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We are *different...*
and we make a *difference...*
and that makes all the *difference.*

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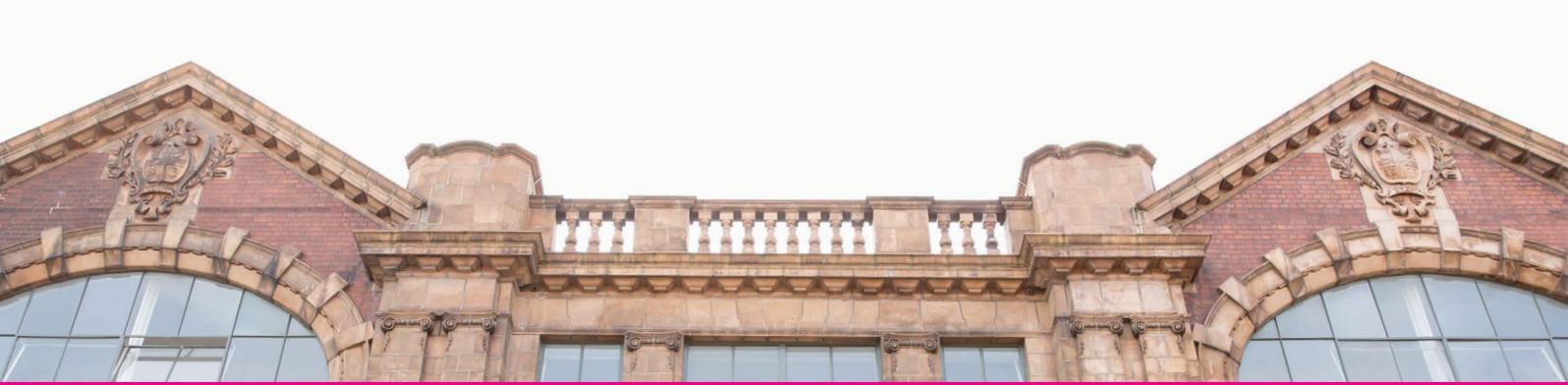


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"The learning environment in the sixth form is inspiring. The sixth form is located in architecturally and historically significant buildings away from the main school site. It is very well resourced and provides an inspiring environment for students."

OFSTED, December 2017

WELCOME



Thank you for showing an interest in joining City College.

I hope that you will find this prospectus both useful and encouraging. We are a new type of college aimed at preparing students for the modern world – from our special partnership with some of the top universities in England and across the world, to the hundreds of businesses that offer work placement opportunities or apprenticeships.

We have a special experience on offer for you.

We value your aspirations for the future and are fully committed to supporting you on your university or careers based journey. One of our great strengths is that we offer a continuity of experience and that we are small enough to care for every student on a personal level. Many of our college students choose to stay with us at the end of their Year 11 studies in an environment where they are known and which encourages the highest standards.

If you are new to City College, you will soon find that you become known to staff and peers and are part of a supportive, welcoming community that aims to provide a personalised college experience to maximise your full potential. Personal mentors support students on a one-to-one basis and monitor their progress and attainment so that they feel supported and encouraged during their transition to the adult world.

Making decisions about the next stage of your education is exciting and challenging. Exciting in the sense that you can now choose to focus on the experience that will lead you to success and fulfilment and challenging because you need to make informed decision which will open career options for your future.

At City College you can trust us to help you make the right decisions.

Carl Ward, Chief Executive Officer, City Learning Trust

City College is different – in fact, we pride ourselves on doing things differently.

Big enough to deliver and small enough to care, City College offers a unique learning experience.

People matter here. A genuinely personalised approach to study is core to our offer. Staff support and inspire all students not just to achieve but to dream. We understand every one of our students has a distinctive set of needs and aspirations, and our aim is to guide each on their separate but shared paths to future success.

The journeys embarked upon at City College are real: our alumni are studying and have studied on a variety of courses across the length and breadth of the UK, or have gained employment in local business with the skills needed to embrace challenge and maximise their earnings.

Our most valued difference is making a difference – enhancing our students' future chances and choices.

