



WESTON
COLLEGE



CEH
CAREER EXCELLENCE HUB

EDUCATION
& EARLY YEARS

WELCOME

Education is one of the UK's finest industries, with lots of exciting opportunities available in the area.

We have decided to launch brand new Career Excellence Hubs, which gives a greater focus on preparing our learners for industry and we would be delighted to welcome you along to our new Education Career Excellence Hub.

Whether it's liaising with local education providers to make sure we're teaching you relevant and up-to-date skills, creating the best facilities and digital platforms in the region for you to study in, or selecting the top teachers with current industry experience - our Education Career Excellence Hub is focused on providing you with the right learning environment to help you reach your potential.

We are about preparing you for a career - what we offer is far more than just a course. Weston College is a diverse and inclusive learning environment, and we reward our students when they go above and beyond their abilities and expectations.

This guide will introduce you to our Education Career Excellence Hub.

I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Dr Paul Phillips CBE, PhD, DLit, EdD
Principal and Chief Executive

The **estimated revenue** for UK universities in 2020 was **£43.6 billion**

There are over **32,000** schools in the UK

There are over **624,500** teaching roles in the UK

Colleges educate and train **1.7 million** people a year

WHAT IS THE CAREER EXCELLENCE HUB?

As a Weston College student you will become part of our exciting new Career Excellence Hub in Education.

This means you will take part in a study programme with lots of career boosting benefits, all with the aim of giving you the opportunity to become career ready!

Our mission statement is 'creating brighter futures' and we passionately believe in helping you reach your

ultimate goal, focussing on your future employability and developing the skills you need to have a successful career.

So, whether you're a school leaver or looking to study a full-time programme, our Career Excellence Hubs will help you stand out from the crowd and get ahead!



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

You'll get to study in **state-of-the-art** learning spaces at **Knighstone Campus**, using the latest **industry standard** equipment, with concepts and ideas delivered by lecturers who have a wealth of industry experience.

We will equip you with 21st Century **employability skills** to progress you onto your next career destination. This will include, working on **'real world learning'** using employer briefs and real-life case studies and scenarios to encourage up to the minute workplace problem solving.

Upskilled with the latest digital tools and technologies as a **Microsoft Showcase College**.

In a rapidly changing world of work, your identity, professional networks, and digital capability will increasingly influence your **future career opportunities**. We'll prepare

you to stand out by showcasing your work and achievements.

If competitions are in your sights, you will also have the option to compete against the best in the UK through our links with **WorldSkills UK**.

You will be supported with outstanding wrap-around pastoral support via our **Wellbeing@Weston** model which provides all learners with access to highly qualified teams of welfare and mental health practitioners and resources all designed to support you **achieve** your **career** goals.

Inspired with personalised **1:1 Careers** Education Information Advice and Guidance, helping you look at all the options available to you for progression to the next step on your career journey.

Regardless of what your **career goal** is or whether you simply need to know what your options are - our team of highly trained careers advisors (Level 6 and above) offer relaxed, impartial advice to get you where you want to be helping you figure out the **best route to achieve your dream career**.

Empowered to learn more about your own **mental health and wellbeing** as part of your journey with us. Our ethos of **Body and Mind** will help you learn to develop coping strategies, build resilience, and access the proven benefits of exercise for wellness.

As well as all of the above benefits of being part of one of our Career Excellence Hubs, Weston College also offers you a fun, social experience designed for you to meet like-minded people, as well as being the only **OUTSTANDING COLLEGE IN THE REGION!**

OUR EDUCATION CAREER EXCELLENCE HUB IS ENDORSED BY:



YMCA
DULVERTON GROUP

We will provide you with **unrivalled exposure** to these employers with enhanced work experience, employer visits, simulation, as well as understanding what it means to be truly inclusive in a **modern** workplace, through valuing other people's diversity and ideas based on the principles of Fairness Respect Equality Diversity Inclusion and Engagement.



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WorldSkills UK Innovation Network



STUDY PROGRAMMES

We have a range of programmes available in our Early Years Career Excellence Hub, which will prepare you for a life in the industry.

We have a range of programmes available in our Education Career Excellence Hub, which will prepare you for a life in the industry.

