www.gateway.ac.uk

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Student,

Thank you for considering Gateway College as the important next step in your education. As a Sixth Form College specialising in the education and progression of 16-19 year olds, there is so much that we can offer you. We have a strong reputation in supporting our students with the change from secondary school to sixth form and for challenging you to achieve more than you ever hoped. Starting with our expert advice and guidance, we will help you to choose the right subjects and pathway that will enable you to achieve your career goals and develop the skills and attitudes that will make you successful in your future, whatever your starting point.

We offer a broad range of courses from Entry Level to Level 3, Academic and Vocational, designed to meet your needs. These are delivered by experienced and well qualified subject specialists who will focus on providing a quality learning experience. Alongside our teaching departments, you can expect to be well supported, and sometimes challenged, by our Heads of School and their pastoral teams. Their job is to monitor your whole progress and attendance, helping you to set and achieve ambitious goals for the future. We will work with you to remove any barriers to success and deliver skills and experiences which go beyond the classroom.

Our results are good with many of our courses in the top 10% nationally for both achievement and value added, some are number 1.

Coming to Gateway will give you access to our wide network of former students, employers and universities who all help to provide expertise, work experience, talks and mentorship to support your development. I look forward to welcoming you to Gateway Sixth Form College at one of our Open Events.

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Alisa is about to start her role as a Trainee Solicitor having completed a Post Graduate Legal Practice Qualification and a First Class Honours Degree in Law LLB (Hons) at De Montfort University. She credits her time at Gateway for giving her the self-confidence, guidance and knowledge she needed to get to where she is now.

“Without my teachers’ belief in me and encouragement, I wouldn’t have had the confidence to go to university. I received lots of support to complete my UCAS application and was given an unconditional offer immediately.”

Alisa joined Gateway as a Level 2 student. She re-take her GCSE maths before progressing to a Level 3 vocational qualification and immersing herself in the broad enrichment programme to develop her interpersonal skills and build her UCAS Personal Statement.

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**Visits to schools by Gateway staff and student representatives to explain the application process and answer any questions regarding the College and entry in 2020.**

- **Saturday 2nd November 2019, 10am - 1pm**

- **Tuesday 3rd December 2019, 5pm-7pm**

Gateway College opens its doors to prospective students and their parents and carers to discuss course choices and career pathways. Gateway staff and students are available for advice, guidance and tours of the College facilities.

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Applicants should decide whether to accept or decline their offer and notify the College of their decision.

Applicants are invited to a “Welcome Event” with taster sessions and activities helping to ensure students have picked the right courses.

Each student is invited to attend an enrolment appointment to enrol at Gateway College. Their invitation will contain details of when to enrol, who to see and what documents are required. Every student will have an individual appointment.

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Gateway Sixth Form College is number one in the country for delivering Foundation Level 3 Qualifications and has the highest achievement rate for 16-18 year olds from all of the colleges in the county.

MiDES Progress Measure report Gateway students achieved 100% pass rates across 78 different courses including Science, Business, Humanities, the Creative Arts and Sport.

"The proportion of students who achieve their qualifications has risen considerably and is above the rate for other colleges. Improvements are evident across all provision types and at all levels.

Ofsted Monitoring Visit Report, November 2018.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Gateway Sixth Form College offers a full range of both academic and vocational courses. For more information about courses and entry requirements please go to our website at www.gateway.ac.uk or contact us on 0116 274 4545.

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Full Level 2 Vocational Programme

GCSEs of grade 3 or 2, or Pass in a Level 1 Vocational Programme, including English Language and Maths (grade D, 3) or Functional Skills Level 1.

Entry Level 2 (Foundation Learning)

GCSEs of grade 4 or other qualifications or assessment.

Level 1 Entry Level 3 Awards and Certificates (Foundation Learning)

GCSEs of grade 2 and 1, including English Language and Maths or Functional Skills or Entry Level success.

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- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

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Alongside formal qualifications, Study Programmes are enhanced by non-accredited activity and enrichment. These add to the students’ skills and experience and can support UCAS and employment applications.

We believe every student has a gift or talent waiting to be discovered or carefully nurtured through our programme of enrichment activities.