Thank you for showing interest and we look forward to you joining us at City College.

Mr Justin Heath, Strategic Lead, City College



OUR HISTORY

TRADITIONAL YET MODERN, HISTORIC YET FORWARD LOOKING

In 2015, City College opened as Haywood Sixth Form Academy in the centre of Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, fulfilling a longstanding City Learning Trust commitment to providing a local sixth form for the students and families living in the local area.

The City College campus is at the heart of Burslem's historic town centre. Comprising of a beautifully restored Grade II listed building with modern facilities and additional common room space, the campus has a community spirit and is an exciting learning environment.

The Burslem School of Art has been recently refurbished, and provides 12 teaching spaces with 4 dedicated subject rooms; a specialist computing lab, a Design and Technology workshop, a Science laboratory and the 'Arthur Berry' room, a dedicated room to support the development of young artists. The building also houses student common room facilities.

City College is situated directly in the centre of the local community. Central to its ethos is the desire to work with the organisations and businesses that surround it, and to respect the heritage of all Burslem's facilities.

"Our students had previously left us at 16 and faced a world of difficult choices and uncertainty. Within our new college, we are giving our students continuity in their learning, in an environment where they are known, and which encourages the highest standards"

Carl Ward, CEO, City Learning Trust





A FAMILY FOR LEARNING

CITY LEARNING TRUST

The City Learning Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust of schools with a mission to create a world class education system in Stoke-on-Trent for the communities we serve. We are a family of schools sharing resources and expertise, united by our values and placing children first in everything that we do.

Children in the City Learning Trust have the best opportunities to develop their education and skills. They get a positive start in life to help them gain employment in the future and instil in them a desire for lifelong learning so they can adapt in an ever-changing world. In our Trust, education is linked right the way through from nursery to A Level or Apprenticeships, and skills and qualifications are allied to an increasing understanding of the value of continuous learning and social responsibility.

CITY COLLEGE MISSION

Our college motto is 'Be amongst the best. Stand out from the rest'. We aim to raise aspirations, expectations and achievement for all our students in a happy, caring and successful learning environment.

Our mission is to develop highly qualified and skilled young adults who achieve to the best of their ability, who are active citizens and who are fully committed to supporting both their local and the global community.

"The establishment of the City Learning Trust's own college in the centre of Burslem will boost educational achievement, encourage a sense of community here and give students the very best start for their lifetime career and lifelong learning."

Joan Walley, Patron of City College



CLASS OF £2022

WHAT IS IT?

- A scheme for students engaged on 2-year courses at City College, that will result in a combination of an enhanced curriculum offer and/or an endowment towards their future.

Why are we introducing it?

Leaving college has proved daunting for previous students: for instance - the financial commitments needed for university, the initial costs of starting in your first training or career; the idea of working for yourself; or even just the basic skills needed for independence.

How does it work?

Students on Level 2 and 3 courses build up payments based on performance, primarily their attendance and attitude to learning (A2L) over specific time periods. Measures would focus on:

- Attendance, calculated from the percentage of sessions attended, with the national average being the benchmark.
- A2L, where an average grade would be calculated across all sessions and performance rated against our benchmark.

Students can bank payments every few weeks to accumulate a total amount. A student achieving their target grades in all subjects would be entitled to the full amount accrued, with a sliding scale for others.

LEVEL 3: A LEVELS & BTECS

Up to £2022 to provide that initial cash stimulus to getting started at University or in a suitable post-18 career pathway.

LEVEL 2: ENTERPRISE

Up to £2022 to provide that initial investment to studying enterprise post-18 or getting a business started, with some monies used to reduce start up costs.

LEVEL 1: EMPLOYABILITY & LIFE SKILLS

Up to £2022 to provide enhanced opportunities within the course, all designed to enhance skills, confidence and independence but tailored to fit individual student needs.

LEVEL 3 PATHWAYS



City College offers various Pathways for Level 3 learners, helping you shape but not limit your potential future choices in Higher Education and employment.

FOR INSTANCE...

- Active & Applied Pathway

Encompassing Art, Product Design, Performing Arts, Sport Science, IT, Engineering...

