

SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

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CAMBRIDGE

Thursday, 24th October 2024
Evening places available

Saturday, 23rd November 2024
Morning places available

Tuesday, 29th April 2025
Evening places available

If you are unable to attend an open day, don't worry! All the information about our courses, including video introductions from our course directors, is on our website

SUPPORTING YOU

If you have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or need extra support with your learning, perhaps because of a disability or a learning difficulty, our additional learning support team will assess your needs and make sure there's a support plan in place when you start college.

For more information, visit cwa.ac.uk/personalsupport



CWA IS HERE FOR YOU!

Whichever direction you take, the College of West Anglia is here to support you. Contact us via Live Chat on our website to get your questions answered.

YOUR STEPS TO BECOME A CWA STUDENT

- 1. Apply for a course**
Via our website cwa.ac.uk or your school applications service - speak to your school for advice.
- 2. Student Portal**
Set up your account on our student portal to manage your application and book an information session.
- 3. Information Session**
See the facilities, meet the tutors and discuss your course.
- 4. Offer**
Review and accept your offer on the student portal.
- 5. Applicant Day**
Experience college life and take part in course activities. Meet your classmates!
- 6. GCSE Results Day**
Confirm your place at CWA and enrol. If your results are not as you expected, don't worry. We will talk to you about your options and find a suitable course for you.
- 7. Enrolment and Induction**
Complete your enrolment and join us in September for induction week!

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Everyone's welcome at CWA! Our culture is about including everybody and there are lots of opportunities for students to get involved in our college community. We embrace a culture of equality and diversity, where everyone is respected and treated as an individual. Feedback from current students is that college is the first place they feel they can be truly 'them'. Our students help our college community by acting as student representatives or student ambassadors to ensure that everyone's voice is heard.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We mark your achievements throughout your time at CWA. Our students excel in many areas, including external competitions such as WorldSkills or riding competitions, as well as our own internal faculty awards.

We recently celebrated the success of three equine students, Molly Brutnell, Charlotte Collins and Emmy Scott (pictured below), who achieved the qualification BHSQ Level 2 Foundation Coach in Complete Horsemanship.

Our prestigious annual Student of the Year Awards celebrate the accomplishments of our learners in all subject areas, recognising their dedication, personal development and success.

WHICH COURSE DO I CHOOSE?

If you're not sure which career path to follow, we have career tools that will help you. Whichever course you choose, our focus is to make you work-ready and unlock your potential.

Visit cwa.ac.uk/school-leavers



We are with you all the way in taking one of the biggest decisions in your life to further your education.

WHY CHOOSE CWA?

- Our Cambridge campus specialises in landbased courses.
- We have highly trained and industry-experienced staff.
- You will be learning in modern industry-standard facilities.
- We will treat you like an adult, making you feel more independent and responsible.
- Make new friends for life by studying with young people from other schools.
- We offer high levels of student support, help and advice.
- We provide excellent links with employers, offering practical work experience.

Awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard for our careers education, information, advice and guidance provision.



TRANSPORT

Getting to and from college is easy, as all campuses are well served by local buses or train services. Check our transport calculator to work out what the best option is for you.

Visit cwa.ac.uk/transport



FINANCE

We have a financial support scheme which can help students who find it difficult to pay for the costs associated with study. This is dependent on household income.

For more information, please visit cwa.ac.uk/financialhelp



CREATE YOUR PERSONAL PROSPECTUS!

Visit cwa.ac.uk/myprospectus to build your own digital prospectus, based on your favourite subjects or career aspirations.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Your course will combine:

- Your main qualification.
- Maths and English if you haven't achieved GCSE grade 4 or higher.
- Work experience, related to your course.

You will be assigned a personal tutor, who will monitor your progress and provide guidance for developing your skills in tutorial sessions.

Depending on your chosen subject, a typical college day starts at 8.45am and ends at 4.30pm.

You're not usually required to attend campus 5 days per week, although a certain amount of self-study time is expected to support your learning.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Our wider support and enrichment programme provides everyone with the opportunity to develop new skills and mix with students outside of their study programme.

You can become a digital volunteer as part of our Dx Programme, to support other students improve their digital skills, take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award or our RCN Prince of Wales Nursing Cadet Scheme to build skills and enhance your CV, whilst supporting our college community.

Our clubs and societies are student driven and have included Lego Club, Sustainability Society, Pokémon Club, Debating Society, local history society

and Rainbow Alliance, our LGBTQIA+ group. Our sports academy is also open to everyone.

Our equine students can accumulate 'yard points' by going above and beyond, having excellent attendance or demonstrating good work. Example rewards that points can be spent on are private riding lessons or riding a college horse in external competitions.

We also have a number of events and activities that you can get involved with, such as Sustainability Week, Cultural Awareness days, plus our annual college Pride Week, all of which celebrate and support our diverse college community.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

'Sustainability and Environment' is one of the five areas of our tutorial programme, as protecting the environment is vital to all our futures! Our campuses are dedicated to conservation, with 'no mow' and tree planting zones encouraging flora and fauna. At our Cambridge campus, this extends to a re-wilding project to plant over 400 trees, shrubs and hedgerows, as well as working to The British Hedgehog Preservation Society's actions to nurture hedgehog activity on campus. Our student Environment Ambassadors have organised campaigns to improve recycling on campus and recycle soft plastics such as crisp packets.

