

# SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

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**A-LEVELS** (King's Lynn only)  
Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024  
Evening places available

## CAMBRIDGE

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Evening places available

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Morning places available

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Evening places available

**DOWNHAM MARKET**  
(SEMH Provision only)

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Evening places available

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Morning places available

**KING'S LYNN & SPORTS**  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Morning places available

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Evening places available

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Morning places available

## WISBECH

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
Morning places available

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Morning 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.

## 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](http://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!

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/personalsupport)



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We mark your achievements throughout your time at CWA. Our students excel in many areas, including external competitions such as WorldSkills, Apprenticeships Norfolk, International Salon Culinaire and SkilleLECTRIC, as well as our own internal faculty awards. 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/school-leavers)



# STUDYING AT CWA

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

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/transport)



This course guide is fully recyclable.

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/financialhelp)



## CREATE YOUR PERSONAL PROSPECTUS!

Visit [cwa.ac.uk/myprospectus](http://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.

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.

## WHY CHOOSE CWA?

- We offer the widest range of courses in our region.
- 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.



# A-LEVELS

King's Lynn campus only

## What subjects can I do?

- Applied Law (BTEC)
- Applied Psychology (BTEC)
- Art & Design
- Biology (AAQ)
- Business Studies
- Chemistry (AAQ)
- Computing (AAQ)
- Criminology (Diploma)
- Early Childhood Development (AAQ)
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Health & Social Care (AAQ)
- History
- Information Technology (AAQ)
- Maths
- Media
- Medical Sciences (AAQ)
- Photography
- Physics (AAQ)
- Politics
- Sociology
- Sports Science (BTEC)

You can select 3 or 4 subjects from separate timetable blocks. Only one AAQ, BTEC or Diploma option may be taken as part of the A-level programme.

In addition, the Extended Project Qualification is a research project taken by all students in their second year.

If you are an academic learner and you would like to keep your options open, A-levels allow you to study a range of subjects before selecting your university degree or finding employment.



## What do I need?

- Minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.
- Check grade requirements for each individual subject you wish to take at [cwa.ac.uk/a-levels](http://cwa.ac.uk/a-levels)



# T-LEVELS

## What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Management	CAM, WIS
Animal Science	CAM
Early Years and Education	KL, WIS
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	KL
Digital Support Services	KL
Engineering & Manufacturing (Mechanical Engineering)	WIS
Engineering & Manufacturing (Process & Control)	KL
Health & Adult Nursing	KL
Management & Administration	KL
On-Site Construction (Bricklaying)	WIS
On-Site Construction (Carpentry & Joinery)	WIS

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.
- Education and Early Years applicants need an enhanced DBS check.

For more information check our website [cwa.ac.uk/t-levels](http://cwa.ac.uk/t-levels)



# VOCATIONAL

Campus abbreviations:  
CAM – Cambridge, DM – Downham Market, KL – King's Lynn, QEH – Queen Elizabeth Hospital, SP – Sports, 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 subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus	Subject	Campus	Subject	Campus
Air Cabin Crew	KL	ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)	KL, WIS	Photography	KL
Animal Care	CAM, WIS	Equine Management	CAM	Plumbing	KL
Animal Management	CAM, WIS	Fashion Design	KL	Professional Cookery	KL
Applied Science	KL	Graphic Design	KL	Public Protective Services	KL
Art and Design	KL	Hairdressing	KL, WIS	Sport Coaching	SP
Beauty Therapy	KL, WIS	Health and Social Care	KL, WIS	Sport Fitness and Personal Training	SP
Brickwork	KL, WIS	Health Services	KL	Sports Science	SP
Business	KL	Horse Care	CAM	Travel and Tourism	KL
Carpentry and Joinery	KL, WIS	Hospitality	KL, WIS	Vehicle and Body Paint Operations	WIS
Computing	KL, WIS	Land and Wildlife Conservation	CAM		
Construction (Anglian Water Alliances)	WIS	Media Make-up	KL		
Construction Skills - Multi-Trade	WIS	Motor Vehicle Service and Repair	KL, WIS		
Creative Media	KL	Music Performance and Production	KL		
Digital Games Design	KL	Nail Technology	KL		
Dog Grooming	CAM, WIS	Painting & Decorating	WIS		
Early Years, Education & Childhood Studies	KL, WIS	Performing Arts	KL		
Electrical Installation	KL				
Engineering	KL, WIS				



## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/inclusivelearning).