ENRICHMENTS

A snapshot of the enrichment provision we provide:

- Anime
- Badminton
- Bar Mock Trial
- Charity Project Group
- Chess
- Creative Art Therapy
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Football
- Gym
- Horse Riding
- Karate/Badminton
- Lego Club
- LGBT
- Mooc courses and Future Learn
- Philosophy and Film
- Student Magazine – Word on the Street
- Trips and Events
- Web Design and Robotics
- Young Enterprise Award

Previous School: Vibgyor International, India

Courses studied at Gateway:
- A* Chemistry A Level
- A Maths A Level
- A Biology A Level

Next Steps:
- A 5-year Dentistry BDS qualification at Dundee University, voted 1st in UK for Dentistry by 2019 Guardian University Guide.

“At first it was very hard when I arrived from India but the teachers at Gateway were amazing and the students at the College were very friendly and made me feel welcome. I would like to thank all of my teachers; they put a lot of effort into helping me succeed and achieve my dreams. Becoming a dentist has always been my passion. It’s a good career and I will be giving back to the community.”

Ayush

Previous School: Beaumont Leys School

Courses studied at Gateway:
- D Level 2 ICT
- Pass Functional Skills English, Grade 4 GCSE English, Level 3 Vocational Applied Science (June 2020)

Next Steps:
- After completing his Level 3, Aaron would like to study BSc in Marine Biology at Essex University.

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Aaron

Previous School: Rushey Mead Academy

Courses studied at Gateway:
- Level 2 Vocational Public Services, Level 3 Vocational Public Services Diploma

Next Steps:
- Training to become a Combat Medical Technician in the British Army.

“I chose Gateway because my cousin come here and really liked it. When I come to the Open Day I knew I wanted to come as well. I have made some good friends and my teachers have helped me out a lot.”

“My first Public Services teacher told me about being a medic as he had been a medic in the Navy. From that moment, I knew that was what I wanted to do, I want to save lives on the front line.”

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The Careers Service at Gateway offers tailored 1:1 careers advice and guidance to all students regarding their progression in addition to opportunities to attend university taster days, access to apprenticeship providers and employers, academics and industry professionals. Careers and Progression events take place throughout the year including a large Higher Education (H.E.) Fair and Hub 100 Apprenticeship Fair at the College. The Careers Service has strong relationships with both local and national universities and those from the Russell Group, who all provide opportunities for students both at College and on their campuses.

The College has a full Careers Library with relevant, up to date information to support students in areas such as making a university application, Personal Statement writing, finding the right apprenticeship and studying abroad.

“Students have good opportunities to participate in additional activities. This enriches their experiences and helps them to broaden their knowledge outside of their subjects. A high proportion of students participate in useful work experience that helps them to develop their confidence.”

- Ofsted Inspection, October 2019

Supported internships

The Supported Internships Programme helps young people aged 16 to 24 with complex learning difficulties or disabilities to find work. The scheme runs for 12 months and places interns in a suitable job or work experience, as well as creating a unique study programme and on-the-job training with expert coaches responsible for supporting both interns and their employers. (See page 44).
Support for every student
At Gateway Sixth from College, we aim to develop the full potential of every student. We care about each individual which is why we work closely with your school so that you will have a smoother transition into college life. We attach great importance in helping each of you to achieve your full potential and a wide range of support is available to ensure you reach your goals.

The Schools Teams
Ensuring you have an outstanding experience is at the heart of the work that the Gateway College Schools Team undertake. The work that Heads of School, and Learner Performance Tutors (LPTs) do is focused on support, guidance and ensuring you have every opportunity to experience a full and exciting Programme of Study (PoS). If you need access to additional support, careers or counselling advice the Schools Team are your first point of call. You will have a weekly group tutorial, and regular 1-1 sessions with a specially assigned LPT whose aim is to monitor and ensure that you are on track to complete to your full potential. There are also opportunities to enjoy your successes with celebration assemblies, termly and half termly prizes up for grabs. The Schools Team will support you through the UCAS process, provide help to research and find suitable universities, provide opportunities to secure apprenticeships, or enter the world of work if this is a your goal.

Student Services
Open throughout the day to provide quick advice and guidance on a range of issues, including bursaries.

Financial help
The Government provides funding to support students experiencing financial hardship whilst studying at College. Funds available include the 16-19 Bursary, the 16-19 Discretionary Fund, the Over 19 Discretionary Fund and Free Meals. All are administered by the College. These funds are prioritised for students in financial hardship.

