



• BURY •
COLLEGE

MINI GUIDE

A LEVELS • T LEVELS
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES
APPRENTICESHIPS

Ofsted
Good
Provider



A wide range of A-levels, T Levels, vocational programmes and apprenticeships available



Consistently high-performing results

Supportive and highly qualified tutors



Advanced work experience programmes



Excellent progression onto university and into employment



Exceptional careers advice, student support and guidance

MAKE BURY COLLEGE YOUR FIRST CHOICE

APPLY NOW

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Dedicated A-level Centre

Great central Bury Town Centre location



Free return coach services



Free gym and enrichment programme*



State-of-the-art facilities

University style campus



UK and overseas trips and visits



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OUR OFFER

At Bury College we have the right route for you.

When you leave school you can choose to study **ONE** of our **FOUR** exciting pathways.



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- Study **THREE** subjects over two years
- Mix and match to suit your interests and aspirations
- Academic-based study with exams
- Applied A-levels include coursework and have a higher vocational-based content
- Essential work experience placements
- Progression onto university and employment

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T LEVELS - SEE PAGE 08

- Choose **ONE** of **FIVE** practical-based subjects
- 45 day work experience
- 80% Classroom learning with 20% on-the-job employment experience
- Gain a nationally-recognised qualification with a certificated grade
- Progression onto university and employment

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VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES - SEE PAGE 10

- Study **ONE** practical-based vocational course
- Choose the course based on your talents and career aspirations
- Coursework-led with varied assessment methods
- Different levels depending on entry grades and ability
- Grades are monitored throughout
- Work experience
- Progression onto university and employment

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- An apprenticeship is a job!
- Earn a salary
- Gain an accredited qualification
- Take the first step into a great career

A LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMMES

Minimum entry requirements for 2021/22:

To study A-levels at Bury College you will need six GCSEs at grade 9-4 to include:

- A minimum of three GCSEs at grade 4 or higher
- A minimum of three GCSEs at grade 5 or higher
- These should include a minimum of grade 4 in English Language and mathematics

In addition, some subjects will demand higher grades e.g. Further Maths.

Although for some subjects a grade 5 is preferable, there is some flexibility upon the overall GCSE profile.



Choose to study **THREE** A-levels from a wide variety of subjects:



Additional timetabled activities may include:



“ I am ecstatic with my results, progressing onto the University of Oxford is a dream come true. I have loved my time at Bury College. All the tutors are really knowledgeable and have been so supportive. ”

Name: Levi Arden

Progression: University of Oxford

Degree: Physics

Former School: Kearsley Academy

Levi achieved impressive A-level A* grades in Mathematics and Further Mathematics and Physics.



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels are new, high-quality technical qualifications - an exciting alternative to A-levels and apprenticeships that combine classroom theory with practical learning and an industry placement within a rigorous and substantial qualification.



Minimum entry requirements for 2021/22:

Students intending to study T Levels will have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSE passes at grade 9 - 4, including maths and English. Students with a Level 2 Extended Certificate/Diploma qualification or Apprenticeship will also be considered.

Choose to study **ONE** of the following T Level programmes:

Digital Production, Design and Development

Digital Support Services

Education and Childcare

Health and Science

Onsite Construction

Why should I choose to study T Levels?

T Levels are ideal if you want to:

- Develop practical skills, knowledge and behaviours that show you are occupationally competent
- Apply theory in real workplace settings
- Combine classroom learning (80%) with on-the-job employment experience (20%)
- Pursue a high-quality technical route into skilled employment, further study or higher/degree apprenticeships
- Develop maths, English and digital skills within the qualification framework
- Gain a nationally-recognised qualification with a certificated grade

VOCATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

Minimum entry requirements for 2021/22:

Level 3

5 x GCSEs at Grade 9-4

Level 2

4 x GCSEs at Grade 9-3

Level 1

3 x GCSEs at Grade 2 or above

In addition to these entry requirements, some courses also have specific entry requirements. Please see our website for details.



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Choose to study **ONE** of the below Vocational subjects:



Additional timetabled activities may include:





“ I have enjoyed every single day of college. I have loved the time spent with some amazing people and my supportive tutors. ”

Name: Haleema Riaz

Progression: University of Manchester

Degree: Management Leadership and Leisure

Former School: Enrico Mestica (Italy)

Haleema achieved Triple Distinction Stars in Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business.

FOUNDATION STUDIES

Our Foundation Studies courses offer a range of specialist vocational pathways.

