

## Part Time Courses For Adults 2023/24

## **About Us**

South Thames College is part of South Thames Colleges Group, that comprises of three other colleges: Carshalton College, Kingston and Merton College.

South Thames College is a vibrant further education college in the heart of London.

We offer a wide range of part-time adult learning courses, from short informal courses to build

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confidence or learn a new hobby to more formal qualification courses to improve your job prospects and build strong professional careers.

We work very closely with Wandsworth Council to deliver locally relevant adult learning provision.

We are an Ofsted 'Good' provider, and the information, advice and guidance we offer is Matrix accredited.





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#### Our Community Engagement and Partnership Work

We are continuously looking to increase our work in the local community to ensure learning opportunities reach those most in need. Our teachers and curriculum leaders can tailor teaching and learning and create bespoke courses to meet an individual or specific group's needs. The courses we deliver in this way are completely free to all participants.

If you are local business, organisation, charity or a community group, please get in touch to find out how we can work together.

> The course gave me the confidence I needed to apply for jobs within the NHS.

> > KRYSTAL - Health & Social Care





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#### How to find us





#### Tooting Centre 71 Tooting High Street London SW17 OTQ

## New for 23-24

We are excited about the year ahead and pleased to announce several new course additions to our curriculum.

#### **Creative Art Qualifications**

This year, we are introducing a number of Level 1 and Level 2 Qualifications in Creative Art and Media, including those in:

- FLORISTRY
- CAKE BAKING AND DECORATING
- DIGITAL MARKETING
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- INTERIOR DESIGN

So, why not take your talent, hobby or aspiration to the next level and gain one of these amazing qualifications. Depending on your personal circumstances, learning on these qualifications can be free for you. Please call us to find out more or refer to the Fees, Concessions and Financial Support section in this prospectus.

The research done by the

to the UK economy.'

government reveals that 'our

creative industries are a true

British success story. They drive economic growth at home -

contributing £108 billion in 2021

June 2023 Government, Gov.uk



### Green Skills for the Sustainable Future

Whether you already have some experience in the green industry or are starting from fresh, we have courses for you to excel in your career and make a difference to the world we live in.

As green jobs are forecasted to vastly increase in the coming years, this is a great time to train for a career in Green Skills.

We work to continually foster sustainability across the curriculum and enable learners at all levels to grow as individuals ready for work in a sustainable environment. Most of these courses are free, so these are great opportunities to develop skills in this area.



### Getting Started Courses

Our Getting Started courses are designed to enable you to try out a new craft to consider it as a hobby or even a new profession. The courses are three weeks long and you will be given the opportunity to try different techniques. We hope that after completing these courses you will choose to progress further onto our mainstream programme within the subject area.

### Focused Digital Skills Offer

Our range of Digital Skills courses are designed to support you to build confidence and develop the skills and knowledge needed to become a competent user in the modern digital world.

#### **Creative Markets**

Our internal Creative Markets take place in December and June where our talented learners can sell their art creations at the College.

## **Continuing Course Opportunities**

### Free Courses – Your Entitlements

Learning towards certain qualifications is free for anyone who doesn't yet have them. Make sure you don't miss out on your entitlement for these essentials skills which you can learn with us:

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS AND GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS

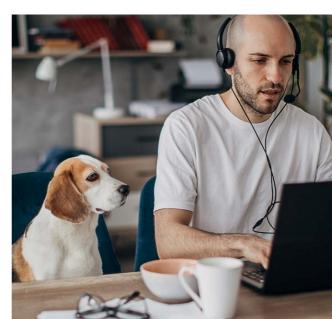
ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS

### Digital Skills and Qualifications

Get the digital skills and knowledge you need for everyday life, study, work and a career in technology. Start with the new free Essential Digital Skills Qualifications.

### Business, Employment and Employability

Whether you are looking to get into work or to get your own business going, we have courses to support you to build employability or entrepreneurship skills. Develop your awareness and knowledge of digital business communication, e-commerce, social media and marketing, as well as the personal styles and skills you need to get that job you want.





## **Initial Assessment**

Some courses require an Initial Assessment, which allows us to identify if the course is right for you and understand any extra support you may need.