Student Scholarships
Ten £1000 Scholarships sponsored by De Montfort University (DMU), are presented to former Gateway students who have gone on to study at DMU. College staff submit nominations for all Scholarship awards; there are no fixed criteria, therefore, each student has an equal chance of being chosen.

Board of Governors
Two places are available for student representatives who are also invited to attend the Student Affairs sub-committee.

Student voice
Each year students are elected by their peers to represent their views on the Student Executive Team (SET). The SET is the voice of the student body and this is where issues and concerns are raised and discussed. They also organise trips and fundraising events.

NUS
Membership of the National Union of Students (NUS) is available to all Gateway students.
Disability Statement
Gateway Sixth Form College is positively committed to ensuring that people with disabilities, including those with learning differences and mental health needs, are supported in accessing opportunities for learning at the College. The College will as far as possible through reasonable adjustments, change practices or environments to remove any disabling effects or barriers to participation in order that students can fully participate in the education, facilities and services provided by the College.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
Gateway Sixth Form College is committed to providing an environment which values all individuals equally. The College encourages full participation by all, focusing on maximum achievement for each individual. Everyone at Gateway Sixth Form College has the right to freedom from discrimination at all times, regardless of disability, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexuality. Any form of verbal or physical behaviour which undermines an individual’s sense of worth or feeling of security will not be tolerated. We pride ourselves on having staff from a range of backgrounds who can help translate information into different languages and act as role models.

Safeguarding our students
Gateway Sixth Form College has a statutory and moral duty to ensure that the College functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people and vulnerable adults studying at the College. We take the safety of our students very seriously. This includes health and safety practice on College premises and students’ own personal safety and wellbeing. You can speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team at any time if you have any worries or concerns about your own or anyone else’s safety and wellbeing. Our Safeguarding Team are well trained and experienced in supporting students with a range of personal issues including domestic violence, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, homelessness and any concerns relating to extremism or radicalisation.

Prevent Duty
Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on educational bodies to have ‘due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’. At Gateway, we incorporate our duties under the Government’s Prevent agenda within our approach to Safeguarding.

Fundamental British values
These values are defined as ‘democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs’. Gateway Sixth Form College encourages its students and staff to respect other people with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010.

Counselling Service
Gateway Sixth Form College’s Counselling Service is confidential and non-judgemental. The Counsellor can provide help and support for students experiencing a particular difficulty in their life with relationships, College, health etc.
The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is at the heart of the College located in ‘The Street’ and holds a stock of over 20,000 books, magazines, daily newspapers and a Careers Library to support students’ studies. The LRC is a flexible study area with individual study tables, a reading area, small group working areas and a silent study area. There are 21 computers, 12 fixed laptops, 25 laptops available for loan and a bank of ipads and wireless phone chargers for use. There is also an Independent Study Centre with computers and study tables for 100 learners on the first floor above the canteen dining area.

Facilities and Resources

We have an Independent Study Centre with computers and study tables for 100 learners in addition to our Learning Resource Centre.

IT facilities

Gateway has over 300 PCs in classrooms and the LRC. In addition to these, there are over 100 laptops and ipads to use as additional learning resources. A Web Filtration System operates on the College network protecting students from accessing restricted websites and content. Computer suites and the LRC utilise ‘Ranger Remote’ software to monitor and manage activity. Access to the College network from home is available via our VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) and RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) systems. Students can access any of the software installed on the network, for example MS Office 2016 and Adobe CS6. Printers or Multi Functional Devices (MFDs) are situated in the LRC, Independent Study Centre and IT suites.

The Information and Data Environment

Gateway has a number of computerised systems which allow staff to calculate students’ target grades based on their GCSE results and provide individual learning plans for each student which detail their attendance, punctuality, attitude to work, subject targets and assignment deadlines. From this information we can assess whether the student is working at their full potential or if support is required. These highly detailed monitoring systems have been critically important in understanding how our students are progressing and what we can do to help them achieve. This information is shared with parents and guardians.

