

FE and qualifications explained

Here at Bridgend College we aim to support all of our learners throughout their studies by providing high quality teaching and learning so that you can 'be all that you can be'.

We offer a wide range of courses, from Entry through to Degree level in over 20 vocational areas.

Further Education

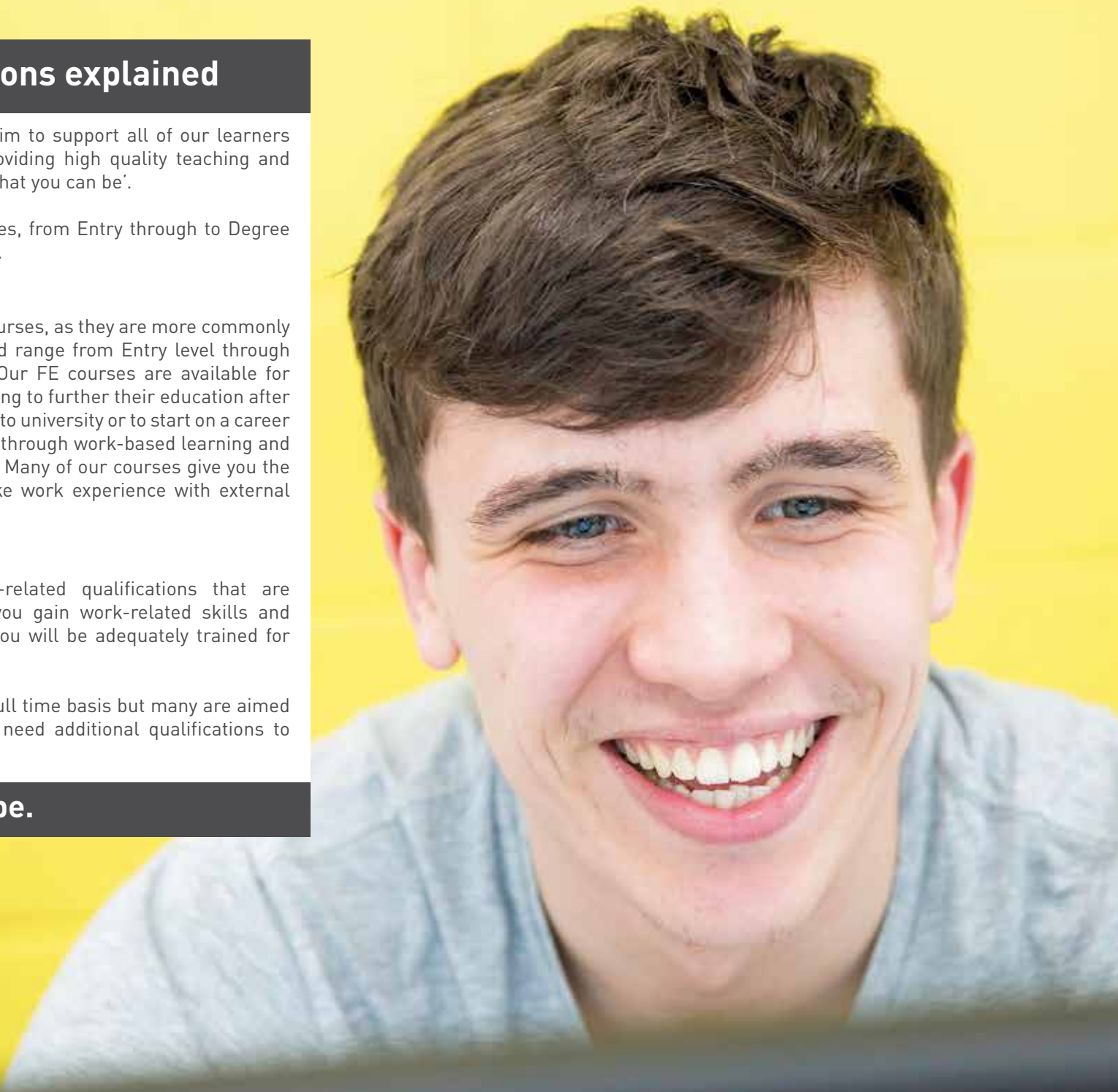
Our Further Education, or FE courses, as they are more commonly known, are mainly full time and range from Entry level through to Level 3 Extended Diploma. Our FE courses are available for learners over the age of 16 looking to further their education after school, whether that be going onto university or to start on a career path. This is generally achieved through work-based learning and classroom-based assessments. Many of our courses give you the opportunity to visit or undertake work experience with external companies.

Vocational courses

Vocational courses are work-related qualifications that are specifically designed to help you gain work-related skills and experience, making sure that you will be adequately trained for the workplace.

Most courses are offered on a full time basis but many are aimed at people in employment who need additional qualifications to improve their career.

Be all that you can be.



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Why study at Bridgend College?

Location, location, location!

We have 4 campuses across the South Wales region, each ideally located allowing for easy access to transport links and local amenities. With campuses in Bridgend town centre, Pencoed and Maesteg you can experience the best of everything, from stunning countryside and beaches on the front door to being right in the heart of Bridgend life. Bridgend College has something for everyone and offers a unique learner experience.

Bridgend Campus, Cowbridge Road

Located within walking distance of Bridgend town centre. It's a busy campus offering a wide range of courses from Childhood Studies and Engineering to Hair and Beauty and Forensic Science. As with all of our campuses, you'll be supported by a team of highly qualified staff who are active practitioners in their field of expertise.

Facilities here include our Learner Services, Cyfleoedd hub, Sony Theatre, InTuition Hair and Beauty Salons, the Refectory and 'Seasons', our onsite restaurant that caters for learners, staff and the public. Our Bridgend Campus is also home to Weston House, our purpose built residential accommodation for young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who have additional learning needs.

Maesteg Campus

Our campus at Maesteg is located on Castle Street, in the heart of Maesteg's town centre within easy reach of local amenities. Part-time courses include GCSE Maths and English Language, Essential Skills, Pathways and Welsh for Adults. It's also home to the full-time Level 1 Diploma Interactive Media and Level 1 Diploma Exploring Creative Arts and Media Sectors.

Pencoed Campus

This campus is home to our Landbased, Construction and Sport areas of study and includes great facilities such as a 3G sports pitch, modern equine areas and a sports hall. Located on the outskirts of the village of Pencoed, this campus also offers local amenities and transport links within easy reach.

With plenty of open space and countryside, you could study anything from Countryside Skills to Horticulture, Animal Care, Bricklaying and Sports Coaching. You'll benefit from exclusive facilities such as our outreach farms, conservation areas, animal care centres and equine exercise areas.

You could also represent the College by getting involved in our rugby, football and netball academies, as well as representing the College as part of a team or an individual in the the Welsh College Championships.

Queens Road Campus

Queens Road campus is situated on Bridgend Industrial Estate and supports many of our class-based Higher Education (HE) courses as well as our Work-Based Learning team.



Awards and recognition

Over the last few years, we have won some prestigious awards and we are so proud of everything we do here for our learners and staff. To date, we have been awarded the following accolades:



We are the best-performing* College in the whole of Wales according to a study conducted by the Welsh Government.



Bridgend College placed 28th in The Sunday Times 100 Best Not-for-Profit Organisations to Work For 2017 – the only FE College in Wales to be recognised in this category.

'Double Excellent' Estyn Inspection

The College received the rare 'double excellent' for its current performance and its prospect for improvement. We were awarded 11 'Excellent' grades and 4 'Good' grades by Estyn. We are currently the only** FE College in the whole of South Wales to have a 'Double Excellent' report.



Winner of the regional FE Week & AELP Apprenticeship Provider of the Year Award for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Countryside Management lecturer Lyn Evans won Tutor of the Year and a Medal of Excellence from City and Guilds.

National Awards for Excellence

Association of Colleges (AoC) Beacon Awards for the Development of Transferable Skills and Leadership & Governance.



Bridgend College was the first FE College in Wales to sign the SDG Accord. We now sit among many educational organisations from around the world.

Pearson Awards

Bridgend College Travel and Tourism staff won the Pearson Silver Teaching Award for FE Team of the Year – one of only twelve teams in the country to do so.

Many of our learners have also won prestigious awards, from Learner of the Year to Vocational Skills Awards. Take a look at just some recent examples:

Adam Griffiths - Learner of the Year (Higher) at the Vocational Qualifications Awards 2018.

Alice Slennett - Winner of the Young Apprentice Award 2017.

Alys Pritchard - Second place in the Welsh International Culinary Championships 2018.

*This data is from the All Qualifications study.

**This information was correct at the time of publication February 2018.

Study with us

It's easy to apply for a place on one of our courses, but if you're unsure of which course to choose from, come along to one of our Open Evenings to speak to some of our lecturers. Our open evenings usually take place during November, January, March and May.

You don't have to wait for one of our events however. If you already know the course that you want to study, simply complete an application form online via the college website or at one of the campus receptions and/or Learner Services areas.

If at any point you're unsure of the process, just contact us and we'll be happy to help.

Detailed information about each course is available on our website. You can also contact our Learner Services Team on 01656 302 302 for any advice that you might need.

Step 1: Complete an application form and book an interview

We accept application forms throughout the year but bear in mind that some courses fill up quickly, so the sooner you apply the better. While you are applying online you will have an option to book an interview slot. There will be a number of dates to choose from to suit you.

Step 2: Invitation to interview

Come in for your interview on your preferred date (please check what campus you need to attend). You will be offered a conditional or unconditional offer. Interviews might sound daunting but don't worry it is an informal setting and we will support you all the way.

Step 3: Enrolment

Enrolment usually takes place in August. You will be sent an email/letter or text (your preferred method of contact) with everything you need to bring with you to enrolment. Enrolment normally happens at our Bridgend Campus.

Apply online today at
bridgend.ac.uk/apply-today

Get Involved!

As learners at Bridgend College, you are encouraged to get involved with activities that might be outside of the course, such as volunteering, clubs and societies as well as various events.

There are plenty of opportunities to suit everyone, so what are you waiting for?

Get involved in:

Events

Various events linked to different celebrations and commemorative days throughout the year such as ‘Welsh Week’, St. David’s Day, Shwmae Day, Next Step events and much more.

Sport

Represent Bridgend College in the Welsh College Championships as part of a team or as an individual. Play for Bridgend College with our Rugby, Football and Netball Academies.

WorldSkills

As a learner at Bridgend College, we will encourage you to develop and excel in your studies and provide opportunities for you to compete in regional and national Skills Competitions.

Annual Awards Ceremony

At the end of each year we celebrate the success and achievement of our learners. High achieving and inspirational individuals are recognised for their commitment and success.