## Methods of Learning



Learning with us usually involves coming into college and learning in a group with a tutor. Our courses will enable you to develop digital knowledge and skills alongside the course subject. This starts from using a learner email account and completing the London Learner Survey. Your tutor will make sure you have the digital skills and technology you need to achieve your learning goals. We use the following delivery methods of learning:

- Face-to-Face in college
- Blended (combination of virtual classroom and face-to-face)
- Online virtual classroom
- Distance Learning (self-study online)

To find out the method of learning for your chosen course, speak with a member of staff.



## **Learning Environment**

South Thames College has excellent facilities such as a Learning Resource Centre, a Hairdressing Salon, fully equipped Art and Craft Studios, Kitchen and IT suites.



## **YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY**

### BEFORE YOU ENROL...

See the course listings in this prospectus. For further information on courses, contact us by phone, email or visit our website **stcg.ac.uk/souththames-college**, or scan the QR code below.



### BEFORE YOU START A COURSE...

Initial Assessment (if required)

One to One interview (if required)





## DURING YOUR COURSE...

Your learning will be planned and tracked with an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

Tutor feedback and support

Additional learning support (if required)

### AT THE END OF YOUR COURSE...

**Progress onto another course** 

Provide learner feedback through surveys

Exhibit or sell your work, or be ready to start your own business

Contact our Education Advice at the college who can support you into employment or an Apprenticeship

## **Course Offer** 2023/24

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
ACCOUNTING & FINANCE		
Introduction to Accounting and Finance	SEP, JAN, APR	
	JEF, JAN, AFR	-
ART & DESIGN		
20th Century Japanese Art	-	SEP, JUN
Adobe Illustrator for Fashion	-	JUN
Calligraphy	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Drama for Relaxation and Acting Skills Development — All Levels	FEB	-
Fine Art: Drawing and Painting	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Fine Art: Life Drawing and Painting	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Fine Art: Line, Tone and Colour Using Dry and Fluid Medium	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Fine Art: Portrait Drawing and Painting	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Fine Art: Watercolours	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Portrait Drawing and Painting: Professional Techniques	SEP	-
Getting Started with Art: Expressive Drawing and Painting for Wellbeing	NOV, FEB, APR	NOV
Graphic Design — Level 1 Award (NCFE) Q	-	OCT
Introduction to Graphic Design	-	SEP, JAN
History of Art	-	NOV, FEB, APR
Movements in Art Since 1945	-	JAN
Introduction to Interior Design	-	SEP, JUN
Interior Design	NOV, FEB, APR	-
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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
Interior Design — All Levels	MAR, MAY	_
How to Become an Interior Designer	JUN	_
Interiors (Interior Design) — Level 2 Certificate in Creative Techniques (CG)	-	NOV
CRAFTS		
Candle Making Class	-	DEC
Clothes Making Skills: Developing Professional Skills	SEP	-
Clothes Making and Pattern Cutting	SEP, OCT, Jan, Apr	-
Clothes Making Advanced Skills	SEP, JAN, APR	_
Clothes Making Skills	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Crochet	JAN	-
Crochet for All	SEP, APR	-
Floristry — Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (NCFE) Q	-	OCT, MAR
Floristry — Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft (NCFE) Q	-	OCT, FEB
Floristry Class for Beginners: Contemporary Designs	-	APR
Getting Started with Art and Craft	NOV, MAR, JUN	MAR
Hand Knitting and Crochet: Pattern Design and Pattern Making	SEP, APR	-
Hand Knitting and Crochet: Pattern Design and Pattern-Making — Professional Skills	JAN	-
Hand Knitting and Crochet for All	SEP	-
Hand Knitting: Developing Professional Skills	JAN	-
Introduction to Floristry	-	SEP, FEB
Pattern Cutting	JAN	-
Soft Furnishing Skills	FEB	-

Qualification courses for which Initial Assessments (IA) are required.

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
Soft Furnishings	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Soft Furnishings: Professional Skills	SEP, JAN	-
Introduction to Stained and Fused Glass	JAN	-
Stained and Fused Glass: Traditional and Contemporary Professional Skills	SEP, JAN, APR	-
Terrarium Making Class	-	NOV
Upholstery for All: Re-Upholster to Save Money and the Planet	JAN, APR	-
Upholstery Learning on Projects	-	-
Upholstery: Professional Skills	-	-
Wreath Making Class	-	DEC

