

#### Further Information and applications

Students join these courses on recommendation from their school and by completing an application form and interview.

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# schools extra

## opening up a range of choices for you

### Vocational courses for Years 10 and 11 at our Merton campus

If you are in Year 10 or 11 and would like to study a work-related course check out the 'schools extra' 14-16 Programme South Thames College, Merton Campus.

Your school will enable you to attend the College at a regular time every week to benefit from gaining a vocational qualification, as well as experiencing work within a college environment. Students benefit from our high-quality campus, specialist facilities and expert tuition.

#### What we offer our young people

- A wide choice of vocational courses, usually leading to a national qualification.
- A range of courses to suit different interests, personalities and ability (including those with additional educational needs).
- High quality teaching and facilities including IT, learning resources and areas for quiet study.
- Individual care and guidance from personal tutors, careers advisors and a dedicated School Links team.
- The chance to progress onto college courses at 16 and then on to university or work.

#### What we promise parents

- Every young person will be valued as an individual and encouraged to succeed.
- You will be involved in decisions on the learning programme and in celebrating success.
- We will ease the transition from school to college.
- Every young person will receive high quality education, with a tutor regularly reviewing progress.

In this brochure - full details of all the courses available with us through your school



## Caring for Children

CACHE Foundation Award in Childcare

LEVEL: 1

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

### About the course

This course introduces you to a career in child care, education and playwork. With the knowledge and skills this course gives you, you will have the confidence to take further courses and begin work with young children.

### Course content

There are modules covering a variety of skills such as parenting and first aid. You will also learn how to write a job application and prepare for a job interview. Students may undertake a work placement which is excellent for your CV, whether you will be looking for employment or applying for a college place.

### Assessment

You will be marked on a tutor assessment, portfolio of tasks, multiple choice question paper and a personal action plan.

### Entry requirements

SATS Maths and English scores 3-4 (or equivalent)

### What next?

This course will, in particular, help you to progress to a further course in child care. Depending on your other exam results this could be at Level 2 or Level 3. Students who do not wish to take a further childcare course will benefit from the skills with young people they gain from the programme.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm.

## Hospitality and Catering

NVQ Level 1 and 2

LEVEL: 1 AND 2

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

CENTRE: MERTON

### About the course

This course gives students an introduction to the Hospitality and Catering sector and the variety of career opportunities available. The course is useful and enjoyable and by working in our kitchens and professional restaurant students will gain practical experience as well as skills for cooking at home.

### Course content

Students will be introduced to health and safety and hygiene in the catering environment. Various skills of preparing and serving food will then be learned. Students may have the chance to serve paying customers in our public restaurant.

### Assessment

You will build up a portfolio of evidence through practical work completed. There are no exams

### Entry requirements

You will need to be interested in catering but do not necessarily have to intend to follow this as a career path.

### What next?

The qualification will sit well with GCSEs and will be particularly useful for those intending to take a catering course when leaving school. Alternatively you could seek entry into employment, eg as an apprentice.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm.

## Motorcycle Engineering

Performing Engineering Operations

LEVEL: 1

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

### About the course

This is a course for 14-16 year olds that involves coming to the Merton Campus one day a week for two years. It provides an exciting opportunity to study a vocational course in a college, achieve a nationally recognised qualification and help you progress into further education, training or work.

### Course content

Practical work in motorcycle repair will be experienced on this programme. You will also develop skills in working safely in an engineering environment and working with other people.

### Assessment

You will build up a portfolio of evidence through practical work completed. There are no exams.

### Entry requirements

You will need to be interested in practical, "hands on" engineering and motorcycles and be willing to work hard to develop and learn new skills.

You will also attend an interview at the College with the course tutor and School Links Manager.

### What next?

With appropriate GCSE grades this qualification can be used to gain entry onto a Level 2 or Level 3 Engineering or Motorcycle Engineering programme. Alternatively you could seek entry into an apprenticeship with an employer.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm.



## Motorcycle Engineering Young Apprenticeship

Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) Certificate

LEVEL: 2

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

### About the course

This is a prestigious course offering a limited number of places to local school students to take a specialised qualification alongside gaining substantial real work experience. Students attend college and their work placement on two days per week. Successful completion of this course gives the learner an excellent opportunity to progress to a post-16 Apprenticeship with an employer in the motorcycle industry.

### Course content

Students will take part in workshop sessions and practical work in motorcycle repair as well as developing skills in working with other people and customer service. The course involves 50 days of work experience over the 2 years enabling learners to gain extensive knowledge and skills in the industry.

### Assessment

The course is assessed through exams and online tests.

### Entry requirements

Students will need to demonstrate commitment to the programme and be on course to achieve a SATs score of at least 14 at Key Stage 3.

### What next?

Students can seek to progress to an Apprenticeship in the trade. It is also a useful qualification for entry onto full-time Level 3 motorcycle or engineering courses.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am - 4pm.

## Metalwork

Performing Engineering Operations

LEVEL: 1

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

### About the course

This is a course for 14-16 year olds that involves coming to the Merton Campus one day a week for two years. It provides an exciting opportunity to study a vocational course in a college, achieve a nationally recognised qualification and help you progress into further education, training or work.

### Course content

Practical work in the technology involved in metalwork will be experienced on this programme. You will also develop skills in working safely in an engineering environment and working with other people.

### Assessment

You will build up a portfolio of evidence through practical work completed. There are no exams

### Entry requirements

You will need to be interested in practical, "hands on" engineering subjects be willing to work hard to develop and learn new skills

You will also attend an interview at the College with the course tutor and School Links Manager

### What next?

With appropriate GCSE grades this qualification can be used to gain entry onto a Level 2 or Level 3 Engineering programme. Alternatively you could seek entry into an apprenticeship with an employer.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm.

## Woodwork

Performing Engineering Operations

LEVEL: 1

AGE: 14-16

DURATION: 2 YEARS

### About the course

This is a course for 14-16 year olds that involves coming to the Merton Campus one day a week for two years. It provides an exciting opportunity to study a vocational course in a college, achieve a nationally recognised qualification and help you progress into further education, training or work.

### Course content

Practical work with wood, including making and repairing items and using a range of tools, will be experienced on this programme. You will also develop skills in working safely in an engineering environment and working with other people.

### Assessment

You will build up a portfolio of evidence through practical work completed. There are no exams

### Entry requirements

You will need to be interested in practical, "hands on" engineering subjects be willing to work hard to develop and learn new skills

You will also attend an interview at the College with the course tutor and School Links Manager

### What next?

With appropriate GCSE grades this qualification can be used to gain entry onto a Level 2 or Level 3 Engineering programme. Alternatively you could seek entry into an apprenticeship with an employer.

### When?

This course is taught on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm.