Facilities

• 3D Design Workshop
• Art and Design Studios
• Canteen
• Gym
• ICT Facilities
• Independent Study Centre
• Kitchen - adapted for Learning for Life and Work students
• Learning Resource Centre (LRC)
• Photography Studio
• Professional Theatre
• Reflections Room
• Social Space
• Science Laboratories
• Sports Facilities including a Football Pitch and Sports Hall
• State-of-the-art Classrooms

Go to www.gateway.ac.uk to find out more
Getting to Gateway College is easy; we are well connected by road, cycle paths and public transport. You can plan your journey by going to www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk.

TRAVEL

FOOT
Gateway College is a 5 minute walk from Hamilton Town centre (via Tesco Hamilton) using the Gateway Bridge, and a 10 minute walk from McDonald’s on the Hungarton Boulevard.

BIKE
The ‘Sustrains’ national cycle route, which runs parallel to Hamilton Way (A563) and across the Gateway Bridge, passes through the College site.

CAR
To access the College from the city centre it is a 15 minute drive via the A567, Melton Road, and then turning right onto the A563, Hamilton Way, which forms the northern part of the Ring Road. Alternatively, the A47, Uppingham Road, can be used turning left onto the A563, Colchester Road and Hungarton Boulevard.

BUS
All of the main bus companies run services to Hamilton Town centre. Arriva: 18, 35a First: 35, 35a Centre bus: 40 UHL: Hospital Hopper

POST A LEVEL / LEVEL 3

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PRE-DEGREE FOUNDATION STUDIES IN ART AND DESIGN

Overview
This is a one year course, you must be 17 or over to apply. This course stimulates curiosity and intellectual development and instils a thoughtful and self-critical approach to study. In preparation for your choice of specialism you will build up an expansive portfolio of work to take to your degree interviews. The first part of the course is an exploratory programme designed to increase visual understanding across a range of media. In the second part of the course you will select projects to reflect your growing interests and in the final part you will write and complete a practical major project.

Career Progression
The Pre-Degree Foundation course at Gateway College has an excellent reputation, with 100% of students successfully obtaining a place at university, or employment in a related field e.g. Graphic Design, Illustration, Surface Decoration, Fashion Design, Textile Design, Costume Design, Decorative Artefacts, Product Design, jewellery, 3D interior design, Fine Art and Photography.

In 2019, Pre-Degree Foundation Studies students achieved a 100% Pass rate. All have progressed to their first choice universities.

ACADEMIC PATHWAY
LEVEL 3: TWO YEAR ADVANCED LEVEL

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**ACCTING A LEVEL**

Overview

Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the double entry model and accounting principles and concepts as these form the foundation of all financial accounting techniques. Students will also need to demonstrate quantitative skills that relate to this subject.

Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of formulae used in calculations, as well as the interpretation and use of data in the context of realistic commercial environments.

Students must demonstrate high levels of efficiency so that they can report to stakeholders, making logical arguments and providing sound judgements based on analysis of available evidence taking account of financial and non-financial factors.

Career progression

Many students progress onto Accountancy, Finance or Business degrees or will enter employment and have access to further study of the subject.

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Career Progression
Many students progress onto the highly successful Pre-Degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or to a variety of high profile BA (Hons) degrees in Film, Media and Photography leading to a career related to the visual arts.

MATHS A LEVEL

Overview
This is a course for students who have had success in GCSE Maths and wish to study the subject in more depth, either because they enjoy Maths for its own sake or to give in-depth support to other A Level courses. A wide variety of teaching methods are used. Students will also be encouraged to explore new ideas themselves with strong teacher support. Topics areas covered in the course include pure core topics such as Algebra, Differentiation and Integration, in addition to a wider range of contemporary topics which include probability, statistical sampling and data interpretation, as well as Mechanics topics which will include kinematics and Newton’s Laws.

Career Progression
A Level Further Mathematics is a useful (sometimes essential) qualification for careers in business, accounting, actuarial work, computing, science, engineering, technology, operational research, teaching, cost service, surveying etc. It is also highly respected as a qualification in its own right.

FURTHER MATHS AS LEVEL

Overview
This course is delivered using a blend of learning methods. Students will need strong independent learning skills. The course includes work on Complex Numbers, Further Trigonometry and Calculus.

Career Progression
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Career Progression
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LAW A LEVEL

Overview
A robust legal system is the foundation of a fair society. If you feel strongly about concepts such as justice and equality then this could be very rewarding for you.

The course develops competence in using legal skills by studying the nature of law over the Anglo-American legal system. Learners will demonstrate their ability to analyse factual scenarios and identify which legal issues arise.