Subject	Campus
Bluebird	KL
Bridge to Education	CAM, KL, WIS
Bridge to Engagement	DM
Bridge to Employment	KL, QEH, WIS
Bridge to Independence	KL, WIS
Endeavour	KL, WIS
Hummingbird	CAM, KL, WIS

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/courses) for the UCAS points for each course.

## 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, Professional Cookery, Brickwork, Carpentry, Motor Vehicle, Vehicle and Body Paint Operations, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing and Media Make-up require you to successfully complete a level 2 course in the same subject before progressing to level 3. Childhood Studies/Early Years applicants need an enhanced DBS check.

Find more information on our website [cwa.ac.uk/courses](http://cwa.ac.uk/courses)



# APPRENTICESHIPS

## What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care and Welfare Assistant	WP
Animal Care and Welfare Manager	WP
Bricklayer	WIS
Business Administrator	WP
Carpentry & Joinery	WIS
Crop Technician	WP
Customer Service (various)	WP
Early Years Educator	WP
Early Years Practitioner	WP
Electrotechnical - Installation & Maintenance Electrician	KL
Engineering Fitter	KL
Engineering Operative	WIS
Engineering Technician	WIS
Gas Engineering Operative	KL
General Farm Worker	CAM
Hospitality (various)	KL, WP
Livestock Unit Technician	CAM
Machining Technician	WIS
Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician	KL
Metal Fabricator	KL
Plumbing & Domestic Heating	WIS
Production Chef	WP
Teaching Assistant	WP
Team Leading	WP

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.



Apprenticeships

Campus abbreviations:  
CAM – Cambridge, KL – King's Lynn, WIS – Wisbech, WP – Workplace

## 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](http://cwa.ac.uk/apprenticeships)



**GEORGINA KNAPP**  
A-levels – English Language & Literature, Media Studies, Photography

"I chose to go to CWA as I admired how college is focused on self-motivation – you are treated more like an adult. The tutors at CWA are very approachable. I have always felt respected by them and treated as an equal. The facilities are very good and the photography studio is very professional.

I plan to go to university to complete a degree in English Language and Communication."

**ELENA JEFFREY**  
T-level – Management and Administration

"I'm enjoying my industry placement and working in many areas linked to the course like quality management, communicating with different stakeholders and much more. My confidence and professionalism have grown a lot.

Our tutors really care and support us, and we have good facilities, such as the office suite. I plan to go to university to study business management."

**RYAN WHITING**  
Supported Internship Programme – Inclusive Learning

"During my internship, I have worked within the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the College of West Anglia. I have enjoyed all experiences, from organising events in the Learning Resource Centre at CWA, to handing out tea, coffee and biscuits to people on the Gayton Ward, QEH. This course has improved my confidence as well as my time management, communication and customer service skills.

I decided to go to college as it was a new chapter that would offer new challenges and experiences."

**SAM COWLAN**  
Anglian Water Extended Diploma Engineering Technologies – Level 3 Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations – Level 2

"I chose CWA as it was welcoming and friendly. The tutors are always willing to help. I particularly enjoy fabrication in the workshop."

Sam's work placement employer complimented his knowledge and experience. He was runner-up in the Technology category in the CWA Student of the Year Awards 2023.

**HENRY TOWNSHEND**  
Apprenticeship Standard Hospitality Manager – Level 4  
Apprenticeship Standard for Hospitality Team Member – Level 2

"The benefit of studying an apprenticeship is that you gain industry experience and a qualification within the industry itself. I'm more of a practical learner so an apprenticeship enabled me to learn more effectively than I would've done in a classroom."

Henry's role includes the day-to-day running of the restaurant and event planning, as well as using the EPOS system and stock-taking.