- Creative Pathway

Encompassing Art, Product Design, English Lang & Lit, Performing Arts...

- Culture Pathway

Encompassing Geography, History, English Lang & Lit, Criminology, Sociology...

- Healthcare Pathway

Encompassing Health & Social Care, Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Sports Science...

- STEM Pathway

Encompassing Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics...

The Pathways approach is not exclusive, allowing any **THREE** available choices.

COURSES ON OFFER: A LEVEL

WHAT TO EXPECT

- An A Level student at City College will follow a two week timetable that includes lesson delivery from a specialist in that area.
- For each subject, there will be 10 hours per fortnight of direct subject study.
- This will be supported by a programme of enrichment and study skills on top of taught hours in the curriculum.
- Support for UCAS applications will be offered on an individual basis to all students.

This is ideal for you:

- ... if you are keen to go on to university or a Higher Level Apprenticeship
- ... if you enjoy independent research
- ... if you like academic challenge
- ... if you have gained five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English and Maths

Did you know?

In 2021, 100% of students wishing to go to university achieved their aim to study their first-choice course. Our students have accepted offers from universities all over the country and taken up places at numerous universities from the Russell group.

- Entry requirement is five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English and Maths.
- Applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

To find out more about the A Level courses we have on offer, scan the QR code:



or visit:

www.citycollege.coop/course/category/a-level/



"City College welcomed me in, 2 months after everyone else had started, to do A levels and BTECs. I had a lot of catching up to do but they were supportive and all the staff were brilliant in helping me out."

LEVEL 3 BTEC



WHAT TO EXPECT

- A full-time course, across five days each week
- A blend of on-going coursework and some interim and final examinations
- Regular practical, hands-on experiences at the keyboard and in the workshop, art room and design studio

This is ideal for you:

- ... if you like applying learning in real-world contexts
- ... if you prefer learning to be assessed over time rather than in one final go
- ... if you would favour a pathway to a Higher Level Apprenticeship or Higher vocational qualification
- ... if you have gained five passes at GCSE, including GCSE English and Maths at a 4 or above.

Did you know?

BTECs provide an alternative Level 3 course that universities will also accept.

These courses offer a greater amount of coursework and less emphasis on final examinations, and there are milestones along the way to help you pace yourself and manage your workload.

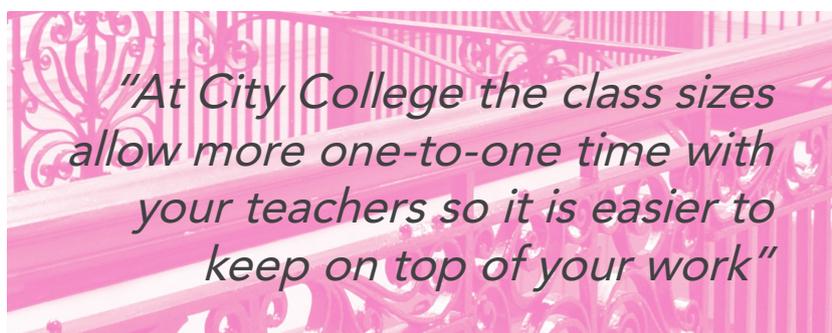
You can choose to do a BTEC in a subject area that you love with a range of A Level qualifications, as all subjects follow a two week timetable with 10 hours per fortnight of direct subject study, delivered by a specialist in that area of study. This will be supported by a programme of enrichment and study skills on top of taught hours in the curriculum..

To find out more about the BTEC courses we have on offer, scan the QR code:



or visit:

www.citycollege.coop/course/category/btec/



"At City College the class sizes allow more one-to-one time with your teachers so it is easier to keep on top of your work"

LEVEL 2/3 ENTERPRISE



WHAT TO EXPECT

- A full-time course, over five days each week, based principally at City College – with each finishing at lunch-time
- Enterprise/ Work experience, based at Burslem School of Art or with local employers or at local marketplaces
- Amassing a cash sum over the duration of the course towards business start-up or other costs
- Gaining two qualifications at L2 (BTEC Award in Enterprise & LiFB Certificate in Financial Education)

This is ideal for you if:

...you're practical and creative

...you're have an ambition to set up a business or work for yourself one day

...you're interested in how money works in the real world

...you're keen to get into the world of work

...you enjoy applying skills to gain vocational qualifications

...you might need a little more time to secure a Grade 4 in English or maths

...you want to build up a cash fund towards your future enterprise plans

Did you know?