Career Progression
An A Level in Law will enhance chances of being accepted into University, to take a law, Social Science, Criminology or Business Degree. A grounding in law is a valuable addition to your CV.

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GCE.MathematicsLevel3

Overview
This is a course for students who have had success in GCSE Maths and wish to develop their mathematical knowledge further, or give support to other A Level subjects such as Psychology, Economics and Business, without committing to a full A Level. It offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge to level 3, with a focus on the use and application of mathematics and statistics. Topics covered include Analysis of Data, Maths for Personal Finance and Extension as well as some statistical topics including probability, correlation and regression and the normal distribution.

Career Progression
Core Maths is a very useful qualification to demonstrate mathematical knowledge at Level 3 and supports careers in business, accounting, computing, science, technology and teaching.

MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL

Overview
This course focuses on film, television and advertising. You will explore how media products are constructed to target a range of different audiences and learn how the media represents gender, ethnicity and national identity. This course works well with Film Studies, English Language and/or Literature, ICT, Art and Design, Games Development, Sociology and Psychology. You will have considerable use of industry standard software such as Adobe Photoshop for editing your work.

Career Progression
This qualification could lead to careers in the following sectors: Media, Business, Education, Creative Arts, Administration and Social Work.

PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL

Overview
This will explore genres of Fashion Photography (fine art, studio, location, advertising, commercial) and learn how to respond to a brief creating ideas and concepts through the design process (research, plan, experiment, evaluate, present). You will use Adobe Photoshop software and traditional media (film and wet-room printing) to learn about photographic practice and produce analytical research in visual log books which will aid your understanding of the photographic design processes.

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A Level results increased by 7.5% in 2019 with a rise in A*, A and B grades across all A Level subjects
EXTENDED DIPLOMA PATHWAY
LEVEL 3: VOCATIONAL COURSES

PHYSICS A LEVEL
Overview
This course encourages students to develop knowledge and understanding of physics. Modules concentrate on development of practical skills in physics, foundations of physics, forces and motion, electromagnets, waves and phonics. Newtonian world and astrophysics, particles and medical physics.
Career Progression
The course provides a sound base for further study and opens up a wide range of career opportunities including Engineering, Geophysics, Medical Physics, Meteorology, Optometry, Scientific, Journalism and Teaching.

PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL
Overview
Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and experience. It is the study of all, of who you are and why you do what you do. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of psychological theories and acquire confidence and critical thinking skills. You will be encouraged to apply what you have learnt in class to real life issues such as criminal behaviour, eating disorders and obedience to authority. You will carry out investigations in areas such as criminal behaviour, sex and gender and perception.
Career Progression
Possible future careers include Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Occupational Psychology, Health Psychology, Teaching, Human Resources, Journalism, Management, Marketing and Advertising.

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL
Overview
Sociology is the study of human relationships and behaviour. It explains the behaviour of individuals by testing of ideas based on our membership of social groups, such as families, schools and the workplace. It is an exciting, thought-provoking subject highly relevant to contemporary life. Through doing presentations you will learn how to present ideas orally and in writing and develop strong research and IT skills. You will also be able to apply theoretical Sociological perspectives to everyday life.
Career Progression
By studying Sociology you will develop lots of transferable skills, including communication, teamwork, working to deadlines, making reasoned arguments and thinking creatively. Having a good understanding of human relationships can be a bonus in a range of careers. Sociology students can be found across all sectors including the Media and Arts.
Overview
You will study Drawing, Painting, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. The course is assessed by coursework and exams. Improving literacy/numeracy skills is a central feature of the course. Students will be assessed in various ways such as writing articles, creating posters, drawing tables and charts, preparing reports and presentations. This challenging course should not be underestimated as it is as rigorous as the A level in Business Studies.

Career Progression
This course will have successfully completed a Level 2 programme of learning with GCSEs or vocational qualifications. This qualification leads to a broad range of skills and has been developed in partnership with The Next Gen Skills Academy, an industry led organisation, enabling Gateway to access industry support through materials such as live briefs. In the second year students will upload their work to the Portal and be assigned an industry mentor who will provide feedback on their portfolio. When needed, master classes can be arranged and tutorials delivered via Skype straight into our classrooms from industry studios.