Pathways to Independence and Employment are for learners with mild to profound learning difficulties or disabilities. These bespoke courses are designed to help each learner reach their full potential.

Our **Pathways to Learning** programmes are designed to develop a range of abilities and personal skills to support progression onto a Level 1 or 2 course or into employment.



PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE

Life Challenge
Next Steps
Life Wise
New Horizons

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Supported Internship
Work Challenge
Steps to Work
Work Wise
Moving On

PATHWAYS TO LEARNING

Vocational Studies - Entry Level 1,
Entry Level 3, Level 1
The Prospects Programme -
Entry 3, Level 1, Level 2

“I really enjoyed the placement and everyone was really nice. I liked doing my checks of the Aquarium and looking after the fish.”

Course: Supported Internship

Success: Rachael successfully completed a Supported Internship placement at the Aquarium based at Bolton Central Library and Museum and as a result secured a volunteering role at the popular cultural tourist attraction.



APPRENTICESHIPS



APPRENTICESHIPS
AND TRAINING



LEVELS AVAILABLE:

Intermediate Apprenticeship Level 2

- Equivalent to five GCSEs at grade 9-4

Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3

- Equivalent to two A Levels

Chose to study **ONE** of the below
Apprenticeship programmes:



“ I would really recommend the apprenticeship route, it was great to receive hands-on experience and to have the opportunity to progress my career. I have gained a broad range of skills whilst managing nursery situations. ”

Name: Elle Redman

Apprenticeship: Early Years Educator

Employment: Wellington Villa Nursery

Elle has been appointed as Deputy Nursery Manager after impressing her employer with her knowledge and level of skills.

SUPPORTING YOU WITH YOUR GCSE OPTIONS

Choosing your GCSE Options in Year 8/9 is an important step in your education and planning for your future.

When choosing your options think about:

- The subjects you enjoy at school
- Which subjects you do well in and can gain the best GCSE grades
- Any subjects you can see yourself choosing in the future

College entry requirements may also dictate what subjects you may need to study at school and there are some specific requirements we have here at Bury College.



A LEVELS - see page 04

To study the following A Levels at college, as well as achieving the overall grade entry requirements for A levels, you must also meet the below specific requirements:

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
Applied Science	You must be studying two separate Sciences
Art, Craft and Design	Pupils who have a passion for Art and Design, but who may not have had the opportunity to study an Art & Design GCSE at school, will be considered for a place on this course at interview based on the presentation of a suitable portfolio of their work
Biology	You must be studying combined Science or two separate Sciences
Chemistry	You must be studying combined Science or two separate Sciences
Drama & Theatre Studies	You must provide evidence of an interest in the theatre plus a successful audition in your chosen talent
Environmental Science	You must be studying combined Science or two separate Sciences
Engineering	You must be studying two separate Sciences
Geography	GCSE Geography is desirable but not essential GCSE grade 9-4 in Geography (if studied)
Photography	Pupils who have a passion for Art and Design, but who may not have had the opportunity to study an Art & Design GCSE at school, will be considered for a place on this course at interview based on the presentation of a suitable portfolio of their work
Physics	You must be studying combined Science or two separate Sciences
Sport	You must be studying combined Science or two separate Sciences Regular participation in organised Sport is essential

SUPPORTING YOU WITH YOUR GCSE OPTIONS

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To study the following T Levels at college, as well as achieving the overall grade entry requirements for T Levels, you must also meet the below specific requirements.

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
Digital Production	You must have a GCSE grade 9-5 in either Maths or Computer Science
Digital Support Services	You must have a GCSE grade 9-5 in either Maths or Computer Science
Health and Science	You must be studying Core and Additional Science



VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES - see page 10

To study the following Vocational programmes at college, as well as achieving the overall grade entry requirements for each specific course, you must also meet the below requirements:

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
Art & Design	Pupils who have a passion for Art and Design, but who may not have had the opportunity to study an Art & Design GCSE at school, will be considered for a place on this course at interview based on the presentation of a suitable portfolio of their work
Childcare	A clear DBS check
Computing & Digital	GCSE Computer Science is desirable but not essential
Healthcare (Cadet Scheme)	You must be studying Core and Additional Science
Media	Pupils who have a passion for Media and Art and Design, but who may not have had the opportunity to study a Media or Art and Design GCSE at school, will be considered for a place on this course at interview provided they can show a portfolio of their work.
Music	You must possess a level of instrumental/ technical ability, around Grade 4 standard A successful audition (performers only)
Performing Arts	A degree of performance ability demonstrated in an audition
Science	Core and additional Science or two separate Sciences
Sport	Regular participation in organised sport /training outside of college is essential

We are here to support you with your transition onto college. If you have any questions please email: ask@burycollege.ac.uk and our friendly staff will be happy to help.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During your full-time study programme you will have the opportunity to take part in work experience and secure skills for your career.