BAKING, CAKE DECORATING & COOKERY		
Cake Baking — Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (NCFE) Q	-	NOV, FEB
Cake Baking — Level 1: Mastering the Basics (Course for Improvers)	-	JAN
Cake Baking — Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft (NCFE) Q	-	FEB
Cake Baking Fundamentals — Beginners Course	-	JAN, APR
Cake Baking Fundamentals — Level 1: Beginners Course	-	NOV
Cake Baking Master Course (Professional Skills) — Level 2	-	APR
Cake Decorating — First Steps	SEP	-
Cake Decorating — Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (NCFE) 🧕	OCT, FEB	-
Cake Decorating — Level 1: Mastering the Basics	JAN, APR	-
Cake Decorating — Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft (NCFE) Q	SEP, FEB	-
Cake Decorating: Modern Techniques	APR	-
Cake Decorating: Professional Skills	NOV, JAN, APR	-
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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
Cake Decorating Fundamentals — Beginners Course	OCT, JAN, APR	-
Cake Decorating Master Course — Level 2	SEP	-
Cake Decorating: Buttercream	JAN	-
Cake Decorating: Buttercream (First Steps)	SEP	-
Cake Decorating: Fondant and Modelling	MAR	-
Cake Decorating: Fondant and Modelling (First Steps)	NOV	-
Cake Decorating: Modern Techniques for Self-Employment — Developing Skills	JAN	-
Cake Decorating: Royal Icing	JAN, FEB	-
Cake Decorating: Royal Icing (First Steps)	NOV	-
Celebration Cake Decoration	-	APR
Chocolate Making Class	-	DEC, FEB, MAR
Cupcakes: Making and Decorating	-	DEC, FEB
Introduction to Baking (Cake Decorating)	NOV	-
Introduction to Cooking and Baking	-	OCT, JAN
Macaroon Making Class	-	DEC

### **BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE**

Introduction to British Sign Language	OCT	JAN, FEB
British Sign Language — Beginners	-	MAR
British Sign Language for Improvers	NOV	-
British Sign Language	JAN	-
Creating a Linkedin Profile	OCT, APR,	OCT
Getting Into Volunteering	JAN, MAR	DEC, JAN
Good Housekeeping: the Secrets to Save Money and the Planet	OCT	_

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
Level 1 Award in Volunteering (NCFE) <b>Q</b>	-	JAN
Made to Sell: Creative Enterprise	DEC	DEC
Money Management Workshop	OCT, DEC	_

### **CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS**

Award in Caring for a Child/Children (Entry 3) Q	SEP	_
Level 1 Award in Caring for Children <b>Q</b>	JAN	-
Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children Q	APR	-

#### **COMMUNITY INTERPRETING**

Community Interpreting — Level 3	NOV	OCT, MAR, MAY
Community Interpreting — Level 3: Part 1	-	JAN
Community Interpreting — Level 3: Part 2	-	FEB, JUN
Community Interpreting Assessment Session	-	MAR, APR, JUL
Diploma in Public Services Interpreting — Exam Preparation Course (DPSI)	-	NOV
Getting Into Community Interpreting	SEP	SEP, DEC, JAN, Mar
Level 2 Preparing for Community Interpreting	-	SEP, JAN, MAR
Meet the Employers: Community Interpreting	JUN	DEC, MAR

#### **COMPUTING & IT**

Adobe Illustrator — Beginners	-	OCT, FEB
Adobe Illustrator Photoshop	-	APR
Essential Digital Skills: Digital Transactions (Banking, Online Shopping, Online Forms)	FEB, APR	SEP, NOV, JAN
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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
Essential Digital Skills: Emails and Other Digital Communications	JAN, APR	FEB, APR, JUN
Essential Digital Skills: Get to Know Digital Devices (Computer, Smart Phones, Tablets)	SEP, NOV	SEP, NOV, JAN
Essential Digital Skills: Using the Internet and Staying Safe Online	NOV, FEB, JUN	FEB, APR, JUN
Excel for Beginners	SEP, NOV, JAN	FEB, APR, JUN
Excel for Professional Users	NOV, JAN, JUN	SEP, NOV, JAN
Power Point for Professional Users	NOV, FEB, MAY	NOV, JAN, APR
Word for the Workplace (Intermediate)	JAN	-

### DISTANCE LEARNING

Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Behaviour That Challenges Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses <b>Q</b>	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties <b>Q</b>	FLEXIBLE
Level 1 Award in Employability Skills Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Creating a Business Start-up Q	FLEXIBLE
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health in the Early Years <b>Q</b>	FLEXIBLE

