



UNIVERSITY AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSE GUIDE

2020-2021



WELCOME TO ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE HIGHER AND ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE



I am delighted to welcome you to Ashton Sixth Form College's Higher and Adult Education Centre.

Ashton Sixth Form College has a well-deserved and long standing reputation for providing quality education serving the local community. Today, the college has a thriving community of adult and higher education learners completing courses from an ever-widening curriculum. We offer a broad range of provision from introductory courses to Honours Degrees and Post Graduate qualifications.

We are committed to ensuring that our learners receive the very best teaching and support with their studies during their time at Ashton Sixth Form College; our programmes and courses have been designed to fit with your individual needs and the needs of employers.

At all levels, our adult and higher education learners continue to achieve outstanding success and we ensure that their success is recognised and celebrated. We are rightly proud of all our learners and their achievements. If you are looking to enhance your career or further your studies, Ashton Sixth Form College has the right course for you. I look forward to meeting you very soon at one of our forthcoming information and enrolment events.

Anton McGrath, Principal

INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT EVENTS

UNIVERSITY, VOCATIONAL & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS COURSES:

Thursday 27th August 2020	10.00am — 7.00pm
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	10.00am — 7.00pm
Tuesday 5th January 2021	10.00am — 7.00pm
Tuesday 20th April 2021	10.00am — 7.00pm
Tuesday 22nd June 2021	10.00am — 7.00pm

GCSE COURSES:

Thursday 27th August 2020	10.00am — 7.00pm
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	10.00am — 7.00pm

Enrolment events are subject to change, may run online or by appointment.

WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY WITH US?

Student Support and Advice

The Higher and Adult Education Centre at Ashton Sixth Form College has achieved national standards for information, advice and guidance and provides comprehensive information to assist students, not only with their choice of course but also on potential career paths or the move to university.

At enrolment you will receive one to one information, advice and guidance from our enrollers on the course/s you wish to study and advice on the options for financial support whilst studying.

Our Admissions Team are available by email, telephone or in person by appointment if you wish to speak to someone at any point in the year.

Experienced and Committed Staff

The Higher and Adult Education Team are all well qualified and many of them continue to be practitioners in their own field of expertise. This means that their skills and experience remain current and that they can supplement their teaching with real life examples.

A Commitment to Student Progression

The staff aim to equip all students with the skills and knowledge to enable them to progress to the next level of qualification. Our curriculum has been developed to enable students to progress from introductory courses through to Foundation Degrees and beyond.

Exceptional Support

We take great care to offer and provide support to ensure that each student has the opportunity to successfully achieve their chosen qualification. We make an assessment of your needs, skills and abilities at the start of your course to ensure that we can support you in the best way possible whilst studying with us.

Excellent Facilities

We take great pride in our facilities at Ashton Sixth Form College. We have our own Higher and Adult education building with modern classrooms equipped to a very high standard and dedicated teaching areas for adult learners. We also have substantial parking facilities, IT suites, a coffee shop and a well stocked library which is open during the evenings so that adult students can benefit from the resources including computer and internet access, up to date books and journals and CD and DVD hire.

New courses are being added all the time, for up-to-date course information please call the Admissions Team on 0161 666 8215.

“A fun learning
experience”



Coming soon—Return to Study short course

Have you ever wondered what it's like to study in Adult and Higher education? Maybe you want to return to education but are worried you don't have the right skills and qualifications? Well, you have come to the right place. We are offering a new short taster course to help you develop your confidence and skills. Our Higher and Adult Education courses are designed to help you figure out where you want to be and point you in the right direction to get there.

How will the Higher and Adult Education courses help me?

You don't necessarily need certain qualifications to apply, and many who complete our courses go on to foundation or degree-level programmes. This course will help you with:

- A career change or developing your skills and gaining the qualifications if you want to move up the job ladder
- Develop your academic writing, referencing, and critical thinking skills.
- Finding your feet again if you have been out of education for a long time.
- Meet like-minded students and get a feel for life at Ashton Sixth Form College.

Coming soon—Essential Digital Skills course

An estimated one in five adults lack basic digital skills. To address this skills gap, from August 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) is introducing an entitlement for adults to fully-funded digital skills qualifications.

These digital skills qualifications will be targeted at adults aged 19+ and are intended to support adults to help develop the digital skills they need for life, work or further study.

From January 2021, this course will offer adults the opportunity to develop their digital skills with the Essential Digital Skills qualification. Students will be assessed in line with the national standards for Essential Digital Skills that cover five skills areas. The qualifications will be available at Entry, Level 3 and Level 1.

- Using devices and handling information – Understanding hardware, software and operating systems. **What**
 - Communicating – Understand how to communicate effectively using electronic communications such as email and video calls.
 - Creating and editing – Creating different types of digital media such as images, videos and audio files.
 - Being safe and responsible online – Understand the importance of your digital wellbeing and learn about privacy and data protection.
 - Transacting – Understand how to purchase an item or using a service. This includes digital verification checks and successfully completing online forms.
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New course—ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Are you an Adult who needs to learn English and work in the UK? Our new ESOL course will help you improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English. By taking this course, you will be able to fully interact with people in your everyday life, such as going to a supermarket. The communication barrier can make life difficult therefore this course will help your life easier by alleviating miscommunication and creating more opportunities for you.

Why should I take this course?

This course will be designed to provide you with all-round fundamental skills of English across five levels, along with verbal skills and useful phrases that will help you communicate effectively in English when in a professional environment.