Student Academic Representatives

StARs are Bridgend College learners who have been selected by their peers to represent them on each course. StARs help make sure that the voices of learners are heard and feed back any views or issues regarding courses and the college in general.

Ambassadors

Becoming a Bridgend College Ambassador is a fantastic way of getting involved in college life and giving something back. You’ll have great opportunities to support college wide events, including our Open Evenings, Freshers’ Fayre, Awards Evening and various fundraising events.

Totum Card

Who doesn’t love a discount? As a learner of Bridgend College, you’re eligible to apply for a Totum card and receive over 200 fantastic discounts for just £12 a year. These include:

40% off at Pizza Express on Mondays and Tuesdays	25% off at Odeon and Cineworld
35% off at Dominos Pizza	10% off at Jack Wills
10% off at ASOS.com	10% off at Topshop / Topman
10% off at the Co-op	Amazon Student Membership

Sign up online at nusextra.co.uk or with Learner Services at the College.

Learner Support

Here at Bridgend College we have a specialised team dedicated to support you through your studies.

Your course tutor, our team at Learner Services or our Wellbeing Officers are always on hand to answer your questions or point you in the right direction.

Learner Support Services

The Specialist Support department offers help and assistance to you if you have an Additional Need or a disability. Our staff are qualified in their specialised area to ensure that you receive a first class service.

Services include:

- Dyslexia Support
- Deaf Support and British Sign Language Interpreters/ Communication Support
- Sight Loss Service
- Assistive Technology Service
- Classroom Support

Day Nursery

Bridgend College Day Nursery, located at our Bridgend Campus, provides a happy, stimulating and safe environment for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.

The Nursery has previously been inspected by Estyn and graded 'Excellent'. Full time FE learners may be eligible for financial help towards childcare costs if your child attends our nursery. Visit Bridgendcollegedaynursery.co.uk

Learner Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing Team is here to support all learners studying at Bridgend College. Our dedicated team is on hand to listen to any concerns that you might have, whether it be regarding your course or a more personal matter.

Be your own boss

We embed enterprise activities in our curriculum and support projects as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualifications.

We're also able to assist you in a range of curricular and non-curricular activities and can support you with:

- Starting your own business/freelance
- Improving enterprise skills
- Initiatives such as fundraising

Swap Don't Drop

If you start a course at Bridgend College and decide it's not quite right for you, don't worry. You can swap in the first 4 weeks of your start date. You will need to speak to your tutor or Learner Services to find an alternative course.



We understand that many of our learners come from Welsh schools and homes so we ensure there are great opportunities to use Welsh whilst studying at the college. To develop any existing skills, contact us to discuss what’s available in Welsh, for example;

Studying part of your course in Welsh	Additional Welsh language qualifications
One to one tutorial support sessions	Work experience placements in Welsh

Bridgend College is compliant with the Welsh Language Standards, ensuring that all our resources and materials are bilingual and accessible. Visit bridgend.ac.uk/welshstandards

All learners in studying in colleges and universities in Wales have legal rights to use the Welsh language. The use of the Welsh language at Bridgend College is encouraged and promoted! You will have many opportunities to use your Welsh here with us.

To find out more about the standards and what your rights are as a learner visit comisiynyddygymraeg.cymru

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'Cyfleoedd'

(Our new careers hub is for our learners to seek employment)

Cyfleoedd translates to 'Opportunities', and its main purpose is for learners and employers to enhance careers education, promote work-related opportunities and enable talent pathways to business. Employment opportunities are advertised in the hub and are also available online for our learners.

'Cyfleoedd' builds upon our wider college mission statement, enabling our learners to 'be all that they can be' by preparing and supporting them to achieve, progress and gain meaningful paid career opportunities.

Partnership opportunities with local and national businesses enable us to expose learners to the world of work and ensure they are able to develop and build their personal brand within the open employment market. We are committed to supporting micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

There are a range of ways that businesses and employers can work with us including:

Advertising job vacancies
Providing site visits and tours to help learners gain insight into the world of work
Mentoring or coaching a learner or a group of learners
Sourcing an apprentice from the College



Apprenticeships

You could study an apprenticeship with Bridgend College while you are employed.

Studying for an apprenticeship is an ideal way for young people and adult learners to earn while they learn in a real job, gaining a real qualification and a real future.

As an apprentice you could study from a wide range of subject areas from;

- Plumbing
- Civil Engineering
- Equine
- Customer Service
- Veterinary Nursing

If you are employed and we have discussed your apprenticeship, you will have regular progress checks to ensure that your employer is supporting you and that you're progressing well.

As an apprentice you'll receive a regular wage with paid holidays and the same benefits as other employees within your organisation. Your pay will gradually increase as your skills develop and you could even benefit from additional money for essentials such as books, uniforms or equipment.

If you're still not sure whether the apprenticeship route would be right for you, why not come down to one of our open evenings and chat to a member of our team, or take a look at our case studies for a genuine insight into what it's like being an apprentice with Bridgend College.

7 reasons why you should study an apprenticeship with Bridgend College:

- 1 Earn while you learn
- 2 Improve skills needed for your chosen career
- 3 Gain a nationally recognised and respected qualification
- 4 There are over 40 Apprenticeship courses offered at Bridgend College
- 5 Gain qualifications from GCSE to Degree level
- 6 On the job training with work placements as well as classroom based support
- 7 Complete your studies while you work towards your career



We are officially the 2018 provider of choice for apprenticeship programs in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.




Sion Pennell, our Civil Engineering Level 3 Apprentice won the APSE Apprentice of the Year Award 2018.

Courses

Access to Higher Education
Agriculture & Countryside
Animal & Horse Care
Art, Design & Media
Building & Construction
Business & Accounting
Childhood Studies
Engineering & Vehicle Maintenance
Gardening & Landscaping
Hair, Beauty and Complementary Therapy
Health & Social Care
Hospitality & Travel
Independent Living Skills
IT & Computing
Music & Performing Arts
Public Services
Science
Skills
Sport





“ The access course covered a variety of subjects which are relevant to my chosen career path. The tutors were always on hand with advice and guidance, especially on future choices such as what Degree courses were available. My tutors and skills coach had such an important role in my study - I would recommend anyone to utilise the skills coaches as much as possible. I am now studying a Foundation Degree at the college's higher education provision. This was my first choice, as I have a young family, and the courses work around my home life. ”

Tracey
Access to Higher Education Social Care

Access
to Higher
Education

If you want to study for a degree, but don't have the entry qualifications, studying an Access to HE course is a great way to get you back into studying and ready for the next step in your learning journey.

The Access to Higher Education Diploma is a UK qualification which prepares you for study as an undergraduate at university. The diploma is designed for those who may have achieved few, if any, prior qualifications and wish to attend university as a career change.

What would you like to be?	
Nurse	Work in research and development
Health Care Worker	Social Worker
Forensic Scientist	Midwife
Designer	Web and App Designer
Film Editor	Animation

Courses available/typical modules

Biosciences

Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Psychology, Geography/ Environmental Science, Biology and Maths.

Health Care

Health Studies, Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology and Sociology.

Humanities & Social Sciences

Cultural Studies, English Language, Psychology, History, Politics and Media Studies.

Social Care

Social Work, Social Policy, Health Studies and Psychology.

Skills for Further Study (Pre Access for Access to HE Health / Care)

Safeguarding and Counselling, Sociology, Health Studies, English and Psychology.

Creative and Digital Media

2D, Graphic Design, Camera, Microphone techniques. Shooting videos, Illustration, Web design.



Agriculture and Countryside

“ The Level 3 Wildlife and Countryside course helped to develop my practical and academic work regarding managing the countryside. The enthusiastic lecturers helped me to understand the complex species interrelationships that are on our doorstep. Field trips to areas such as the Brecon Beacons, Snowdonia and the superb Welsh coastline helped to reinforce my determination to protect Welsh wildlife and the landscape. Having finished the course, I have been able to secure a job with the Wildlife Trust and am applying the skills I gained at college to my working life. ”

Millie
Level 3 learner

Have you ever thought about working for the environmental sector?

We offer courses that include habitat management for wildlife and countryside skills. Our courses start from level 1 Land Based Studies through to Higher Education courses in Environmental Conservation Management.

Located at our Pencoed campus, we offer excellent on site facilities including, conservation areas, a woodworking shop and agricultural facilities where you can gain hands on experience with a variety of animals and habitats.

The courses include trips to the Heritage Coast, Brecon Beacons, Gower and numerous nature reserves in South Wales.

What would you like to be?	
Countryside Ranger	Education Officer
Public Rights of Way officer	Conservationist
Ecologist / Surveyor	Wildlife Project Officer
Farm manager	Stockperson
Farm nutritionist	

Courses available/typical modules

Landbased Studies Level 1 Diploma
Looking after livestock, fencing, footpath maintenance and keeping healthy animals.

Farm Animal & Countryside Skills Level 2 Diploma
Practical conservation skills, maintain animal health and welfare, British wildlife species and rehabilitation and work experience.

Wildlife & Countryside (Countryside Management) Level 3 90 Credit Diploma
Ecological surveys, practical conservation skills, woodland habitat management, environmental interpretation and coastal management.

Agriculture Level 2 Diploma
Estate maintenance, grassland management, farm livestock and work experience.

Agriculture Level 3 Extended Diploma
Beef and sheep production, plant and soil science, breeding and nutrition, farm business management and farm mechanisation.

Did you know?
Countryside Management lecturer, Lyn Evans, has won the Tutor of the Year Medal of Excellence award from City and Guilds.