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
ENGLISH (ESOL/EFL)		
Develop Your Spelling and Writing (Level 1 Plus)	-	JAN
Develop Your Writing Skills (Entry 1/2)	FEB	-
ESOL: English Pronunciation — Word Stress and Intonation	FEB	-
ESOL Citizenship: Getting to Know the UK	JUL	-
ESOL Current Affairs: Conversations and Discussions	JAN, FEB	-
ESOL Literacy: Handwriting Skills	FEB	NOV
ESOL Literacy: Introduction to Spelling, Writing and Word Sounds (Entry 1)	NOV	NOV, JAN
ESOL Literacy: Narrative Writing Skills (Level 1)	OCT 7	OCT, JAN, FEB
ESOL Literacy: Professional Writing Skills	OCT	-
ESOL Literacy: Professional Writing Skills (Level 1/2)	-	OCT, JAN,
ESOL Literacy: Writing Skills (Entry 2/3)	NOV	NOV, JAN, FEB
ESOL Pronunciation: Sounds of English (Entry 1/2)	OCT	NOV, JAN, FEB
ESOL Pronunciation: Word Stress and Intonation	-	JAN
ESOL Speaking Skills: Current Affairs and the News (Level 1/2)	NOV	NOV, JAN, FEB
ESOL Speaking Skills: Making a Presentation (Entry 3/Level 1)	NOV, JAN, FEB	NOV, JAN, FEB
ESOL Speaking: Conversation Skills (Entry 2/3)	JAN, OCT	OCT, FEB
ESOL Speaking: Narrative Writing Skills (Level 1)	JAN, FEB	-
Level 1 ESOL: Reading with Your Child	APR	-
Prepare for GCSE English	-	JAN
Reading to Improve Vocabulary (Level 1 Plus)	FEB	-
Speaking Fluently (Entry 3/Level 1)	JAN	-
Vocabulary and Writing Skills (Entry 2/3)	JAN	-
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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
BASIC SKILLS (ENGLISH & MATHS)		
Maths: Real Life Information and Data Handling	FEB, APR, JUN	-
Maths Challenge Workshop	OCT, FEB, MAY	SEP, FEB, MAY
GCSE/FUNCTIONAL SKILLS		
Maths: Real Life Measures, Shape and Space	NOV	-
Maths: Moving to Level 1 (Multiply)	APR	-
Maths: Real Life Measures, Shapes and Spaces	JAN	-
Maths: Real Life Numbers, Fractions and Decimals	NOV	-
Prepare for GCSE English	NOV, JAN	SEP, NOV, FEB
Prepare for GCSE Maths (Multiply)	APR	-
Prepare for GCSE Maths	NOV, JAN	

FILM, MEDIA & MULTIMEDIA		
Digital Photography Using DSLRs	-	APR
Graphic Design -Level 2 Certificate in Creative Media (NCFE) Q	-	OCT
Photography — Level 2 Certificate (NCFE) 🧕	-	SEP, FEB

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE		
Counselling Skills to Support Family and Friends	-	Nov
Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care	NOV, MAR	-
Level 1 Healthy Eating (Progression to Next Step)	-	NOV
Level 1 Healthy Eating on a Budget	-	SEP
Level 1 Introduction to Mental Health and Early Years	SEP	-

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
HORTICULTURE & GARDENING		
Green Fingers: Home-Grown Herbs and Their Impressive Health Benefits	MAR, APR	-
Green Fingers: Small Space Gardening	—	MAR, JUN
LEISURE & WELLBEING		
CBT (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy)	-	JAN
Getting Confident with Yoga Practice	NOV, MAR	-
Getting Confident with Yoga Practice — 60+	-	NOV, APR
Getting Started with Yoga	SEP, JAN, MAR	-
Getting Started with Yoga — 60+	-	SEP, MAR, APR
Indian Head Massage	-	APR
Introduction to Health and Social Care	NOV	-
Level 1 ESOL Cititzenship: Discover London	APR	-
Pilates	-	FEB
Pilates — All Levels	-	SEP
Stay Active With: Walks and Visits of London	-	SEP, JAN, APR
Tai Chi	SEP, JAN	JAN, APR
Tai Chi for Beginners	SEP	-
Tai Chi for Improvers	APR	SEP
Yoga — All Levels	SEP, JAN, APR	-