Career Progression
Many Level 3 students progress on to Level 4/5 courses in Business, Business and Finance, and Management courses. This course is equivalent in size to 3 A Levels. Students wishing to take this course will have successfully completed a Level 2 programme of learning with GCSEs or vocational qualifications.

Overview
This course is for students interested in learning about factors that affect human development from birth through to old age. It aims to develop students’ understanding of psychological and sociological explanations of behaviour as well as theories about effective communication. Students will learn how to use these theories and concepts in health, social care or early years’ settings and learn the laws and actions necessary to promote health and safety in the workplace.

Career Progression
You may progress to a range of jobs in the IT sector or to creative design industries. Employers value the skills you will gain and seek to employ people with initiative and creativity. Alternatively you might look for an Apprenticeship or go on to degree level study, on courses such as Computing, Information Technology, Computing Graphics & Games, and Software Engineering.
LEVEL 2: GCSE COURSES

PUBLIC SERVICES LEVEL 3
Overview
If you would like to learn the skills and knowledge required for a career in the Fire or Police Services, Peace Service, or Armed Forces, then Public Service courses could be for you. Our course offers a comprehensive introduction to the different public services and how they work, both individually and together, and you will gain an understanding of the levels of health and fitness required to enter the industry.

Career Progression
Students will also become occupationally ready to take up employment in the uniformed or non-uniformed public service sector at the appropriate level. If you are considering a career in any of the uniformed or non-uniformed services this course is for you.

APPLIED SCIENCE LEVEL 3
Overview
This course allows you to continue developing your Science skills through a varied range of topics covering Physics, Chemistry and Biology. You will develop knowledge and understanding of some key concepts in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and be able to apply these to real life situations. Study will include practical work, note taking, presentations, class discussion and tutorials. Access to a computer will help with research and portfolio completion. We will use visits where this can support your learning.

Career Progression
Students who complete the level 3 programme have successfully secured offers from universities in medical, pharmaceutical, biochemical courses leading onto employment in a scientific field.

SPORT LEVEL 3
Overview
The course will develop your academic understanding of the sports industry. In addition, you will develop the transferable and high-order skills that are highly regarded by higher education and employers. For example, the study of sport particularly encourages the development of skills and behaviours such as teamwork, communication, organisation, leadership, problem solving, creative thinking and planning, research, performance analysis, evaluation, research and synthesising concepts. These skills are developed through the variety of approaches to teaching and learning enabled by the specification.

Career Progression
Learners who complete the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma often go onto further or higher education study, Higher National Diplomas or degrees or employment within the sport and leisure industry. Some examples include: Sports Coaching, Sports Business, Sports Science, Leisure Management, Fitness Instructing and Personal Training or Physical Education Teaching qualifications.
CHANGES TO GCSE GRADES

Since September 2017, GCSEs have been graded by numbers and not letters. The new grading structure means that there will not be a direct comparison between the old and new systems. We may adapt our entry requirements over time to ensure that our students are enrolled onto the right programme of study to reflect these changes as the new structure becomes established.

Further details can be found at www.gov.uk.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE

Overview
This is an intensive one-year course and is a key element of your programme of study. The course is designed to support you to achieve your English GCSE. You will develop your communication, literacy and learning skills to support your work in other subjects across the College, in your future studies and in employment.

Career Progression
Achievement of GCSE English Language is a requirement for progression to higher level study. It is also one of the main indicators for employers when assessing a job applicant’s language, literacy and communication skills.

MATHS GCSE

Overview
This is an intensive one-year resit course aimed at students who have previously taken a similar course in school and have not been successful in gaining a grade C/grade 4, but who have shown the potential to do so with some extra teaching. GCSE Foundation Maths is taken alongside the student’s main programme of study.

Career Progression
For many progression routes, GCSE Maths (grade C/grade 4) may be as far as a student will need to study. For others, a higher grade may be required. It is recommended that students research particular courses of their desired universities to ensure they hold the required entry qualifications.

LEVEL 2: VOCATIONAL COURSES

Students at Gateway Sixth Form College are four times as likely to pass their Maths re-sit and twice as likely to pass their English re-sit compared with any other college in the city.