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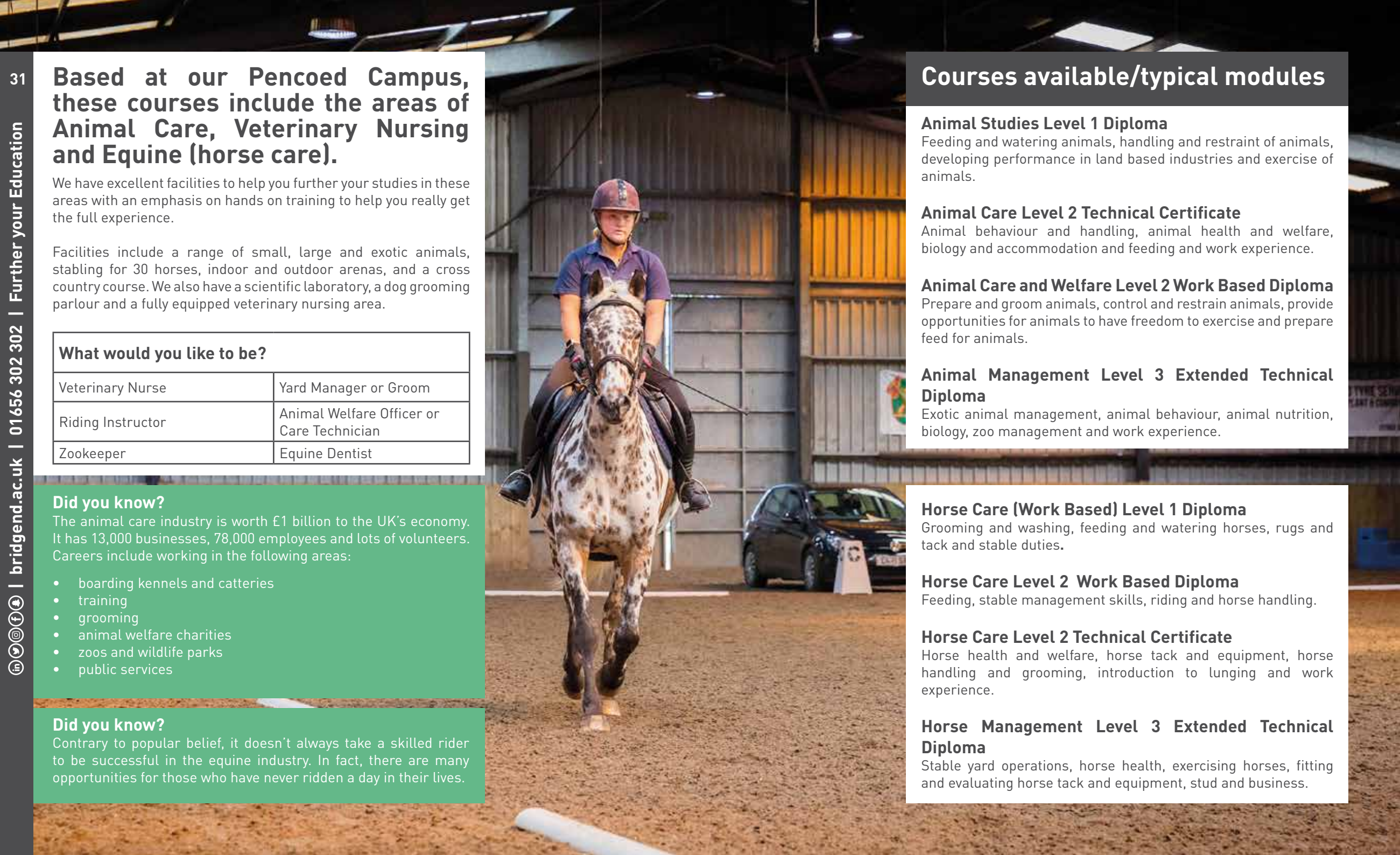
Lucy
Animal Management Level 3

“ I enjoy the practical element of the course, being able to be hands on with the horses. I would recommend Bridgend College because there is such a good atmosphere and really engaging lessons. ”

Bethany
Horse Management Level 3 learner

Animal and Horse Care





Based at our Pencoed Campus, these courses include the areas of **Animal Care, Veterinary Nursing and Equine (horse care).**

We have excellent facilities to help you further your studies in these areas with an emphasis on hands on training to help you really get the full experience.

Facilities include a range of small, large and exotic animals, stabling for 30 horses, indoor and outdoor arenas, and a cross country course. We also have a scientific laboratory, a dog grooming parlour and a fully equipped veterinary nursing area.

What would you like to be?	
Veterinary Nurse	Yard Manager or Groom
Riding Instructor	Animal Welfare Officer or Care Technician
Zookeeper	Equine Dentist

Did you know?

The animal care industry is worth £1 billion to the UK's economy. It has 13,000 businesses, 78,000 employees and lots of volunteers. Careers include working in the following areas:

- boarding kennels and catteries
- training
- grooming
- animal welfare charities
- zoos and wildlife parks
- public services

Did you know?

Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't always take a skilled rider to be successful in the equine industry. In fact, there are many opportunities for those who have never ridden a day in their lives.

Courses available/typical modules

Animal Studies Level 1 Diploma
Feeding and watering animals, handling and restraint of animals, developing performance in land based industries and exercise of animals.

Animal Care Level 2 Technical Certificate
Animal behaviour and handling, animal health and welfare, biology and accommodation and feeding and work experience.

Animal Care and Welfare Level 2 Work Based Diploma
Prepare and groom animals, control and restrain animals, provide opportunities for animals to have freedom to exercise and prepare feed for animals.

Animal Management Level 3 Extended Technical Diploma
Exotic animal management, animal behaviour, animal nutrition, biology, zoo management and work experience.

Horse Care (Work Based) Level 1 Diploma
Grooming and washing, feeding and watering horses, rugs and tack and stable duties.

Horse Care Level 2 Work Based Diploma
Feeding, stable management skills, riding and horse handling.

Horse Care Level 2 Technical Certificate
Horse health and welfare, horse tack and equipment, horse handling and grooming, introduction to lunging and work experience.

Horse Management Level 3 Extended Technical Diploma
Stable yard operations, horse health, exercising horses, fitting and evaluating horse tack and equipment, stud and business.



Art, Design and Media

“ I came to the College to study Creative and Interactive Media. I am now on the Foundation Degree Graphic Communication course. I wouldn't have got there if it hadn't been for the support of tutors at the College who motivated me and made college really enjoyable. ”

Tomas

Foundation Degree Graphic Communication Learner

If you love being creative then an art, design or creative media course is for you.

Covering a wide range of disciplines, with areas including Interactive Media, Photography, Ceramics, Fashion and Textiles and Fine Art, you will benefit from industry-standard resources at our campuses in Bridgend and Maesteg. There is also a chance to showcase your work to family, friends and the general public at our annual Art, Design and Media exhibition.

Additionally, you could study creative media modules such as digital design, film editing, scriptwriting and photography.

What would you like to be?	
Fashion Designer	Photographer
Illustrator	Film Editor
Radio Producer	Game Designer

Courses available/typical modules

- Fashion & Textiles Level 3 Diploma**
Life drawing, fashion design, machine sewing and garment construction.
- Art & Design Level 2 Diploma**
Fine art, ceramics, printmaking and photography.
- Art & Design Level 3 Diploma**
Fine art drawing and painting, 3D design, graphics, fashion and textiles.

Courses available/typical modules

- Creative Media Level 1 (Maesteg Campus)**
Film editing, Photoshop, photography and sound recording.
- Humanities & Social Sciences Access to HE Diploma**
Cultural Studies, Literature, Media Studies, Psychology, oral presentations and communication skills.
- Creative and Digital Media Level 3 Access to HE Diploma**
2D graphic design, computer illustration, web and app design, camera techniques, studio lighting and storyboarding.
- Mixed Media Level 2 Diploma**
Digital art, graphics, photography and 3D.
- Film & Creative Media Level 2 Diploma**
Camera work, publishing, scriptwriting and video editing.
- Film & Creative Media Level 3 Diploma**
Music video production, digital graphics for print, animation, film and video editing.
- Photography Level 3 Diploma**
Dark room practice, digital image editing, studio techniques and computers in art and design.
- Digital Arts (Animation & Graphic Design) Level 3 Diploma**
Website design, visual communication, image manipulation and video and audio production.

Did you know? We have industry-standard facilities including purpose built studios, workshops and recording suites.



Adam Griffiths, a Higher Apprentice at Bridgend College was shortlisted for Learner of the Year at the Vocational Qualifications Awards in 2018.

Since attending the College, he has achieved many separate qualifications including Essential Skills Wales courses, a Level 3 Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment and an Apprenticeship Level 3 in Civil Engineering for Technicians.

Adam Griffiths,
Apprenticeship in Construction



Building and Construction



Our Building and Construction department offers programmes designed for you to develop a trade such as Brickwork, Carpentry, Plumbing, Painting and Decorating.

You can also gain the necessary skills and knowledge to enter a profession such as Architecture, Surveying or Civil Engineering.

These courses are run at our state of the art Construction Academy on Pencoed Campus. You will gain an appreciation of how all the craft areas work together to build efficient and safe buildings.

What would you like to be?	
Carpenter & Joiner	Bricklayer
Plumber	Planning Officer
Surveyor	Civil Engineer

Courses available/typical modules

- Bricklaying Diploma Level 1**
Bricklaying skills, health and safety in the construction industry, communicating effectively in construction trades and bricklaying preparation.
- Bricklaying Diploma Level 2**
Developing skills to construct solid walls, cavity walls and decorative patterns in bonding brickwork.
- Carpentry & Joinery Diploma Level 1**
Development of skills and knowledge for entering the industry.
- Site Carpentry Diploma Level 2**
Developing skills to construct 1st and 2nd fix carpentry like fitting a trussed roof, hang doors and fit basic kitchens.