Whether you want to specialise in pre-school, or secondary school, we have a course for you – **just click on the course**, and it will take you to the course page on our website:



EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

Early Years

Education and Early Years, Technical Progression Certificate

– Level 2

Education



INDUSTRY SKILLS

Through our Career Excellence Hubs you will develop skills for life, which will help you gain employment once you have completed your study programme. We will help you to gain both hard skills, and soft skills, which employers have highlighted as keys skills in this sector, but what exactly are they?

Hard skills are the measurable ones that you list on your CV, and that you may hold certification in. Whereas soft skills are interpersonal, and help you to develop your character, which will benefit you in building relationships with co-workers and customers.

Alongside input from our Career Excellence Hub employer partners and advisory boards, we as a college have invested in powerful Labour Market Intelligence tools

to further guarantee that our curriculum meets employer need. Not only do we use all this information to inform our curriculum design, but it is also used to inform our skills and individual development programme called ID that's purpose is to accelerate your progress towards your career goal and next steps by equipping you with the complete package of knowledge, experiences and skills.

We have built them into your study programme, meaning you will learn and develop these skills with us:

Hard Skills

- Licence to practise qualifications
- Safeguarding and Health and Safety Skills
- Research Skills
- Observation Skills
- Reflective Practise

Soft Skills

- Problem Solving
- Adaptability
- Communication
- Resilience
- Time Management

English and maths are also a very important part of Education, here are some of the key skills they provide:

English

- Speaking, listening and communication skills
- Storytelling and creative writing
- Building vocabulary
- Writing risk assessments
- Writing detailed reports
- Reading educational policies and procedures
- Read and understand educational theories and research

Maths

- Numeracy skills in order to help children learn to count, add, subtract, multiply and divide
- Spatial skills to help children learn about key shapes, angles and symmetry
- Problem solving skills- to help children learn how to tackle new challenges
- Ratio skills - for ensuring correct staffing levels, or for mixing ingredients when making cakes
- Costs, profit and loss when organising your own business
- Invoicing - Providing a breakdown of fees for customers
- Percentages - working out discounts.



PROGRESSION ROUTES

Once you've completed your course, there are several options for you to further develop your skills and knowledge...



If you completed a Level 1, or Level 2 course, you can continue to progress to the next level course. Click here to go back to our course page, and discover the relevant course route, for you.



We also offer an Education and Childcare T Level programme, which is a mixture of college and work-based learning designed to give you the technical skills and workplace experience to kick-start your career in education.

You will complete a core technical qualification that will provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level training or study in the education and childcare sector.



An apprenticeship is a fantastic way of entering the Early Years industry. Not only will you get the opportunity to get your foot in the door with a local education provider, you will also be able to earn while you learn.

Through apprenticeships you will work closely with an experienced professional to develop and practice your skills, all whilst receiving the benefits that being a student brings.



We have several degree options on offer at UCW, which will allow you to further develop your knowledge. UCW is rated as Gold in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework, meaning the teaching, learning and opportunities we provide are of the highest quality in Britain.

There are several degree options available in education, which could lead you on to a career within education. You can find the full UCW course list, here.

CAREER IDEAS

Education is an exciting and varied industry, so you might not know exactly which age group you'd like to teach yet, or the exact career path you'd like to take. Here are a few different career options for you, with one of them potentially becoming your future career...

EARLY YEARS TEACHER

Early years teachers work with children up to the age of five, in preschool settings to help inspire, excite and nurture children at a critical stage of their development.

Average salary: £23,000

EDUCATION CONSULTANT

Education consultants help to develop curriculums, as well as identify and support learners with their specialist needs.

Average salary: £35,000

EDUCATION MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Education mental health practitioners (EMHP) help children and young people with mental health difficulties and get them the support they need.

Average salary: £31,000

FURTHER EDUCATION TEACHER

Further education (College) teachers teach a range of subjects to learners aged 16 and over, as well as work-related learning to students aged 14 to 16.

Average salary: £30,000

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Primary school teachers inspire young minds, by developing lessons in line with curriculum objectives, to support children to achieve their potential.

Average salary: £30,000

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Teachers in secondary schools specialise in a subject they love, and engage pupils in learning and preparing for their future.

Average salary: £30,000

CONTACT US

Got a question about our **Career Excellence Hubs** or one of our programmes or just need to get in touch?

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