The English language is one of the most commonly spoken languages and is often considered the most influential language in the world. This versatile language is also used across multiple mediums to educate, entertain and inform people globally.

So, whether you want to learn English to further your studies, your career, or your personal horizons, there are many benefits you can gain from taking this course.

- English is very popular worldwide.
- English will help you understand other languages.
- Imagine the number of people you can interact with and the new things you can discover about their culture.
- Jobs are always available for English speakers. If you can speak English, you will be presented with a world of opportunities will for travel, study and work.
- Many of the world's top films; books and music are published and produced in English. Therefore by learning English you will have access to a greater wealth of entertainment and will be able to have a greater cultural understanding.



“Fantastic course tutors!”

Fees

Wherever possible, all the costs related to a course are listed in this guide. If you are paying the full course fees then this will cover the whole cost of your course including tuition and exam fees. You will be able to obtain more information about individual course fees at our Enrolment Events.

Financial Assistance

If you are in receipt of active, income based benefits or in receipt of a low income then you may be eligible for a reduction in your course fees. This only applies to some courses.

You can access free independent financial advice from the money advice service at moneyadviceservice.org.uk

If you are interested in Maths and English Functional skills

You can complete these courses for free if you have been a UK resident or have been in a European Economic Area (EEA) or EU resident for the past 3 years.

If you are interested in a Level 2 course

You may be entitled to free tuition if you have not previously achieved a full level 2 qualification. A full level 2 is the equivalent of five GCSE passes at grade A*-C, 4-9, or an NVQ level 2.

If you are 19 and over and interested in a Level 3 course

You can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of your course. It's easy to apply, your household income isn't taken into account and there's no credit check. For more information log onto www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan.

To enrol, please bring with you your passport or birth certificate and National Insurance number. If you are claiming fee remission you will need to bring all documentation with you.

You must comply with the Fees Agency residency/settled status criteria requested at enrolment and are not repeating learning already undertaken to achieve a qualification.



Kerry completed her Level 3 Teaching Assistant course and Foundation Degree at Ashton.

“Adult students returning to education develop their confidence and self belief” (Ofsted, 2020)

UNIVERSITY COURSES & ACCESS

Course	Venue	Duration	Attendance	Fees
Foundation Year in Art & Design	College	1 year, full time	4 Days	Aged 16-18 free*
PGCE/Certificate in Education - Teach in Post 16	College	1 year, full time or 2 years, relevant work role	1 Day 1 Afternoon	£5950 (full time) £2400 per year (part time)
BA (Hons) in Education (Top Up)	College	1 year, full time	1 Morning	£4800
Foundation Degree in Education	College	2 years, part time	1 Evening	£9600
Access to Higher Education Level 3 Diploma in Health	College	1 year, part-time	2 half days	£3384
Return to study	College	5 weeks	1 Afternoon 1 Evening	Free

All courses awarded by Staffordshire University with the exception of the Foundation Year Art. All fees published are for 2020/21 and may vary for 2021/22. Course attendance is subject to change.

VOCATIONAL COURSES - EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

Course	Venue	Duration	Day	Time	Fee [19+]	Fee if eligible for funding
Level 3 Award in Education and Training (Post 16 education)	College	10 weeks	Wednesday Friday	6.00pm-8.30pm 10.00am-12.00pm (online)	£311	N/A
Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning (Teaching Assistants)	College	36 weeks	Wednesday or Thursday	6.00pm-8.00pm 12.00pm-2.00pm	Free/£800*	Free
Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning (Teaching Assistants)	College	36 weeks	Wednesday or Thursday	6.00pm-8.30pm 12.00pm-2.30pm	£2,200	Free
Setting up a Child Minding Business	College	6 weeks	Thursday	5.00pm-7.00pm	£190	N/A
Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner	College	36 weeks	Thursday	12.00pm-2.00pm	Free/£800*	Free
Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (EYE)	College	18 months	Thursday	12.00pm-2.30pm	£2880	Free
Level 4 certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner	College	10 months	Thursday	6.00pm-9.00pm	£811	N/A
Level 3 Forest School Leader	College	7 days*	TBC	TBC	£795	N/A
Introduction to working with Children and Young people.	College	5 weeks	Thursday	9.30am-11.30am	Free	N/A

*Free if first full level 2 qualification.

*7 days over 2 months plus work based learning, please call 0161 6668215.

Please note - all fees under £1000 need to be paid in full at enrolment. Funding may be available - please enquire.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS COURSES

Course	Venue	Duration	Day	Time	Fee
Functional English Entry Level	College	36 weeks	Wednesday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free
Functional Maths Entry Level	College	36 weeks	Thursday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free
Functional English Level 1 & 2	College	36 weeks	Thursday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free
Functional Maths Level 1 & 2	College	36 weeks	Wednesday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free
Essential Digital Skills	College	TBC	TBC	TBC	Free
ESOL & Functional English for Beginners	College	36 weeks	Wednesday	6pm–8.30pm	Free

GCSE COURSES

Course	Venue	Duration	Day	Time	Fee*
Maths	College	31 weeks	Wednesday or Thursday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free*
English	College	31 weeks	Wednesday	6pm - 8.30pm	Free*
Biology	College	31 weeks	Thursday	5.30 - 8.30pm	£380/free*

*Free if first full level 2 qualification.

*GCSE Maths and English are free if you do not already hold a C or above or 9-4, if you already hold a grade C or 4 and above and are wishing to upgrade them.

JOIN US!