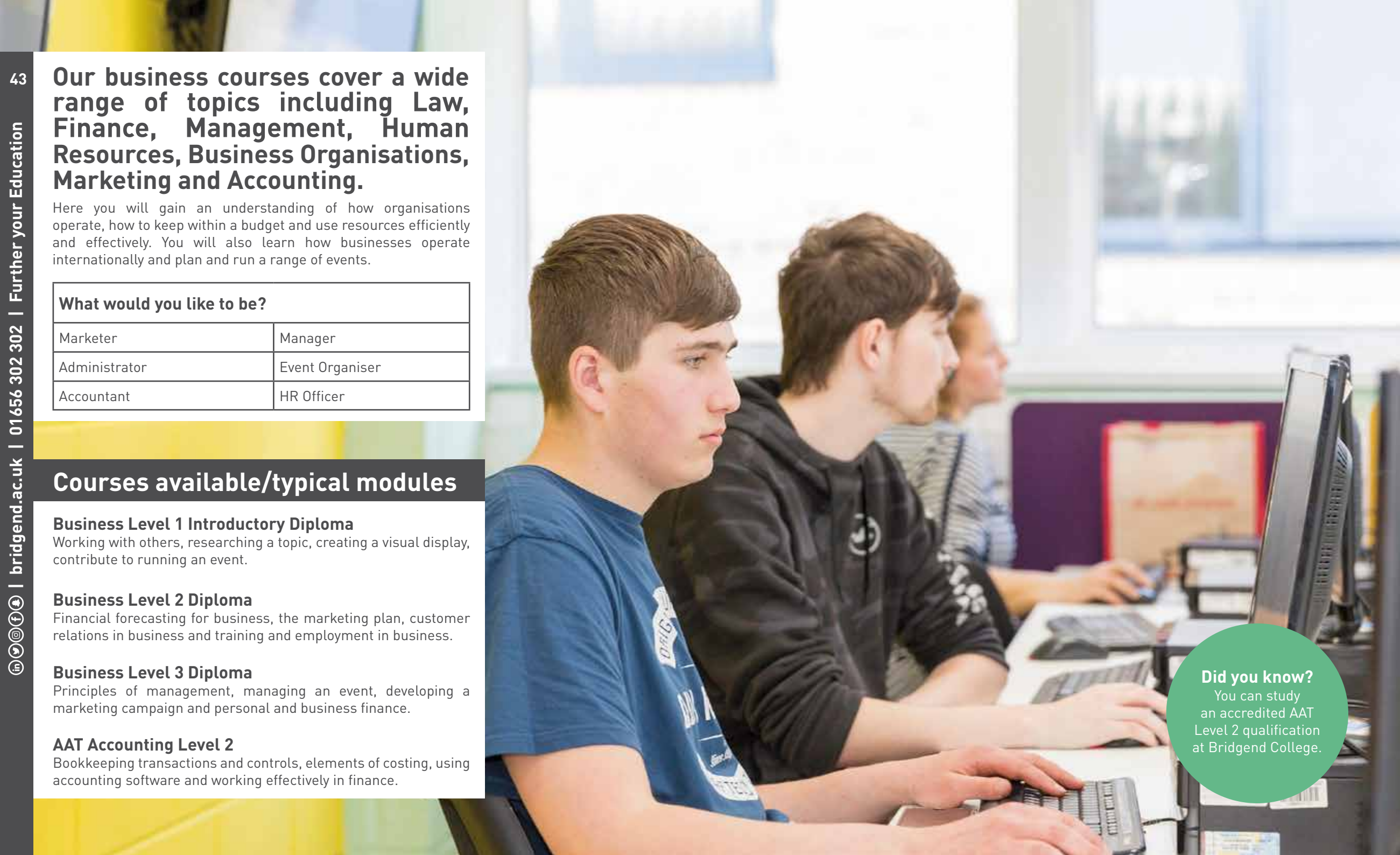
- Bench Joinery Diploma Level 2**
Set up and operate a circular saw, produce setting out details for bench joinery products, mark out from setting out products and manufacture products.
- Wood Machining Level 2**
Setting and operating machines for sawing, planing, jointing and profiling.
- Construction & Civil Engineering Level 1 / 2**
Construction operations, construction science, built environment and the community and construction applications.
- Construction Skills Level 1 Diploma**
Painting and decorating, wall and floor tiling, plumbing and bricklaying.
- Construction & Civil Engineering Level 3**
Sustainable construction, graphical detailing, construction technology and design and health, safety and welfare in construction and the built environment.
- Construction Skills Entry Level 3**
Develop skills in painting and decorating, wall and floor tiling, plumbing and bricklaying.
- Painting & Decorating Level 1 Diploma**
Development of skills and knowledge for entering the industry.
- Painting & Decorating Level 2 Diploma**
Development of skills and knowledge for entering the industry.
- Painting & Decorating Level 3 Diploma**
Apply wall hangings to complex surfaces, produce specialist finishes for decorative work and apply waterborne paint systems.
- Plumbing Diploma Level 1**
Gain first level skills in plumbing within a realistic training workshop.
- Plumbing Diploma Level 2**
A wide range of domestic plumbing including hot and cold water installations, central heating and drainage systems, leaky pipes and water systems.

Business and Accounting

“ After completing my third year in Business studies, I went on to complete a 6 week internship with Royal Caribbean. After finishing the internship programme, the company has offered me an employment opportunity, on completion of the Degree which I am currently studying in Bridgend College

Hannah
BA Business Studies

Did you know, a HE learner in the business department achieved the highest grade throughout all of the universities in the UK in 2017.



Our business courses cover a wide range of topics including Law, Finance, Management, Human Resources, Business Organisations, Marketing and Accounting.

Here you will gain an understanding of how organisations operate, how to keep within a budget and use resources efficiently and effectively. You will also learn how businesses operate internationally and plan and run a range of events.

What would you like to be?	
Marketer	Manager
Administrator	Event Organiser
Accountant	HR Officer

Courses available/typical modules

Business Level 1 Introductory Diploma

Working with others, researching a topic, creating a visual display, contribute to running an event.

Business Level 2 Diploma

Financial forecasting for business, the marketing plan, customer relations in business and training and employment in business.

Business Level 3 Diploma

Principles of management, managing an event, developing a marketing campaign and personal and business finance.

AAT Accounting Level 2

Bookkeeping transactions and controls, elements of costing, using accounting software and working effectively in finance.

Did you know?
You can study an accredited AAT Level 2 qualification at Bridgend College.

“ My course is very enjoyable, perfect as a stepping stone to becoming a teacher. I would highly recommend to anyone. It furthers your confidence in practice and provides a variety of opportunities when working with children. All tutors are a great support network, very understanding and only want the best for everyone they teach. ”

Samantha
Childhood Studies learner

Childhood
Studies



Our wide range of Childhood Studies courses will ensure you gain professional qualifications accredited by the industry.

You will benefit from highly qualified and industry experienced staff alongside work placement opportunities and practical activities relevant to your individual course.

The department has unique and exciting facilities such as our 'Forest School' teaching area and the College's own Day Nursery, where you will experience cutting edge industry practice and be involved in a range of practical hands on activities.

What would you like to be?	
Learning Support Assistant / Officer	Nursery Nurse, Private Nanny, Play Therapist, Day Nursery Manager
Community Worker, Play Worker, Family Support Worker	Early Years Teacher, Primary School Teacher

Courses available/typical modules

Vocational Studies Childcare Level 1
Protection and safeguarding, human growth and development, physical care of babies and young children and promoting healthy eating.

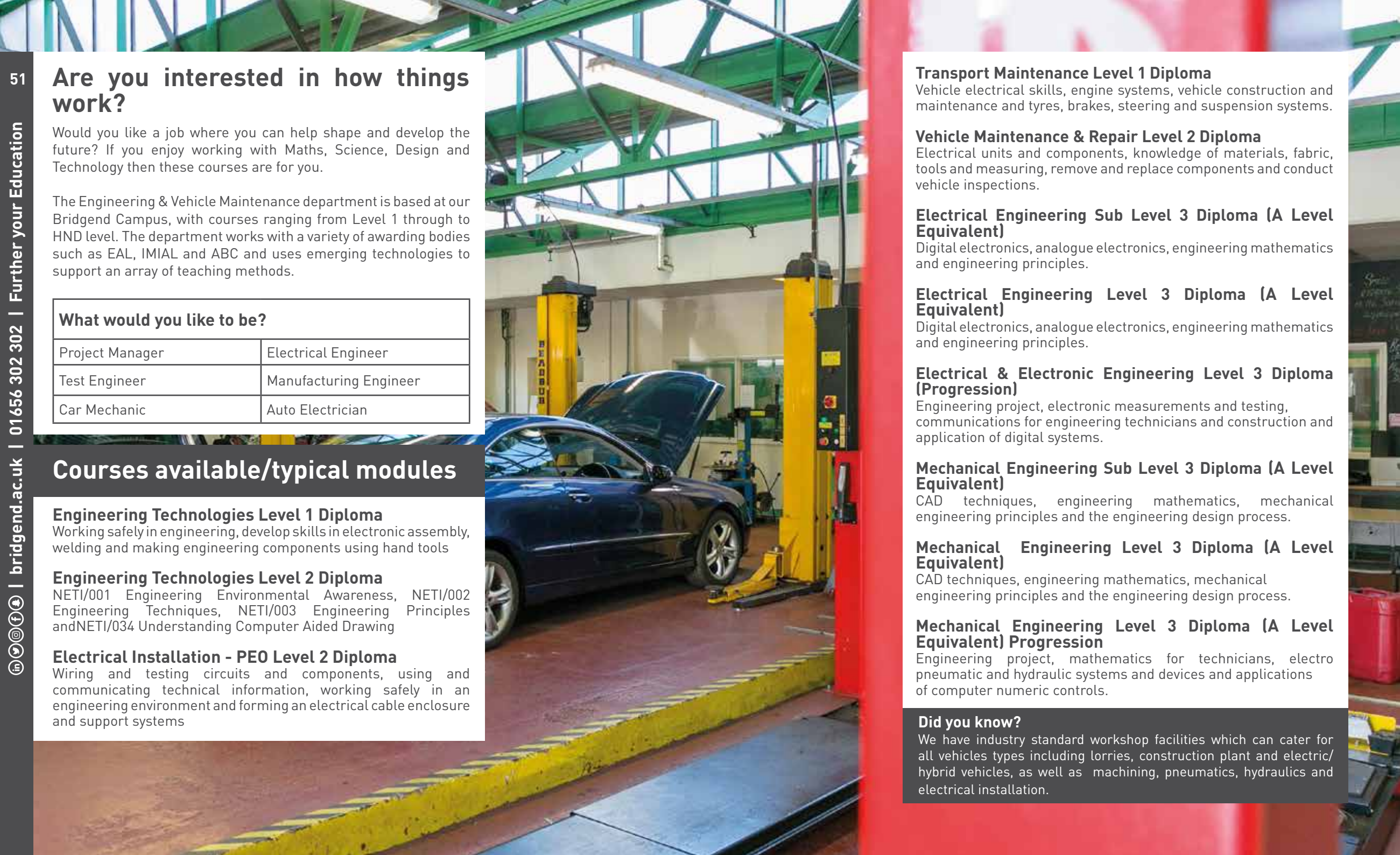
Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development Level 2 Diploma
Safeguarding, health, wellbeing, learning and development and professional practice.

Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development Level 3 Diploma
Safeguarding children, child development, speech, language and communication, health, wellbeing, learning and development and professional practice.

Engineering and Vehicle Maintenance

“ This course gives me a fantastic sense of achievement, although I am doing something not traditionally involving women, it's what I love doing. I have support from all of my tutors. It has been an amazing experience! ”

Elizabeth
Vehicle Maintenance learner



Are you interested in how things work?

Would you like a job where you can help shape and develop the future? If you enjoy working with Maths, Science, Design and Technology then these courses are for you.

The Engineering & Vehicle Maintenance department is based at our Bridgend Campus, with courses ranging from Level 1 through to HND level. The department works with a variety of awarding bodies such as EAL, IMIAL and ABC and uses emerging technologies to support an array of teaching methods.