- Develop a range of work-related skills and knowledge
- Strengthen your CV and UCAS application
- Explore different career options
- Improve your confidence in the workplace
- Appreciate the relevance of your course and how it can be applied in a real working environment



ENGLISH AND MATHS

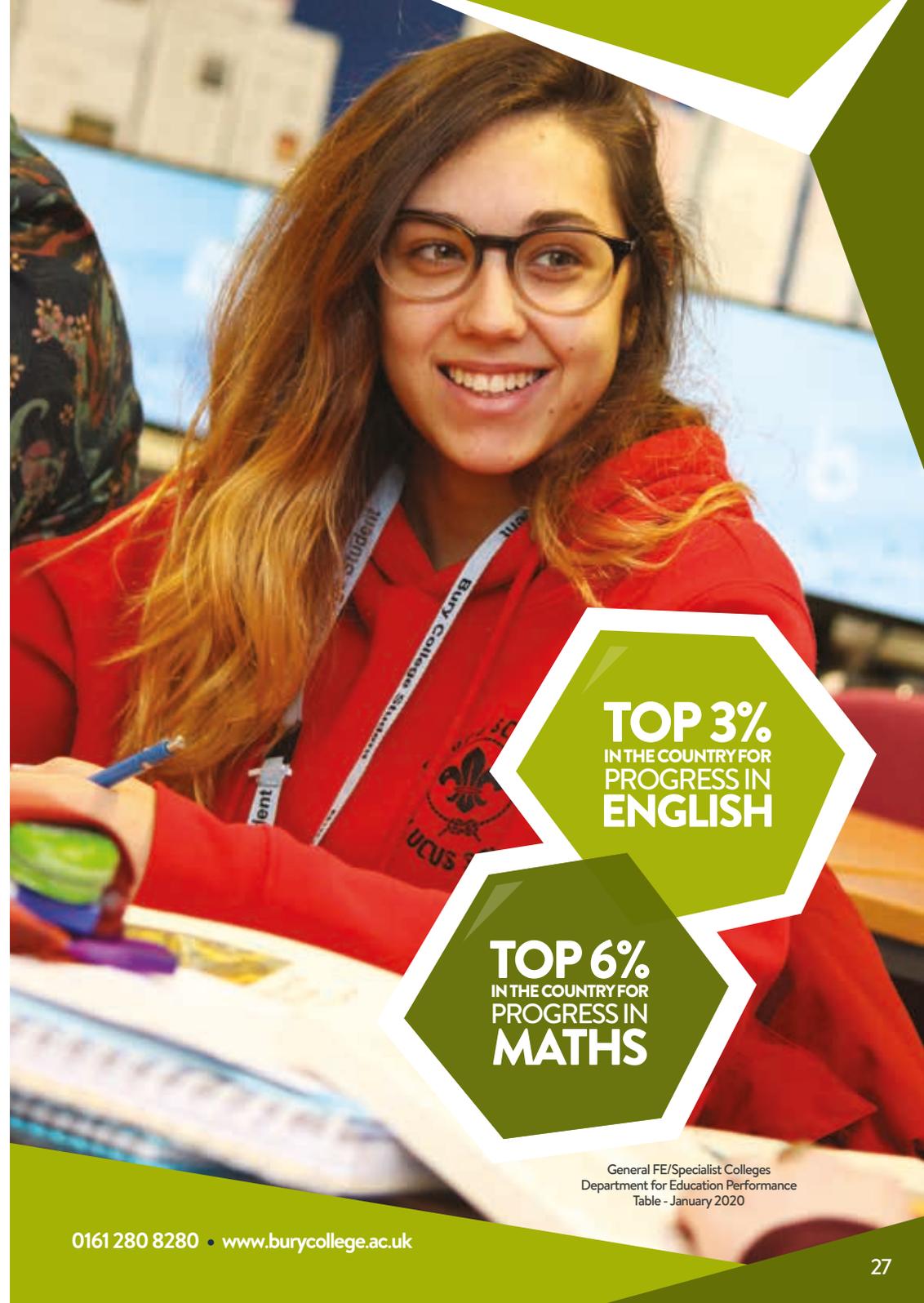
During your time at Bury College you will continue to develop your English and maths skills, as this learning is embedded in your Study Programme.