This course guide is fully recyclable.





MIA HARDY
Animal Management – Level 3

“CWA gave me the opportunity to get 300 hours’ work experience, which I need to apply to university. It’s been fun getting experience with different animals. There’s a vast variety of species at the college. I’m now going on to study Access to Veterinary Science here, before I apply to university to become a vet surgeon, which has always been my dream.”



KITT DOGGETT
Dog Grooming – Level 2

“I wanted to learn more about caring for my dogs, along with being able to get a job within dog grooming. I enjoy washing the dogs, as well as learning about different breeds and their temperaments.”



NIAMH ACRED
Dog Grooming – Level 3

“I love working with dogs. I love learning about how different breeds of dog are styled. As each dog has different coats, they have different grooming styles and trims. The staff are friendly and the facilities are amazing. Having our own K9 Dog Grooming salon that the public can use allows us to get real work experience.”

VOCATIONAL

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care	CAM, WIS
Animal Management	CAM, WIS
Dog Grooming	CAM, WIS
Equine Management	CAM
Horse Care	CAM
Land and Wildlife Conservation	CAM

Campus abbreviations:
CAM – Cambridge, WIS – Wisbech


A vocational course is for you if you prefer a hands-on approach and enjoy a mixture of theory and practical work. You can go on to further your study at university, a higher apprenticeship or start your career.

What do I need?

- Entry level courses: mostly grade 1 at GCSE
- Level 1 courses: mostly grade 2/3 at GCSE
- Level 2 courses: four or more GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- Level 3 courses: five or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and Maths

Note: Dog Grooming requires you to successfully complete Level 2 before progressing to Level 3.

Find more information on our website cwa.ac.uk/courses



Inclusive Learning

If you have a learning difficulty or disability, we have a number of courses to help bridge the gap between where you are now and where you want to be. For more information or to download our Inclusive Learning Guide, visit cwa.ac.uk/inclusivelearning.

Subject	Campus
Bridge to Education	CAM, KL, WIS
Hummingbird	CAM, KL, WIS



BATMAN


Batman is owned by the college. He is a 16.2 warmblood and 16 years old. He loves his job and in particular jumping. He was a show jumper before joining us and has competed at 1.30m. He is kind and patient but a bit of a Ferrari!

T-LEVELS

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Management	CAM, WIS
Animal Science	CAM

Campus abbreviations:
CAM – Cambridge, WIS – Wisbech




T-levels are designed by employers to give you qualifications and skills to prepare for employment. They are career-focused, with 80% of your time in the classroom and the other 20% on a relevant industry placement, getting real on-the-job experience.

Move into a skilled occupation or further study, eg: a higher or degree level apprenticeship, higher level technical study or a degree.

What do I need?

- Five GCSEs grade 4 or above including maths, English and a relevant subject or a level 2 qualification in a relevant subject at a merit/distinction and maths and English GCSE grade 4 or above



For more information check our website cwa.ac.uk/t-levels

WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY?

Did you know studying a T-level or most level 3 vocational courses† are the equivalent of studying three A-levels?

All three qualifications can achieve up to 168 UCAS points:

UCAS Points	Level 3 Diploma	T-level	A-level
168	D* D* D*	D*	A* A* A*
144	D D D	D	A A A
128	D D M	M (120)	B B A
96	M M M	Pass C+	C C C

† Refer to cwa.ac.uk/courses for the UCAS points for each course.



POISON DART FROGS
(*Dendrobates Tinctorius*)

There are 170 species of poison dart frogs in the world. Pet dart frogs that are kept in captivity lose their toxicity, as they do not have access to their normal wild diet.

APPRENTICESHIPS

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care & Welfare Assistant	WP
Animal Care & Welfare Manager	WP
Business Administrator	WP
Crop Technician	CAM, WP
Customer Service (various)	WP
Early Years Educator	WP
Early Years Practitioner	WP
General Farm Worker	WP
Hospitality (various)	WP
Livestock Unit Technician	CAM
Production Chef	WP
Teaching Assistant	WP
Team Leader	WP

Campus abbreviations:
CAM – Cambridge, WP – Workplace

If you have chosen your career and want to start work right away, completing your training and qualification whilst in employment, an apprenticeship is for you.




What do I need?

- Age 16+
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4 or above
- Living in England

Check entry requirements for the apprenticeship you wish to take at cwa.ac.uk/apprenticeships




TARANTULA
(*Theraphosidae*)

There are around 900 species of tarantulas in the world. These tarantulas are harmless to humans, their venom is similar to a bee sting.



KAYA GRIGGS
Animal Care – Level 2
Animal Management – Level 3

“I am employed by UBS (University of Biomedical Services) as a junior animal technician. My time at CWA was very beneficial to my current role as I put key skills and knowledge from specific units into practice on a daily basis, especially Handling & Restraint, Behaviour & Biology and Welfare & Ethics.”



LAUREN HENRY
Horse Care – Level 2
Equine Management – Level 3

“My time at CWA taught me how to work at industry standard and gave me basic knowledge about horse health. It also helped me progress to higher education, studying Equine Performance Management at Writtle University.”



FREYA MCGREGOR
Animal Management – Level 3

“I loved my time at CWA so much and often look back on it fondly. I met so many amazing people there and the lecturers were some of the kindest people I have ever met. The animals were excellent. After completing my vocational course, I went on to take an apprenticeship as a veterinary nurse.”