What would you like to be?	
Project Manager	Electrical Engineer
Test Engineer	Manufacturing Engineer
Car Mechanic	Auto Electrician

Courses available/typical modules

- Engineering Technologies Level 1 Diploma**
Working safely in engineering, develop skills in electronic assembly, welding and making engineering components using hand tools
- Engineering Technologies Level 2 Diploma**
NETI/001 Engineering Environmental Awareness, NETI/002 Engineering Techniques, NETI/003 Engineering Principles and NETI/034 Understanding Computer Aided Drawing
- Electrical Installation - PEO Level 2 Diploma**
Wiring and testing circuits and components, using and communicating technical information, working safely in an engineering environment and forming an electrical cable enclosure and support systems

- Transport Maintenance Level 1 Diploma**
Vehicle electrical skills, engine systems, vehicle construction and maintenance and tyres, brakes, steering and suspension systems.
- Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Level 2 Diploma**
Electrical units and components, knowledge of materials, fabric, tools and measuring, remove and replace components and conduct vehicle inspections.
- Electrical Engineering Sub Level 3 Diploma (A Level Equivalent)**
Digital electronics, analogue electronics, engineering mathematics and engineering principles.
- Electrical Engineering Level 3 Diploma (A Level Equivalent)**
Digital electronics, analogue electronics, engineering mathematics and engineering principles.
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering Level 3 Diploma (Progression)**
Engineering project, electronic measurements and testing, communications for engineering technicians and construction and application of digital systems.
- Mechanical Engineering Sub Level 3 Diploma (A Level Equivalent)**
CAD techniques, engineering mathematics, mechanical engineering principles and the engineering design process.
- Mechanical Engineering Level 3 Diploma (A Level Equivalent)**
CAD techniques, engineering mathematics, mechanical engineering principles and the engineering design process.
- Mechanical Engineering Level 3 Diploma (A Level Equivalent) Progression**
Engineering project, mathematics for technicians, electro pneumatic and hydraulic systems and devices and applications of computer numeric controls.

Did you know?
We have industry standard workshop facilities which can cater for all vehicles types including lorries, construction plant and electric/hybrid vehicles, as well as machining, pneumatics, hydraulics and electrical installation.

“ I have had the best experience at Bridgend College. I have come so far in my studies due to the support and help from my lectures. I now work at the college as an animal care assistant.”

Hannah
Horticulture Learner

**Gardening and
Landscaping**



A qualification in horticulture and landscaping can open the door to careers all over the world.

We are here to help you grow and develop your gardening and landscaping skills, with courses that focus on teaching practical skills in working environments. We have excellent tutors who are experts in the industry, passionate about plants and devoted to your education and development.

Horticulture careers are rewarding and varied, and as part of your course you will visit many organisations to see first-hand what types of businesses might employ you in the future. Our learners get involved in the design and build of show gardens, and take part in horticultural projects within the campus grounds and in the community.

What would you like to be?	
Gardener	Landscape Designer
Plant scientist	Grounds-person
Fruit and vegetable grower	Tree Surgeon

Courses available/typical modules

Land-based Studies Level 1 Diploma
Looking after livestock, fencing and footpath maintenance.

Horticulture Level 2 Diploma
Plant and Soil Science, work related, experience, principles of landbased machinery, establish and maintain plants outdoors, introduction to plant nomenclature and identification, construct landscape foundations and construct garden walls.

Horticulture Landscape Construction Level 2 Diploma
Garden walls and fences, turf, soil science and establishing plants outdoors.

Horticulture Level 3 Diploma
Principles of health and safety, undertake and review work related experience in the land based industries, identification, selection and planting of plants, maintain, turf in parks and gardens, landbased industry machinery operations, principles of plant health and protection, plant and soil science, tree and shrub maintenance, and undertake estate skills.

Did you know?

Our Horticulture department regularly showcases projects at local and national events and deservedly won the Bronze medal at the RHS Flower Show in 2018.

Hair, Beauty and Complementary Therapy

“ I previously completed a Level 3 qualification in Performing Arts Musical Theatre and decided that I wanted to do further work in the film and theatre industry as a make-up artist, so I enrolled onto a Theatrical Make-up course to enhance my skills.

I approached the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to seek work experience and was fortunate enough to work backstage at the theatre over 4 days. This gave me the opportunity to put my skills into use and I worked alongside other professionals where I picked up many industry tips. ”

Cerys
Level 3 Theatrical and Special Effects Hair and Media Make-up

The department of Hair, Beauty and Complementary Therapy is based at our Bridgend Campus.

These courses enable you to experience hands-on theoretical and practical knowledge within our on-site salon, 'InTuition'. We have highly qualified and specialised lecturers who are active practitioners within their field of expertise.

As a learner you will train and provide course specific treatments which can range from hairdressing, beauty, complementary therapies, theatrical and media hair and make-up.

You will also benefit from work placement within hair salons, spas, salons, hospices, hospitals, film and TV sets. This can often lead to part-time or full-time employment within the industry.

What would you like to be?	
Nail Technician	Hair Stylist
Barber	Massage Specialist
Spa Manager	Beauty Therapist

Courses available/typical modules

Beauty Therapy Level 1 Diploma

Skin care, salon reception duties, basic make-up application and the art of photographic make-up.

Beauty Therapy Level 2 Diploma

Nail care, lash and brow, threading and nail art and the application of make-up.

Beauty Therapy Level 3 Diploma

Body and stone massage, nail enhancements, microdermabrasion and electrical therapy for face and body.

Theatrical Special Effects and Hair & Media Make-Up Level 3 Diploma

Airbrush make-up for the face, camouflage make-up, cast and apply prosthetic pieces and bald caps and media make-up.

Hairdressing NVQ Level 2 Diploma

Shampoo, condition and treat hair and scalp, cut hair using basic techniques, advise and consult with clients and colour, style and finish hair.

Hairdressing Level 2 Diploma

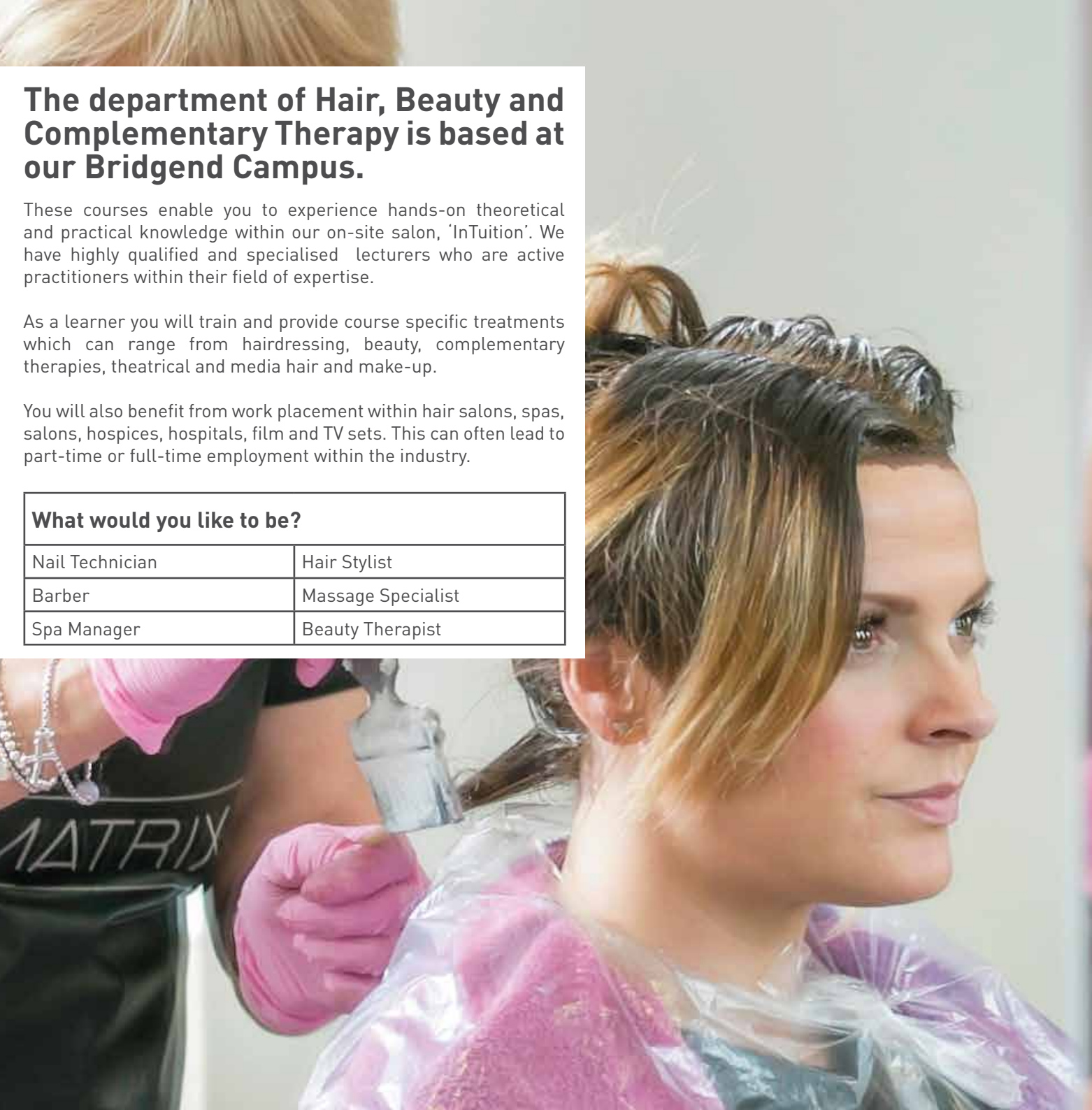
Colouring and lightening hair, cutting women's hair, perming and neutralising hair and the art of dressing hair.

Hairdressing NVQ Level 3 Diploma (A level equivalent)

Creatively style and dress hair, cut hair using a combination of techniques, provide client consultation services, colour and lighten hair, create a variety of perm effects and hair colour correction services.

Barbering NVQ Level 2 Diploma

Advise and consult with clients, cut men's hair using basic techniques, shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp.



“ I came back to college after having my daughter. I have finished my course and feel I can accomplish anything. The support here has been amazing. ”

Alisha
Level 1 Health and Social Learner

**Health and
Social Care**



With the wide range of courses, you will be prepared for a career within Health and Social Care or for further study within the sector.

You will benefit from highly qualified and industry experienced staff alongside work placement opportunities and practical activities relevant to your individual course.

What would you like to be?	
Nurse / Youth worker / Social Care worker / Midwife / Paramedic	Health Care Worker / Activities co-ordinator / Work within a voluntary organisation
Social Worker / Occupational therapist	Counsellor / Community Worker

Courses available/typical modules

Vocational Studies Health and Social Care Level 1

Importance of leisure and social activities, protection and safeguarding adults and children, human growth and development and promoting healthy eating.

Access to HE Social Care

Social work, social policy, psychology, health studies and communication/study skills.