Based on exam results 2018/19
PUBLIC SERVICES LEVEL 2

Overview
This course aims to introduce you to a wide range of skills and techniques in Art and Design through a variety of assessment methods. During the course, you may take part in visits to a variety of Public Service organisations and listen to talks from guest speakers in the industry. You will also develop your English and Maths skills.

Career Progression
Students can join the armed forces, progress to Level 3 or obtain an apprenticeship within their selected field. If you are considering a career in any of the uniformed or non-uniformed services, this course may be for you. Progression to Level 3 offers an excellent opportunity for an informed choice about a career in the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, Prison Service, Security Organisations, HM Customs, the National Health Service, and Social Work, to name but a few.

ART AND DESIGN LEVEL 2

Overview
This one year course covers a number of business-related topics including Marketing and Finance, Selling and Retail, and Starting a Small Business. There is a practical selling event undertaken within the College to add realism to the course. Visiting speakers support topic content and prepare assignments. There are opportunities to develop research skills. Additionally, students attend a work placement.

Career Progression
Students may progress onto Level 3 courses in IT or Media which can lead either to employment or to university. Alternatively, you could go straight into employment or learn a trade. The course provides useful skills which employers value and may lead to a Level 3 Apprenticeship. There are a range of organisations you could gain employment in, these include IT, retail, fashion & textiles, and marketing.

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INFORMATION AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY (ICT) LEVEL 2

Overview
Units you will study include, Communicating in the IT Industry, Working in the IT Industry, Using computer hardware, Website development, Spreadsheet modelling, and Installing computer software.

Career Progression
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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LEVEL 2

Overview
This course aims to give a broad understanding of the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are essential when working with people. You will develop and sustain an interest in health, early years and education, social care, youth and community issues and issues that affect the care sector.

Career Progression
Health and Social Care courses give a good foundation for working with vulnerable people and the Level 2 course is sound preparation to study at Level 3. Courses and career options to consider include: Social Care, Youth Work, Community Work, Nursery Work and Child Care.

BUSINESS LEVEL 2

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PUBLIC SERVICES LEVEL 2

Overview
This course aims to develop personal discipline through individual and team activities. All assessments are coursework based through a variety of assessment methods. During the course, you may take part in visits to a variety of Public Service organisations and listen to talks from guest speakers in the industry. You will also develop your English and Maths skills.

Career Progression
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LEARNING FOR LIFE AND WORK

SCIENCE LEVEL 2
Overview
This course allows you to continue developing your Science skills through a varied range of topics covering Physics, Chemistry and Biology. You will develop knowledge and understanding of some key concepts in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and be able to apply these to real-life situations such as world food security, industrial production of everyday chemicals as well as health.

Career Progression
Students who complete the Level 2 programme can go onto Level 3 vocational science programmes that have successfully secured offers from universities in medical, pharmaceutical and biochemical courses, leading onto employment in a scientific field.

SPORT, EXERCISE AND FITNESS LEVEL 2
Overview
It is for students with lively enquiring minds with an ability to lead others in practical situations and who wish to work in some aspect of sport. This course aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of a range of activities and environments within the sport sector. Gateway College is proud of its state of the art sports facilities and you will specialise in different aspects of sport performance, lifestyle and well-being and knowledge to develop relevant skills for work in the sport sector. Work placements will be encouraged on this course and your maths and English skills will also be developed.

Career Progression
The broad subject content that is covered in Physical Education and Sport enables students to progress into a wide range of careers. As a consequence of the skills and knowledge developed on these courses, students have the option of enrolling onto Level 3 Sport at Gateway or entering into the world of work. Some of the more popular career options have been: Recreation/Leisure Centre Employment, Sports Coaching, Health and Fitness Industry or Professional Sport.
LEARNING FOR LIFE AND WORK

These courses enable you to prepare for employment or further study. The majority of qualifications are at Entry Level (1-3) and at Level 1. Many students progress to Level 2 or employment. To assist students who wish to find employment, we offer theSupported Internship Programme which develops your skills whilst you work on a regular basis with a local employer. (See page 44).

For a brochure about learning for life and Work at Gateway College, contact 0116 274 4545 or visit www.gateway.ac.uk.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LEVEL 1

Overview
This course will appeal to you if you would like to find out more about Business. You will gain an understanding of your entrepreneurial skills and abilities, generate and research enterprise ideas and market and advertise your ideas into action.

