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Newsletter

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WELCOME FROM OUR CAREERS CENTRE ADVISORS

Our friendly Careers Centre Advisers will interview you at Fareham College. If you haven't met them already, our Careers Centre Advisers are course specialists in the areas which they conduct the interviews for and are passionate about ensuring that all students have the correct advice and guidance right at the start of their college journey.



STEPH WHITECROSS

Careers Centre Coordinator & The Colleges L7 Careers Lead

Having worked at the college for 5 years now, I have seen the College grow and lots of students go onto their chosen career path. It's truly rewarding to see our students follow their passions, and that is something my whole team really enjoy each and every day. As the Manager for both Admissions and Careers we have seen our student numbers grow which just shows the hard work the whole college puts in to support our students, is spreading throughout the community.



THERESA SEAR

Careers Centre Advisor for CEMAST (Engineering), Construction, Travel & Hospitality

As a Careers Centre Advisor, I help students explore their career aspirations and spend time asking questions about why they are interested in a particular area and where they see themselves in the future. I love being able to give advice and guidance on areas of interest and showing students the courses that the college offer whilst also explaining possible future pathways that are available to them and how they can progress in the future. One of the best parts of my job, is seeing a student's face 'light-up' when they realise that their career thoughts/ideas are achievable.



JADE PALMER

Careers Centre Advisor for Health and Social Care, Education and Early Years.

I love being able to help young people work out what they want to do with their future, and the steps they need to take to get there. I am here to work with you throughout the application process, from interviewing for your course of choice to helping you with plans for after college. I am also excited to be interviewing for the new Health Science T Levels.



EMILY VADIS

Careers Centre Advisor for Sport, Uniformed Services, Art, Fashion, Media, Photographics, Performing Arts and Music.

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ELLIE MCCLEMENS

Careers Centre Advisor for Business, IT, Hairdressing, Production Arts Make up and Beauty Therapy.

I enjoy my job because I like meeting new people every day and learning about their career aspirations. I am here to help guide you with making your first step to into your future career. I love being able to interview different people on a daily basis and discussing their interests and why they want to enrol onto a course here at Fareham College.

If you haven't yet applied for a Full Time course starting in September 2021, you can do this by visiting our website at fareham.ac.uk. While we do not have a hard deadline, we advise you to submit your application for a place at Fareham College before Christmas, so you can concentrate on achieving your GCSE qualifications.

Due to the current lockdown restrictions, we have decided to conduct interviews by telephone up until the Christmas break. This will be reviewed in the New Year. After you have had your initial interview, you will be invited to a virtual intro session. The intro session will introduce you to the course and the teaching team online and will give you even more information about the course you are applying for. You can virtually attend more than one intro session if you are deciding between a couple of different courses at Fareham College. If you have any queries about applying, please contact our Careers Team at info@fareham.ac.uk for more information.

FULL TIME COURSE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Question	Full Time course	Apprenticeship
What type of course can I study?	We have a variety of Full Time courses at Fareham College in a wide variety of different industries, for example, Gaming, Fashion, Production Arts Make up, Bricklaying and Aerospace Engineering. To see all our Full Time courses please just visit our website at fareham.ac.uk .	We offer Apprenticeships across our three campuses, at a variety of different levels. Examples are Civil Engineering, Hairdressing, Business, Early Years and Mechanical Engineering. To see our current vacancies, please just click on this link: fareham.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies
What is the application process?	<p>Simply go to our website and click 'apply now.'</p> <p>We will send you details of when your telephone interview will take place and what to expect. After your interview, we will invite you to your virtual intro session which will give you the chance to meet the lecturers and find out even more about the course you have applied for. You will be offered a conditional offer for a place on the course (subject to GCSE results and a reference from your school.)</p> <p>We also have a Freshers Induction Day during the summer term, which is another opportunity for you to meet your peers and learn more about your course. You will receive more information regarding this event closer to the time.</p>	<p>You can visit our website and express your interest in undertaking an Apprenticeship at fareham.ac.uk/apprenticeships/#interest. This will ensure that your details are on our system and will enable us to start helping you find your dream Apprenticeship.</p> <p>We have a variety of Apprenticeships available at Fareham College. All you need to do is search our current vacancies and click 'apply' if you are interested. This will take you through to the National Apprenticeship Service website where you will need to set up an account.</p> <p>Once you have applied, one of our recruiters will be in contact with you to find out a little more about you, your interests and career aspirations and conduct a mini-interview. Should you meet the criteria for the role, they will put you forward to the company and the company will interview you for the role.</p> <p>The company will decide whether or not they wish to offer you the Apprenticeship.</p>
What will my timetable be like?	<p>Lessons usually take place over three and a half/ four days per week, depending on the course you have chosen. Our T Levels also include a 45-day industry placement.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, this year our students are undertaking some of their learning remotely at home. To adhere to government guidance and ensure that the College is kept COVID secure, we have also grouped students into bubbles, staggered start and end times to the College day, staggered lunch breaks and we are encouraging the wearing of face masks in all buildings and classrooms, as well as reiterating the 'hands, face, space' message to help keep our student and staff community safe during these unprecedented circumstances.</p>	<p>Most Apprenticeships require students to be at the workplace four days per week, and at the College one day per week. This can however vary, as our Civil Engineering Apprenticeship has twenty weeks of training initially, and the students are out on site for the rest of the Apprenticeship.</p> <p>Our recruiters at Fareham College will be able to answer this and other questions you may have when they are discussing specific roles with you.</p>
I can't decide what to do.	<p>It is important to remember that when applying for an Apprenticeship, you are applying for a job. This can be a competitive process and you may decide to apply for more than one role. We would advise that you have a Full Time course as a back-up, as usually Year 11's will not start applying for Apprenticeships until the summer term and you may find that there are few, or no Apprenticeships available in the area you wish to work in.</p> <p>If you do decide to apply for a Full Time course but you are still considering an Apprenticeship, please just let our Careers Centre Team know as they will ensure our recruiters are also aware.</p> <p>If you meet an employer who wants to offer you an Apprenticeship but does not have a training provider, please just let us know as we can contact the employer for you and advise them on how they do this.</p>	