Access to HE Health Care

Anatomy and physiology, psychology, sociology, health studies and communication/study skills.

Skills for Further Study (Pre-access) Level 2 Diploma

Psychology, sociology, health studies, safeguarding and counselling.

Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma

Individual needs in health and social care, communication, human lifespan and the impact of diet on health.

Health & Social Care - Health Pathway Level 3 Diploma

Sociological and psychological perspectives, dementia, caring for children and young people and complementary therapies.

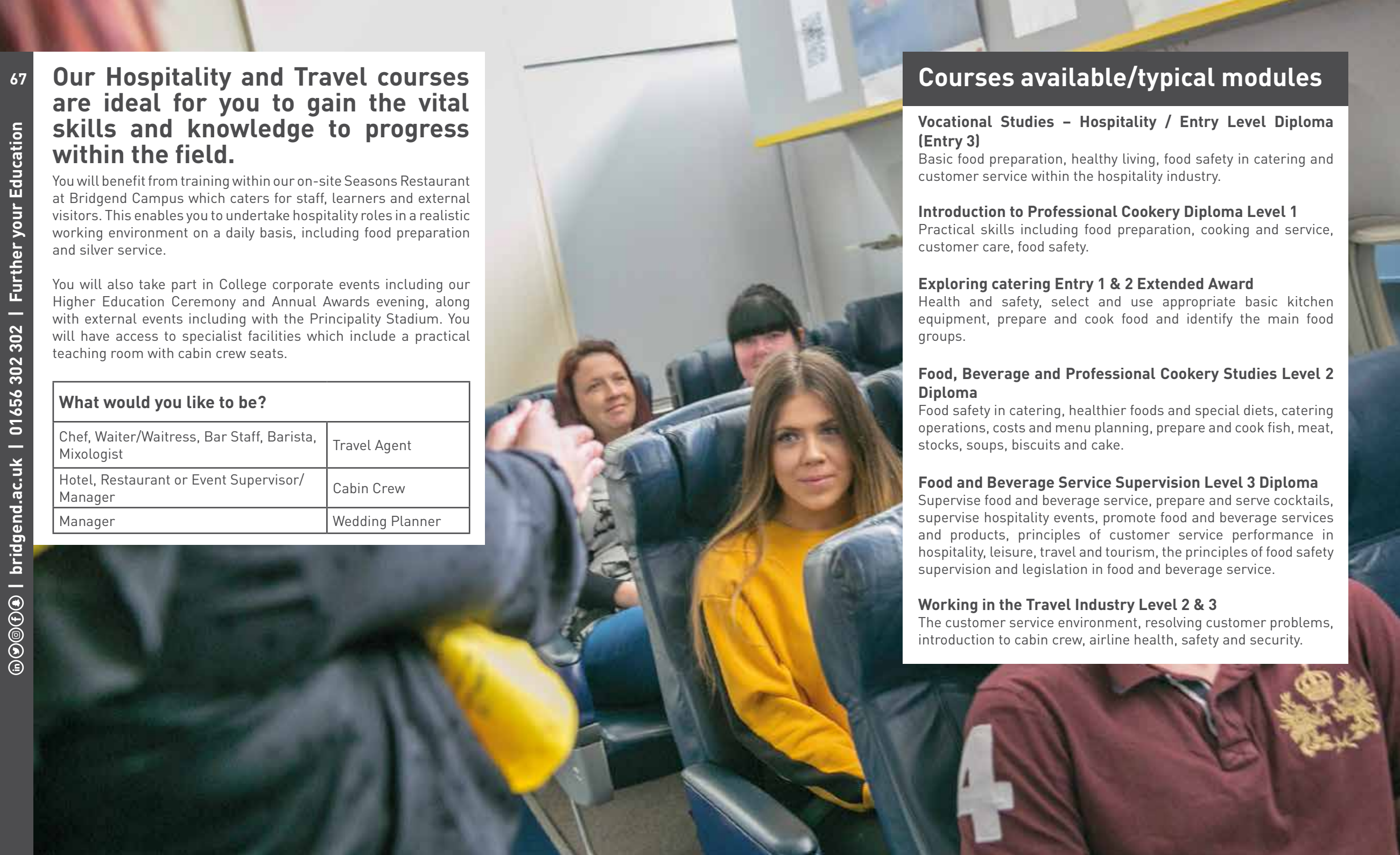
Health & Social Care - Care Pathway Level 3 Diploma

Developing effective communication, values and planning, sociological and psychological perspectives and equality, diversity and rights.

Hospitality and Travel



Alys Pritchard won Silver in the Advanced Restaurant Service Skills Competition Wales and has now entered into the Welsh International Culinary Championships.



Our Hospitality and Travel courses are ideal for you to gain the vital skills and knowledge to progress within the field.

You will benefit from training within our on-site Seasons Restaurant at Bridgend Campus which caters for staff, learners and external visitors. This enables you to undertake hospitality roles in a realistic working environment on a daily basis, including food preparation and silver service.

You will also take part in College corporate events including our Higher Education Ceremony and Annual Awards evening, along with external events including with the Principality Stadium. You will have access to specialist facilities which include a practical teaching room with cabin crew seats.

What would you like to be?	
Chef, Waiter/Waitress, Bar Staff, Barista, Mixologist	Travel Agent
Hotel, Restaurant or Event Supervisor/Manager	Cabin Crew
Manager	Wedding Planner

Courses available/typical modules

Vocational Studies – Hospitality / Entry Level Diploma (Entry 3)

Basic food preparation, healthy living, food safety in catering and customer service within the hospitality industry.

Introduction to Professional Cookery Diploma Level 1

Practical skills including food preparation, cooking and service, customer care, food safety.

Exploring catering Entry 1 & 2 Extended Award

Health and safety, select and use appropriate basic kitchen equipment, prepare and cook food and identify the main food groups.

Food, Beverage and Professional Cookery Studies Level 2 Diploma

Food safety in catering, healthier foods and special diets, catering operations, costs and menu planning, prepare and cook fish, meat, stocks, soups, biscuits and cake.

Food and Beverage Service Supervision Level 3 Diploma

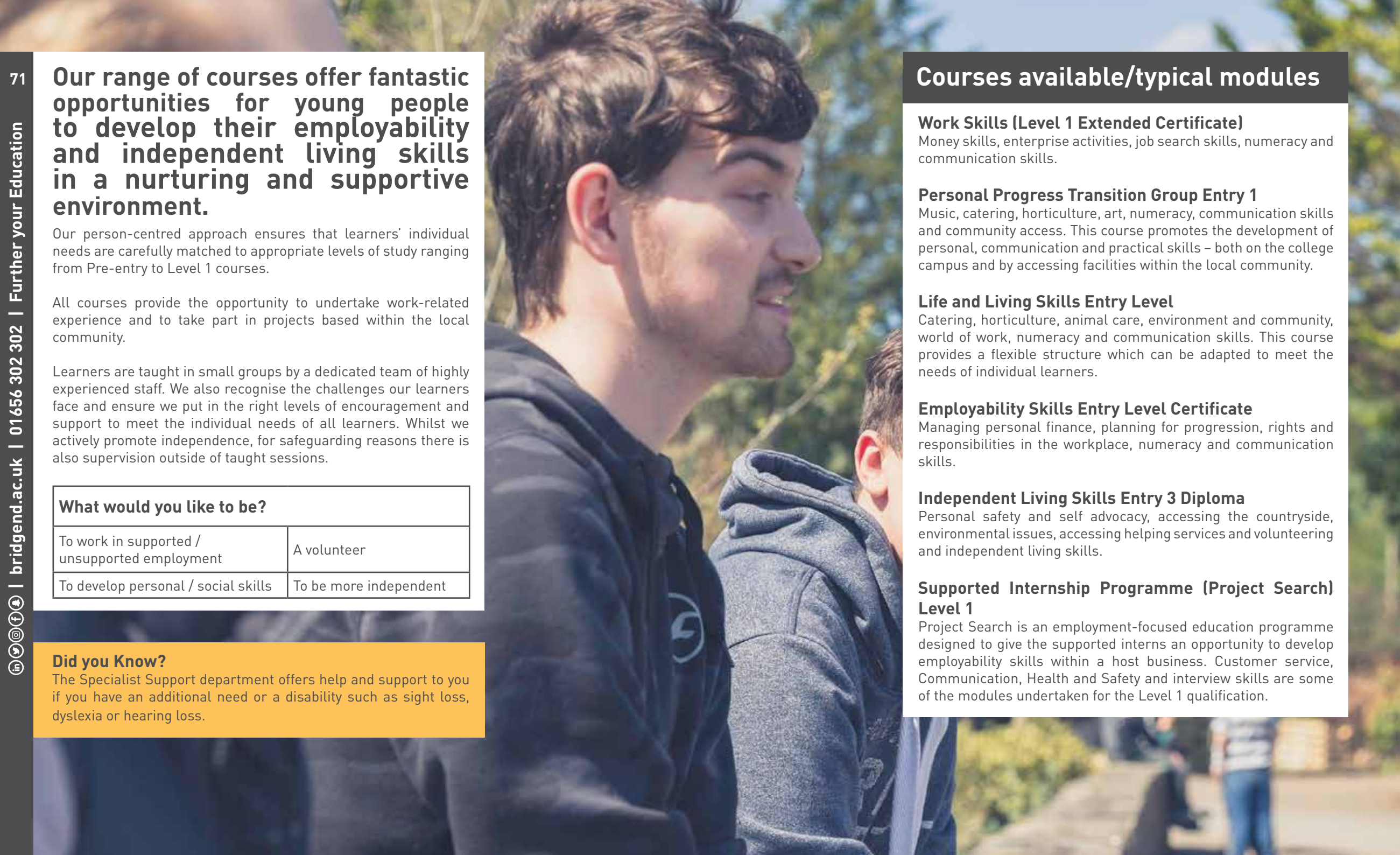
Supervise food and beverage service, prepare and serve cocktails, supervise hospitality events, promote food and beverage services and products, principles of customer service performance in hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism, the principles of food safety supervision and legislation in food and beverage service.

Working in the Travel Industry Level 2 & 3

The customer service environment, resolving customer problems, introduction to cabin crew, airline health, safety and security.

Through working with organisations such as Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU), Engage to change, Elite and Project SEARCH, we have set up a supported internship programme at the Princess of Wales hospital for our learners to get experience in real life employment.

**Independent
Living Skills**



Our range of courses offer fantastic opportunities for young people to develop their employability and independent living skills in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Our person-centred approach ensures that learners’ individual needs are carefully matched to appropriate levels of study ranging from Pre-entry to Level 1 courses.