English will help with your communication skills and you will also develop technical and numerical skills which are transferable to higher education and your career.

If you have not yet achieved a GCSE Grade 4 in English and/or maths, you will continue to study these subjects as part of your timetable to ensure that you have no barriers to your progression.

To help you successfully complete your English and maths qualifications you will be supported by experienced members of staff. They will help you achieve your education goals, progress onto university and/or secure your dream career.



TOP 3%
IN THE COUNTRY FOR
PROGRESS IN
ENGLISH

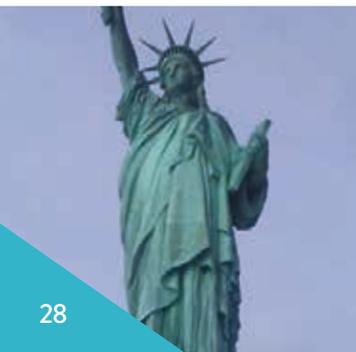
TOP 6%
IN THE COUNTRY FOR
PROGRESS IN
MATHS

General FE/Specialist Colleges
Department for Education Performance
Table - January 2020

STUDENT LIFE

- Enrichment
- Trips and visits
- Sports
- Student Action Group

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FREE COACH TRAVEL

As a student at Bury College you benefit from excellent transport links. Bury College currently offers free coach services which are available to all full-time students living within the areas where the services are operating.

The free return coach service runs across the following areas:

ROCHDALE/RAWTENSTALL

LITTLEBOROUGH

BOLTON

MOSTON

OUR PASS



Many Bury College 16-18 year old students will be entitled to an Our Pass card, giving young people the freedom to travel across Greater Manchester free of charge, at any time.

This free bus travel card will be available to all 16-18 year olds who live within Greater Manchester. This pass can be used to travel to and from Bury College at any time.

The Bury College campus is conveniently located within walking distance of the Metrolink and the bus station meaning the excellent transport links are only minutes away from the college.



Please note - the routes are correct at the time of printing (October 2020), however they are subject to change throughout the year. Visit our website for further information.

YEAR 11 JOURNEY TO BURY COLLEGE

START

SEPTEMBER 2020

BURY COLLEGE PROSPECTUS 2021/22 OUT NOW!

Get your copy in school or visit our website at: www.burycollege.ac.uk

SEPTEMBER 2021

WELCOME TO BURY COLLEGE

COMMUNICATION

Throughout the application/enrolment process we will send you information via email. College staff are available to advise you on all courses at Bury College. There will be lots of advice available. Our number is 0161 280 8200.

OCTOBER 2020

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Experience the virtual open event live on the Bury College website:

www.burycollege.ac.uk

A college member of staff will deliver a presentation to talk about the courses we offer and to answer any questions. This may take place at your school or virtually.

Your application form should be completed online, however paper copies are available on request.

AUGUST 2021

GCSE RESULTS DAY AND ENROLMENT

APPLY NOW

APPLICATIONS OPEN ONLINE AT www.burycollege.ac.uk

OCTOBER 2020

OCTOBER 2020 ONWARDS

INTERVIEWS

Interviews may take place at college or over the telephone. Check your emails for your invitation to book your appointment online. Apply quickly for an early interview.

NOVEMBER 2020

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Don't forget to experience the virtual open event on the Bury College website:

www.burycollege.ac.uk

FEBRUARY 2021

OPEN EVENING*

Wednesday 24th February
5.30 - 7.30pm

*Please note - Due to uncertainty regarding Covid-19 it is likely that this open evening will be virtual. If you are unable to attend an open event then you can explore our virtual tour which is live on our website.

APRIL 2021

CONFIRM YOUR PLACE!

Have you confirmed your place at Bury College? Contact us if you need further information. Ring our helpline on: **0161 280 8200**

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM?

Secure your place! Priority deadline is: **27th NOVEMBER 2020**

JUNE 2021

NEW STARTER DAY

This is your opportunity to visit us and experience what it would be like to study at Bury College. You will receive further information about this once you have applied.

MAY 2021

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMS!

Please note these dates and plans are provisional and subject to change throughout the academic year due to uncertainties regarding Covid-19.



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- Take a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art facilities
- Discover more about the wide range of opportunities
- Virtually meet our tutors and students
- Ask a question and find out more about college life

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