	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES		
French — Beginners	_	SEP
Developing French Language Skills — Beginner	-	SEP, JAN
Developing French Language Skills — Beginner Part 2	-	JAN, APR
Developing French Language Skills — Beginner Part 3	-	APR
Developing French Language Skills — Post Beginner	-	SEP
Developing French Language Skills — Intermediate	-	JAN
Level 1 Developing French Language Skills — Intermediate	-	SEP, APR
Developing Italian Language Skills	-	JAN
Developing Italian Language Skills — Beginner	-	SEP, JAN, APR
Developing Italian Language Skills — Post Beginner	-	SEP
Developing Spanish Language Skills — Beginner	-	SEP, JAN
Developing Spanish Language Skills — Beginner Part 3	-	APR
Developing Spanish Language Skills — Post Beginner	-	SEP
Developing Spanish Language Skills — Advanced	-	APR
Level 1 Developing Spanish Language Skills — Intermediate	-	SEP, APR
Level 2 Developing Spanish Language Skills — Advanced	_	APR
Spanish — Beginners	_	APR
Diploma in Public Services Interpreting Assessment Session	DEC	-
Diploma in Public Services Interpreting Exam Preparation Course	-	JAN
Introduction to Legal Terminology: Civil Law	MAY	—
Introduction to Legal Terminology: Criminal Law	FEB	—

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	TOOTING	WANDSWORTH
PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS		
Enjoying Opera	-	SEP, JAN
Guitar Playing Skills	JAN, SEP	-
Developing Guitar Skills	APR	-
Singing for Wellbeing	-	SEP, JAN, APR
Singing with Confidence	JAN, APR	-

PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL SKILLS		
Career Matching Workshop	SEP, NOV	JAN, MAR
Employabilty Support: Writing a Supporting Statement/ Cover Letter	NOV, MAR, JUN	OCT, NOV, FEB
Employabilty Support: Interview Skills	MAR, JUN	FEB, MAR, JUN
Employabilty Support: Job Search Skills	OCT	-

#### **TEACHING & TRAINING**

Introduction to Teaching Assistant	SEP, JAN	-
Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools (NCFE) Q	JAN, OCT, MAY	_

### I grew in confidence as the weeks went by and I now have belief in what I can achieve when I have good support.

BRYAN - Cake Decorating



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## **Eligibility Criteria**

For all fully funded or co-funded courses, learners must be aged 19 or over by 31 August 2023 and one of the following:

#### UK resident for the last three years

#### OR

Have settled or pre-settled status and been a resident of the EU for the last three years

#### OR

Hold a specific status such as:

- Refugee Status
- Discretionary Leave to Enter or Remain
- Exceptional Leave to Enter or Remain
- Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain

- Humanitarian Protection
- · Leave Outside the Rules
- Ukraine Family Scheme
- Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine)
- Ukraine Extension Scheme
- Husband, wife, civil partner or child of any of the above
- Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 Leave
- Calais Leave to Remain
- British Nationals evacuated from Afghanistan under Operation Pitting
- British Nationals evacuated from Afghanistan by the UK government before
  6 January 2022

Please note that the eligibility criteria are regularly updated and are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact us.



## Fees, Concessions and Financial Support

Our courses are funded by the Greater London Authority's Adult Education Budget (AEB). Fees on these courses are subsidised, some are absolutely free or learners can get a discount, depending on their entitlement or employment and financial circumstances.

We also offer Full Cost (FC) courses where learners pay full fees. These courses are for learners' personal interests and are not supported by public funds.

#### **AIDEN** – Community Interpreting

South Thames College has been running OCN Community Interpreting courses for more than 15 years. Over the years, more than 1000 students have successfully graduated from the programme and moved into rewarding interpreting careers. Our students are working in areas such as the NHS, the Court system and the Police.

Aidan Lee is a fluent Russian speaker who completed the OCN Community Interpreting course during the lockdown, in January 2021. The conflict in Ukraine has meant that his interpreting skills are in even greater demand supporting Russian speaking Ukrainian refugees coming to the UK.

Aidan said, "I get many well-paid work offers as there aren't many Russian to English translators. As I gain more experience and confidence, I will be looking to complete the DPSI (Diploma In Public Services Interpreting) and progress into working in the Court System which will offer me even more employment opportunities."



### Forms of Payment

We accept cash, cheque and most forms of credit card (one exception is American Express).