All courses provide the opportunity to undertake work-related experience and to take part in projects based within the local community.

Learners are taught in small groups by a dedicated team of highly experienced staff. We also recognise the challenges our learners face and ensure we put in the right levels of encouragement and support to meet the individual needs of all learners. Whilst we actively promote independence, for safeguarding reasons there is also supervision outside of taught sessions.

What would you like to be?	
To work in supported / unsupported employment	A volunteer
To develop personal / social skills	To be more independent

Did you Know?

The Specialist Support department offers help and support to you if you have an additional need or a disability such as sight loss, dyslexia or hearing loss.

Courses available/typical modules

Work Skills (Level 1 Extended Certificate)

Money skills, enterprise activities, job search skills, numeracy and communication skills.

Personal Progress Transition Group Entry 1

Music, catering, horticulture, art, numeracy, communication skills and community access. This course promotes the development of personal, communication and practical skills – both on the college campus and by accessing facilities within the local community.

Life and Living Skills Entry Level

Catering, horticulture, animal care, environment and community, world of work, numeracy and communication skills. This course provides a flexible structure which can be adapted to meet the needs of individual learners.

Employability Skills Entry Level Certificate

Managing personal finance, planning for progression, rights and responsibilities in the workplace, numeracy and communication skills.

Independent Living Skills Entry 3 Diploma

Personal safety and self advocacy, accessing the countryside, environmental issues, accessing helping services and volunteering and independent living skills.

Supported Internship Programme (Project Search) Level 1

Project Search is an employment-focused education programme designed to give the supported interns an opportunity to develop employability skills within a host business. Customer service, Communication, Health and Safety and interview skills are some of the modules undertaken for the Level 1 qualification.

IT and Computing

“ Since I have been studying at the college my IT skills have continuously improved throughout my course I had the highest mark in the department on a recent exam which has now given me the confidence to progress onto further levels. Studying here has now given me the confidence and drive to get the best career I can. ”

Jake
Level 2 IT

Have you thought about working in software development or programming?

Our IT courses are designed to prepare you for employment within the world of work and you will benefit from placements with local companies as part of your course. You will look at how IT systems are used in the real world and develop skills across a range of elements such as systems analysis, software development, web application, systems architecture and programming.

Previous educational visits include the BBC Studios, Disneyland Paris, Sony and Chelsea Football Club. Champions from industries are also invited in to share their experiences and knowledge with you.

What would you like to be?	
Games Developer	Programmer
Software Developer	IT Maintenance Officer

Courses available/typical modules

Information Technology Level 1 Introductory Diploma

Using digital technologies, solving technical IT problems, working with others, creating a website and developing a computer programme.

Information and Creative Technology (ICT) Level 2 Extended Certificate

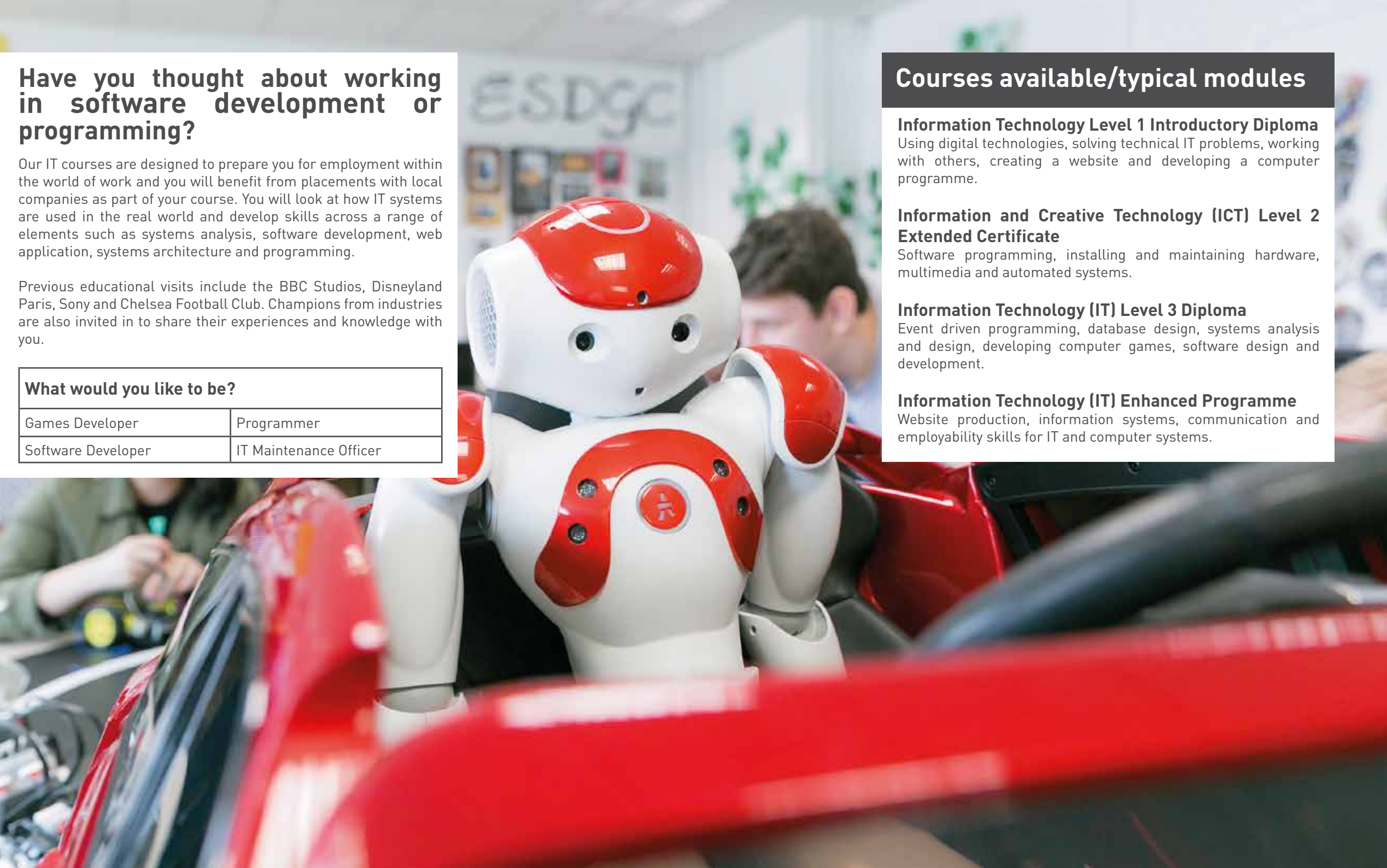
Software programming, installing and maintaining hardware, multimedia and automated systems.

Information Technology (IT) Level 3 Diploma

Event driven programming, database design, systems analysis and design, developing computer games, software design and development.

Information Technology (IT) Enhanced Programme

Website production, information systems, communication and employability skills for IT and computer systems.



Did you know?

Former learner Daniel was successful in earning the prestigious Cameron Mackintosh Foundation Scholarship, which is only available in England and Wales. After completing his course here at the college, he went on to study his Master's Degree in Musical Theatre at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Many of our learners are accepted into prestigious theatre and performing arts colleges around the UK.

Music and Performing Arts

If you want to build your skills in acting, singing and dancing then these courses are for you!

You will develop your skills in purpose-built facilities including a theatre, dance and music studios along with music technology suites. These are designed to make your learning environment as realistic as possible in preparation for a career within the Music and Performing Arts industries.

You will be involved in a wide range of performances throughout the academic year ranging from sold out Christmas pantomimes to musicals, plays and showcase performances during corporate events such as the College's Annual Awards Ceremony and Graduation.

What would you like to be?	
Actor / Actress	Lighting Technician
Music Producer	Theatre Producer
Dancer	Set and Costume Designer

Courses available/typical modules

- Music Practitioners Level 2**
Music rehearsal styles, music theory, instrumental studies.
- Music Practitioners Level 3**
Live music performance, studio recording, music sequencing, songwriting techniques.
- Performing Arts Level 2 Diploma**
Develop skills in acting, singing and dancing and be involved in projects externally as well as within the College.
- Performing Arts Level 3 Diploma**
Performance workshops, singing for actors, performing to an audience and developing physical theatre.
- Backstage Production – Film / Music / Theatre Production Arts / Extended Level 3 Diploma**
Sound and lighting operations, set construction, special effects and historical issues in contemporary and historical issues in performance.
- Acting or Musical Theatre – Foundation Gap Year Level 3**
Performing to an audience, singing for actors, developing physical theatre and performance workshops.



Public Services

“ Right from the start of the course, we were working on team building, effective communication and problem-solving. I not only gained a real insight into the world of uniformed public services but I also gained the skills to be ready for my interview for the South Wales Police force.

The leadership qualities that I developed during my time at Bridgend College have definitely given me a head start in both the selection process and now working with my fellow Police recruits. ”

Rhys
Public Services



Have you thought about a career in the police, armed forces, ambulance, fire or rescue services?

Based at our Pencoed campus, our public services team aims to provide you with the skills and knowledge required for a career in the uniformed public services such as the police, armed forces, ambulance or the fire and rescue services.

Our courses will help you develop the personal qualities that the public services require. Communication and personal responsibility are key attributes for any career in the uniformed professions. Our courses also include many day and residential trips, career talks and guest speakers.

What would you like to be?	
Paramedic	Security, Prison or Customs Officer
Firefighter	Member of the British Army
Police Officer or PCSO	Member of the RAF or Royal Navy

Courses available/typical modules

Public Services Level 1 & 2 First Extended Certificate

Land navigation by map and compass, preparing to respond to emergency incidents, carrying out a project, crime and its effect on society and individuals.

Public Services Extended Level 3 Diploma (A Level equivalent)

Citizenship, diversity and the public services, land and water navigation, career preparation for public services, skills for land-based, outdoor and adventurous activities, physical preparation, health and lifestyle for the public services.

Did you know?

The Army has around 140 different types of jobs. Although everyone is a soldier first, there are also jobs for chefs, pilots, engineers, musicians, lawyers, medics, dog handlers, clerks, mechanics and many more occupations.

“ The tutors are really helpful and go the extra mile for you. The support I get is incredible ”

Aimee
Applied Science

Science

Would you like to understand the past and use science to help shape the future?

Our science courses enable you to focus your skills into specific areas within the science industry such as forensics and CSI or you could branch out into environmental or industrial science.

At the College, we have mock crime scene rooms and a courtroom which enable you to develop the skills required to solve real crimes. Our chemistry and biology laboratories help you to develop the skills that allow you to progress onto higher level courses including the Foundation Degree in Analytical Science and Forensic Science.