T LEVELS, WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER STUDYING ONE?

T Levels are a new qualification that focus on high-level technical study and work-ready skills. They have been developed to offer an alternative to A Levels, but still provide the same number of UCAS points as undertaking three A Levels and will provide you with a clear route to skilled employment, as well as progression to higher or degree Apprenticeships, or degree-level study at university.

T Levels combine the career focus and practical elements of current technical and professional qualifications like BTECs and NVQs, with the theory and study of traditional A Levels.

However, the main difference between T Levels and A Levels is that the core component of the T Level qualification is an industry-based placement, where students will apply the theory they learn in the classroom to the workplace and develop the essential work-ready skills that employers are looking for.

You can now apply to start a T Level with us from September 2021, below is a list of the T Levels that we will be offering:

- ✓ Digital Support and Services
- ✓ Digital Business Services
- ✓ Design, Surveying and Planning
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Digital Production, Design and Development
- ✓ Education and Childcare

If you are unsure on which T Level to choose, our Careers Centre Advisors will be able to discuss this during your interview. Our Careers Centre Advisors will also be able to talk to you about different pathways and progression routes.

Fareham College was delighted to welcome the Right Honourable Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, to officially open the teaching and learning spaces we have invested in for T Levels. Please watch the video to find out more from our Principal and Chief Executive at Fareham College, Andrew Kaye. Click below to watch the video:



WHAT DO OUR CURRENT T LEVEL STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR DECISION ON CHOOSING A T LEVEL?

Why did you choose a T Level?

"I chose the T Level as this seems the best option to match the industry standards for Computing and Software Development. The work placement element will give me the experience and opportunity to develop my learning and skills."

"I chose the T Level because it is brand new and gives you a variety of new experiences. You get to go further in-depth in Computer Science and develop all-round skills for industry."

What are you enjoying about your T Level?

"I really like the challenge; we are learning a variety of skills."

"There are so many different things to do and learn."

Why would you advise that students study a T Level?

"For the same reason I chose this myself, it is the best study option for what I want to do in the future."

"T Levels give you so many opportunities, especially the work experience element! You get the best of both worlds and have the skills and the experience for the future."

What are you plans for the future?

"I plan to go on to a Level 4 Apprenticeship in programming and hopefully in the Robotics specialist area."

"I want to go to University in the future and specialise."

Why did you choose Fareham College?

"Fareham College is the closest that offers T Levels."

"Fareham College is the best college around for me to challenge and improve my learning."



USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES FOR YOU TO FIND OUT EVEN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT T LEVELS:

Click [here](#) to hear Minister Keegan explains more about T Levels.

Click [here](#) to watch the T Level YouTube video.

USEFUL WEBSITES

tlevels.gov.uk

ncfe.org.uk/t-levels

fareham.ac.uk/t-levels/

We hope you found this information useful, and as always, we are here to help and advise so if you have any further questions about Fareham College, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Although our physical events and personal tours have been postponed due to current lockdown restrictions, please remember you can visit our online showcase at any time, by clicking: [Online showcase](#)

Our next online open events will be on Tuesday 24 November from 3pm – 7pm and Wednesday 25 November from 4pm – 8pm. The online open events will give you an opportunity to see our brand-new videos from a variety of teaching staff explaining in more details about the wide ranges of courses we offer and will allow you to pre book a telephone call with them if you wish to. Keep an eye on our social media channels for more information!

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