Career Progression
If you gain the Level 1 Short Course Business and Enterprise qualification and complete the ASDAN CCE Level 1 Certificate you can continue onto the Level 2 Business course. Students may also go into employment, or a Supported Internship Programme, traineeship, or apprenticeship.

ENGLISH ENTRY LEVEL

Overview
At the beginning of the course you will complete a diagnostic assessment to identify your starting point level and areas of English you find difficult to enable you to make progress. The English delivery is contextualised and linked to the main subject short course you are completing. You will focus on letter writing, sending emails, reading and understanding different texts and taking part in small group discussions.

Career Progression
Your qualification will be recognised by employers and other colleges when you are applying for work or study.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ENTRY LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 1

Overview
This course is for students who would like to work in Health and Social Care. Modules include: healthy eating for children, adults and teenagers, dealing with conflict, understanding of Youth Work drugs and alcohol awareness, understanding of personal issues affecting adults, rights and responsibilities of parents and disability awareness.

Career Progression
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MATHS ENTRY LEVEL

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Career Progression
Your qualification will be recognised by employers and other colleges when you are applying for work or study.

IT ENTRY LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 1

Overview
This course is for students who would like to develop their IT Skills further and plan to work in this area in the future. There are a number of modules you will complete; careers in computing, health and safety in computing, computer basics, programming and media content.

Career Progression
If you complete the ASDAN Short Course Computing qualification and the ASDAN CCE Level 1 Certificate you will be able to progress to a Level 2 course.

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Career Progression
Your qualification will be recognised by employers and other colleges when you are applying for work or study.
PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (PSD) LEVEL 1

Overview
This course is designed to meet the individual needs of the students. It is a very practical based course with lots of fun and practical tasks to complete. The course will allow you to develop skills around rights and responsibilities, healthy living, community action, healthy eating, making the most of leisure time, managing social relationships and identity and cultural diversity.

Career Progression
A transition meeting is held at Gateway College with a specialist Connexions Advisor to provide support and guidance about the next steps for each student.

MULTISKILLS

Overview
This course is for students who are working towards Entry Level 2. The course is aimed at developing students’ skills around the four preparing for adulthood themes: Independent living skills, community inclusion, good health and employability skills. Supported work experience opportunities and travel training are built into the course. This course is for three days a week.

Career Progression
A transition meeting is held at Gateway College with a specialist Connexions Advisor to provide support and guidance about the next steps for each student.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND FITNESS LEVEL 1

Overview
This course would appeal to you if you are considering a career in the uniformed public services e.g. the emergency services such as Fire, Police and Ambulance services or services such as the Royal Air Force or the Royal Navy. You will complete a variety of units including Public Service Careers, Public Services Incidents, Health and Fitness for entry into Public Services, Expedition/ map reading skills and Health and safety in the uniformed services.

Career Progression
If you gain the ASDAN Short Course Uniformed Services and Residential Award you will be able to progress onto Level 2 Public Services.

RETAIL ENTRY LEVEL 1-3

Overview
This course aims to build your confidence, independence and employability skills. You will be expected to complete one day of work experience per week at Tesco as part of this course. You will be allocated a supervisor at Tesco to oversee training. You will complete a number of work based units around handling stock, working safely, looking after customers, food safety, retail security and food preparation.

Career Progression
Many students move on and study at a higher level or try to gain employment in this area.
SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME LEVEL 1

Overview
The Supported Internship is focused on giving you the skills and experience that employers are looking for. The Internship involves a Study Programme which includes English, Maths, Work Preparation, an Employability and Personal and Social Development Award/Certificate at Level 1/2, and a high quality work experience placement. The Supported Internship has many benefits; you will be in a better position to compete for an apprenticeship or other job as you will have gained employability skills. You will also build your CV and gain vital work experience. You will improve your Maths and English and you will have confidence in travelling independently.

Career Progression
At the end of the work placement you will be given a positive reference and it is also hoped that if a job vacancy becomes available you will be offered an interview. You may also apply for an apprenticeship.

OPEN DAYS 2019

In 2019 we achieved higher grades, saw more students off to university and higher apprenticeships and achieved greater progression from Level 2 to Level 3. Come to one of our Open Days and change your future.

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Saturday 2nd November 2019
10AM - 1PM

Tuesday 3rd December 2019
5PM - 7PM