### Pay by Instalments

- If your course lasts one term or the fees are up to £500 full fees are paid at enrolment.
- If your course lasts one term and the fees are over £500 you can pay by two instalments.
  50% at enrolment and 50% one month later.
- If your course is longer than one term (but not a full year) and over £500 you can pay in two instalments, 50% at enrolment and 50% two months later.
- If your course is one year or longer then you can pay by three instalments 33% at enrolment, 33% on 31st Jan and the balance on 30th April.

Please speak with our Admissions Team for more details at enrolment and note that you are still liable for the course fee even if you withdraw from the course.

### Unemployed Adults in Receipt of Means Tested Benefits

If you are unemployed, looking for work and are in receipt of a means tested benefit, all the qualification courses in this prospectus are free. You will need to provide supporting evidence to qualify for a government fully funded course.

## Learners on a low Income

You do not have to pay any course fees if you meet both of the following criteria:

- You are in paid employment
- You earn less than £23,301.50 annual gross salary and live in London or earn less than £20,319.00 and live outside London.

You will need to provide proof of income. For example, this could be a wage slip within three months of the course start date or a current employment contract, if you are new starter, which states gross monthly/annual wages. Fee remission under this category is at our discretion and must be claimed before the start of the course. Refunds will not be given after the start of the course.

### Level 2 Entitlement

If you are aged 19-23 years old, you may be entitled to free tuition if you do not already have a qualification at or above Level 2 or Level 3.

### Course Entitlements

All English and Maths Qualification courses (including GCSE if you do not already have a grade A-C or grade 4 or higher) and Essential Digital Skills Qualifications are free for those who don't yet have them.



### Refunds

Refunds of full fees are only given if:

- a class is cancelled by us and there is no suitable alternative
- a learner is unable to attend for medical reasons and has an appropriate medical certificate

Administration, resource, examination and assessment fees are not refundable. The refund can be credited on your learner account to use for future courses, but this will be valid only if you are planning to enrol on a course within the same academic year.

Please note we unable to make refunds for absence due to changes in work commitments or in personal or financial circumstances or any other reason for not attending the course.

For further details about this entitlement and whether it applies to you please contact us, or access our Fees Policy by scanning the QR code below:



## Course Information and Start Dates

The website is updated with the latest courses for each academic term. We do add additional courses throughout the term or sometimes cancel courses due to enrolment numbers. For the most up to date course information, visit our website

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or contact us for more information.

#### HODO

Hodo came to the country as a refugee from Somalia at a very young age to join her maternal uncle and cousins in London. According to her own words, she never had time to feel the emotions expected from a child displaced by war and separated from their parents. She had one thing alone on her mind, to get on with life to help her parents and siblings left behind back home. She studied and worked at Hillcroft College from 2001 to 2019 and started to work afterwards. Hodo took voluntary redundancy when she had a third child and now the children are older, she joined our community Interpreting course hoping to find a job that is flexible and rewarding. Thus, enabling her to care for her children and provide for her mother, who is still back in Somalia.

Hodo has been an outstanding student who has demonstrated excellent achievement by maintaining high academic standards during her Community Interpreting course. Her assessments were of outstanding quality, thoroughly thought through and always submitted well ahead the deadline.

Hodo maintains a positive attitude towards learning and has taken on feedback very positively to improve her learning. For example: when she performed in a roleplay she listened respectfully to all her peers' feedback and applied it in her next assignment.

She is a reliable and committed student who has not missed a lesson and has been always been on time. She was also an excellent team player in the lesson with other peers, offering support to those who need it.

## Support On Our Courses

We can offer support to help learners start or continue their learning with us:

#### Support with Childcare

We have limited funds to help with the cost of childcare whilst you are studying for a qualification with us. Please ask at enrolment for further details.

### Additional Learning Support

We aim to make our courses accessible to everyone and help all our learners to achieve, whatever their current level of skills and ability.

If you think that you may need additional support to complete your course, please notify us at enrolment or discuss with your tutor once enrolled. Your request will be treated in confidence. A meeting will be arranged with the Learning Support Team to assess your learning needs. If required, appropriate support (assistive technology, adaptive equipment, resources or learning support assistant) will be arranged to assist you according to your learning needs.

#### **Support with Fees**

If you are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to meet all the costs of your course, please ask at enrolment and we will be able to advise you about our Discretionary Learner Support Funding.

#### Support with online learning

If your course requires you to use computer or a laptop, we may be able to loan you a device and advise you how to use it. We can also show you how to set up and use your own device for online learning.

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