What would you like to be?	
Forensic Lab Technician	Crime Scene Investigator
Crime Lab Technician	Anthropologist

Courses available/typical modules

Biosciences Access to HE Diploma
Anatomy and physiology, biology, psychology, geography environmental science, chemistry.

Applied Science (Forensic Science) Level 3 Diploma (A Level equivalent)
Criminology, forensic science, biology and chemistry and psychology.

Did you know?
We work closely with various organisations and institutions to deliver award winning courses at the College.

Skills

“ Quote from learner to go here Quote from learner to go here Quote from learner to go here Quote from learner to go here Quote from learner to go here Quote from learner to go here ”

Luke
Level 2

The Skills team delivers a range of Maths and English qualifications across all full-time programmes of study.

We also offer a full-time course designed to develop study skills and confidence. The level 2 skills for further study will enable you to develop research, communication and digital skills so that you can progress to level 3 study across a range of vocational or academic subjects.

Be all that you can be...

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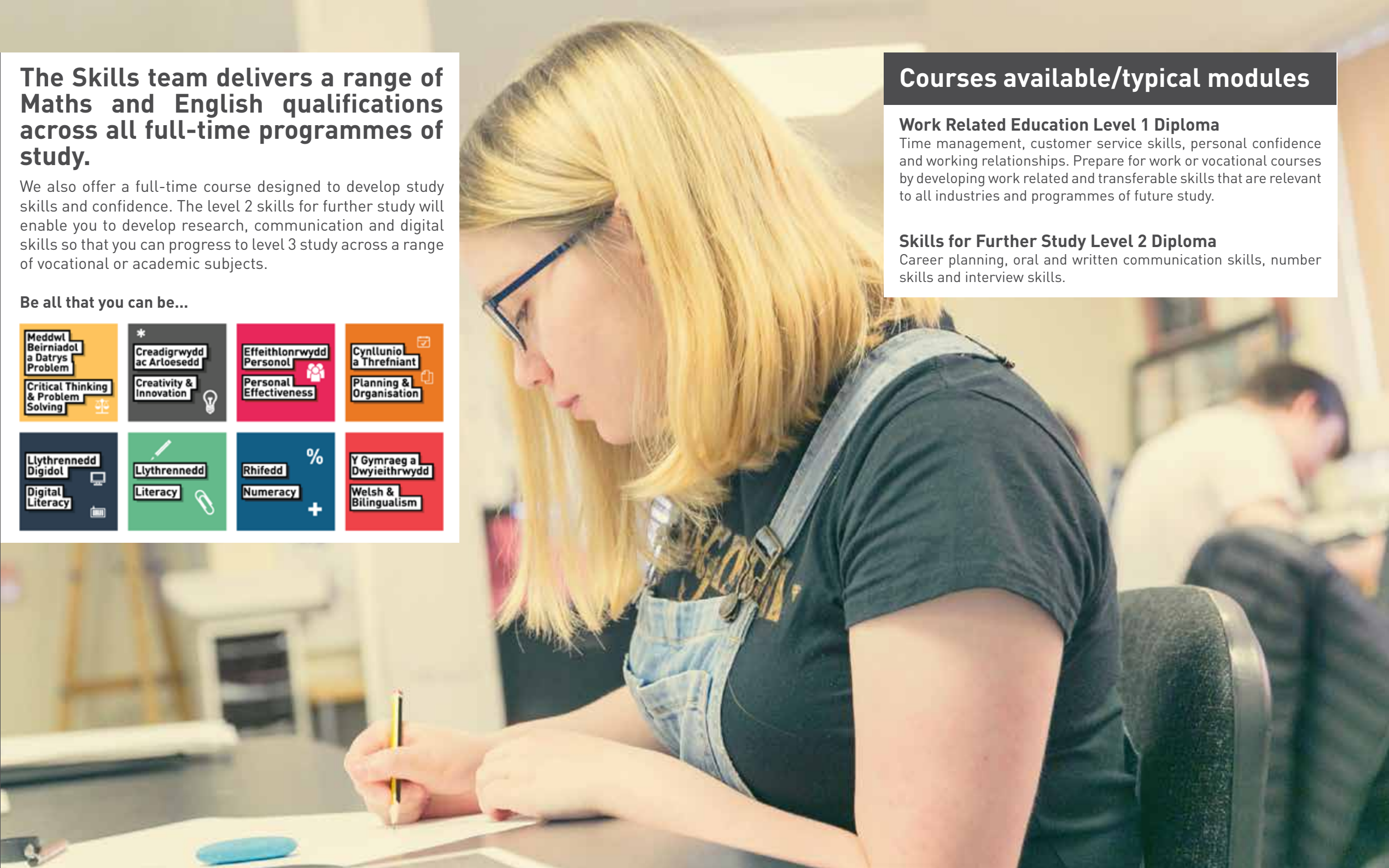
Courses available/typical modules

Work Related Education Level 1 Diploma

Time management, customer service skills, personal confidence and working relationships. Prepare for work or vocational courses by developing work related and transferable skills that are relevant to all industries and programmes of future study.

Skills for Further Study Level 2 Diploma

Career planning, oral and written communication skills, number skills and interview skills.

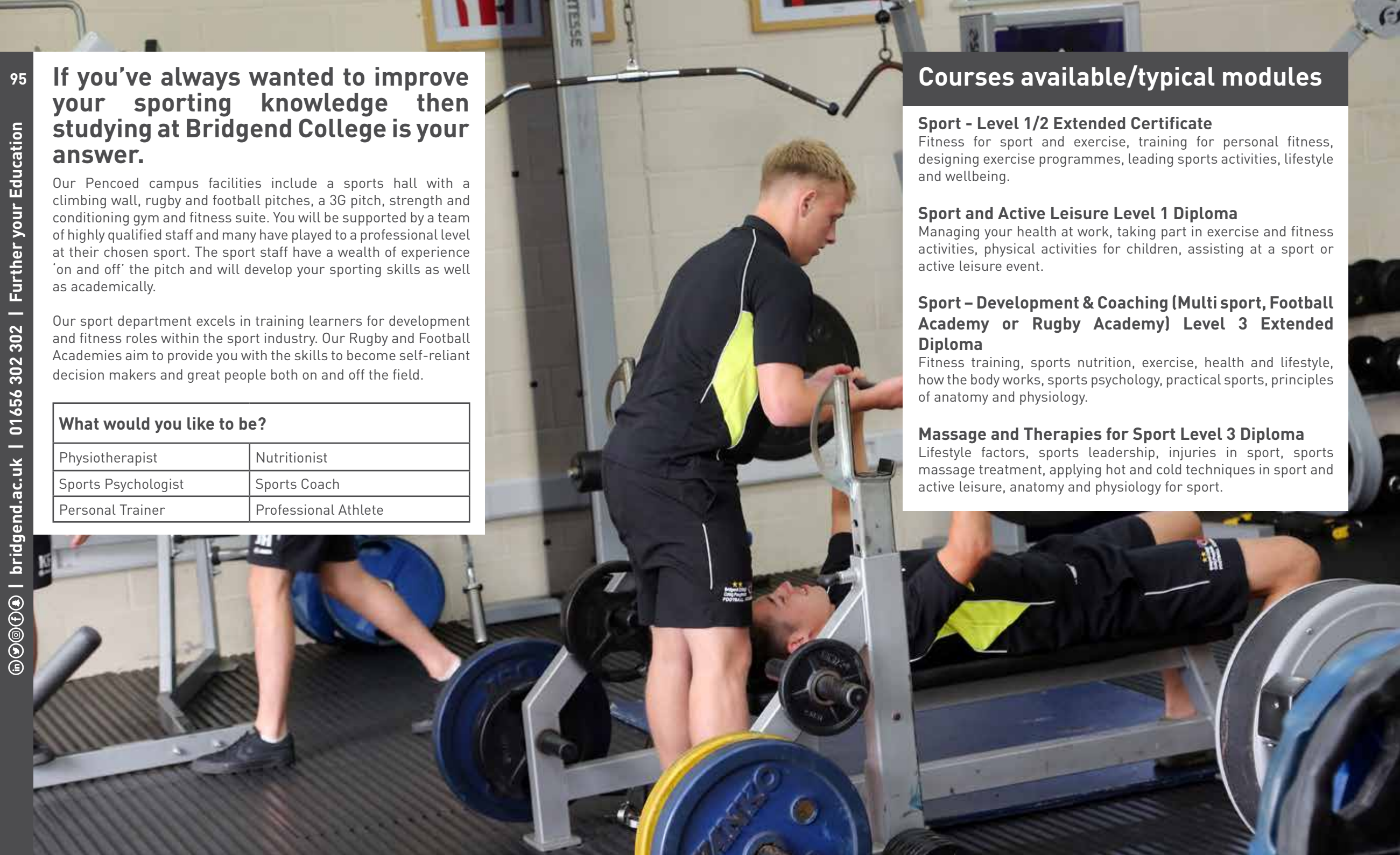




Kayleigh achieved a Level 3 Extended Diploma Sport (Sports Development & Coaching). On leaving the College, she went on to play for Wales Women Rugby and has recently been picked for the squad for World Rugby 7's who are reaching for the world stage Qualifier in Hong Kong.



Sport



If you’ve always wanted to improve your sporting knowledge then studying at Bridgend College is your answer.

Our Pencoed campus facilities include a sports hall with a climbing wall, rugby and football pitches, a 3G pitch, strength and conditioning gym and fitness suite. You will be supported by a team of highly qualified staff and many have played to a professional level at their chosen sport. The sport staff have a wealth of experience ‘on and off’ the pitch and will develop your sporting skills as well as academically.

Our sport department excels in training learners for development and fitness roles within the sport industry. Our Rugby and Football Academies aim to provide you with the skills to become self-reliant decision makers and great people both on and off the field.

What would you like to be?	
Physiotherapist	Nutritionist
Sports Psychologist	Sports Coach
Personal Trainer	Professional Athlete

Courses available/typical modules

Sport - Level 1/2 Extended Certificate
Fitness for sport and exercise, training for personal fitness, designing exercise programmes, leading sports activities, lifestyle and wellbeing.

Sport and Active Leisure Level 1 Diploma
Managing your health at work, taking part in exercise and fitness activities, physical activities for children, assisting at a sport or active leisure event.

Sport – Development & Coaching (Multi sport, Football Academy or Rugby Academy) Level 3 Extended Diploma
Fitness training, sports nutrition, exercise, health and lifestyle, how the body works, sports psychology, practical sports, principles of anatomy and physiology.

Massage and Therapies for Sport Level 3 Diploma
Lifestyle factors, sports leadership, injuries in sport, sports massage treatment, applying hot and cold techniques in sport and active leisure, anatomy and physiology for sport.