The Enterprise team work with Our Burslem and their training market.

Students are in absolute control of their own market stall after pitching an effective idea. The profit they earn is theirs.



To find out more about the Enterprise course we have on offer, scan the QR code or visit:

www.citycollege.coop/enterprise-pathway/

EMPLOYABILITY & LIFE SKILLS



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Developing skills in independence, travel, home cooking, confidence, social communication and awareness, employment and money handling through BTEC qualifications.
- Learning in a supportive, safe and welcoming environment, with opportunities to explore the city and beyond through educational visits, enrichment and travel training programmes.

This is ideal for you:

- ... If you have achieved a minimum of one GCSE at grade 1-3,
- ... if you have SEND,
- ... if you're wishing to develop their confidence and independence

Did you know?

This course is absolutely unique. The best way to explain how it can change the lives of young people is to revisit one student who passed through the course.

This student arrived at City College having found KS4 a challenge, resulting from a series of personal challenges beyond those most students would encounter. By undertaking the ELS course, he was able to re-engage with his peers, develop his maths and English skills and participate in a wide range of enrichment activities. He attained numerous Level 1 and 2 qualifications whilst also gaining work experience and volunteering at a local hospice and an allotment.

His timetable was designed to fit around his specific needs and after completing the ELS course, he stayed with us to move onto our work based learning provision. This allowed him to secure a placement at Synectics Solutions and he enjoyed such a successful year that they retained him for a full apprenticeship. Brilliantly, he continues to flourish there now.

Applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

To find out more about the ELS course we have on offer, scan the QR code:



or visit:

www.citycollege.coop/employability-life-skills-els

"The thing I like about the ELS is that we get to do different activities, it's not just the same over again."

PASTORAL SUPPORT



Each September we welcome students from Haywood Academy and other local schools at City College. Accommodating a variety of student aspirations and needs, we provide a supportive and challenging environment in which individuals are able to flourish.

Those wishing to apply for university are supported through the UCAS process with external speakers, visits to institutions and personalised feedback on statements allowing students to be sure that their applications are aligned with what universities are looking for, and they are informed about all the course offers available. Others wishing to find apprenticeships or employment are supported in developing their CV and personal skill set so the transition into the workplace is smooth.

All students will require support in their personal development whilst at City College. The tutor programme is designed to raise awareness of the world around them whilst developing confidence and independence, by providing access to career planning, financial advice, and support on health and welfare issues.

Students have regularly benefited from our contacts with local employers when gaining that first step on the career ladder, and some, through the Enterprise course, are equipped with the skills and knowledge to forge their own business path.

External speakers contribute to a rich PSHE curriculum delivered throughout the year which ensures students leave us fully aware of important issues they may encounter, and how to manage them.

"The new sixth form provides a good education for its students. Teaching is strong and results in students making good progress. The sixth form offers wide opportunities for academic and vocational study for students' different needs and interests."

APPLICATION FORM

This form is also downloadable from: <https://www.citycollege.coop/curriculum/apply-for-a-place>

Name:	Date of Birth:
Current School:	Email address:
Contact Number:	

Which course(s) are you applying for? (Please tick the relevant box)

<input type="checkbox"/> A Levels	<input type="checkbox"/> BTECS	<input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/> Employability and Life Skills
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A LEVEL/BTEC APPLICANTS ONLY

Please add your choices below, along with your predicted grade from your latest school report.

Choice 1:	Predicted Grade:
Choice 2:	Predicted Grade:
Choice 3:	Predicted Grade:
Reserve Choice:	Predicted Grade:

ENTERPRISE AND ELS APPLICANTS ONLY

Please tick the box relevant to your choice.

<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERPRISE Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT & LIFE SKILLS Pathway
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