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CAMBRIDGE

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Saturday, 29 November 2025
Morning places available

Tuesday, 21 April 2026
Evening places available

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



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.

OUR CAMPUSES

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Ramnath Road
Wisbech
Cambridgeshire PE13 2JE
Tel: 01945 582 561

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admissions@cwa.ac.uk

Let's get social!



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 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.

Digital skills are key to preparing you for the world of work and you will learn how to get the most out of technology, including AI, to enhance your skills and avoid the pitfalls of inappropriate use.

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.



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.

Find out more here!



cwa.ac.uk/school-leavers



Start building your prospectus here!



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CREATE YOUR PERSONAL PROSPECTUS!

Visit cwa.ac.uk/myprospectus to build your own digital prospectus, based on your favourite subjects or career aspirations. Keep information about the courses and jobs you are interested in, that you can easily refer back to or share with others.

GET ALL YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW...

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 Welcome 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!



LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

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

You can become an ambassador to support aspects of College life, write or edit as part of our student newsletter team, take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award or our RCN King's Nursing Cadet Scheme to build skills, enhance your CV and gain valuable experience.

Our clubs and societies are student driven and include Chocolate & Chat Wellbeing, Anyone Can Sing, Lego Club, Sustainability Society, Debating Society and Rainbow Alliance (our LGBTQIA+ group) and local history society.

We also have a number of events and activities that you can get involved with, such as Sustainability Week, White Ribbon Day, cultural awareness days, plus our annual College Pride Week, all of which celebrate and support our diverse CWA community.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

'Sustainability and environment' is one of the key 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 learners also have the option to undertake carbon literacy training as part of building their wider skills.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Everyone's welcome at CWA! Our culture is about including everybody, ensuring everyone is respected and treated as an individual and that there are lots of opportunities to get involved with in our College community. Feedback from current learners is that College is the first place they feel they can be truly 'them', and our recent Ofsted inspection recognised how inclusive and welcoming the College is. Our learners help our College community by acting as student representatives or student ambassadors to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and support events and enrichment activities to help build a community we are justly proud of.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Our CWA Equestrian Team took part in three inter-college riding competitions and came 1st, 2nd and 2nd, with CWA riders winning the showjumping phase at every event.

Equine students, Molly Brutnell, Charlotte Collins and Emmy Scott, achieved the qualification BHSQ Level 2

Foundation Coach in Complete Horsemanship.

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



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 CWA.

Find out more here!



cwa.ac.uk/personalsupport

TRANSPORT

Getting to and from CWA 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.

Find out more here!



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.

Find out more here!



cwa.ac.uk/financialhelp



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2026/2027

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 land-based 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.





STUDYING AT CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS

The Cambridge campus focuses on land-based programmes, including animal management, equine and dog grooming.

Specialist facilities at the Cambridge campus include:

- K9 Dog Grooming Parlour, our public dog grooming service
- Indoor and outdoor horse-riding arenas
- Equine Therapy Centre, offering a range of rehabilitation therapies for horses
- Companion Animal Centre, our specialist animal and clinical skills area with clinical examination equipment and observation suite
- The Darwin Building, designed to offer advanced learning environments with the latest equipment including:
 - Table Vet anatomage table - a real insight into the anatomy of animals using 3D visualisation
 - Physical anatomical models in equine, canine and feline

T-LEVELS

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.

Find out more here!



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t-levels

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care and Management (Science Specialism)	CAM, WIS

VOCATIONAL

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 the level 2 course before progressing to level 3.

Find out more here!



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courses

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Subject	Campus
Animal Care	CAM, WIS
Animal Management	CAM, WIS
Dog Grooming	CAM, WIS
Equine Management	CAM
Horse Care	CAM



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.

Find out more here!



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inclusivelearning

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Bridge to Animal Care	CAM
Hummingbird	CAM, KL, WIS



RIDING AT CWA

Both our level 2 and level 3 equine courses have optional ride pathways. To be accepted onto a ride pathway you will need a riding ability that is close to British Horse Society (BHS) Stage 2 Ride or Pony Club C+ test. Please note CWA does not expect you to have achieved any riding qualifications before joining the course. This is just a guide to the standard required to do the assessed ride pathway.

Students not on the ride pathway may get the opportunity to ride as part of our Equine Yard Rewards Scheme.

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY QUALIFICATIONS

Equine students have the opportunity to take their Stage 1 and Stage 2 (up to BHS Level 2 Foundation Coach in Complete Horsemanship) qualifications alongside their course.



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TAMSYN PEIRCE
Dog Grooming – Levels 2 and 3

"I chose college as I prefer hands-on learning, as I found that I don't particularly suit in-classroom learning well. I am potentially interested in doing another animal care course and maybe going into veterinary nursing or zoology at university."



Campus abbreviations: CAM - Cambridge, WIS - Wisbech.

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WILLIAM WALLACE
Animal Management – Level 3
Animal Care – Levels 1 and 2

Having completed levels 1 and 2 in Animal Care, William enrolled onto level 3 in Animal Management. He is looking to work in the agriculture industry and has developed his practical skills, such as handling and restraining a range of animals. His confidence has increased significantly at CWA and his tutor stated, "The personal achievement William has managed to achieve is incredible."



Disclaimer: The course information contained in this guide is correct as far as can be ascertained at the time of publication. Visit cwa.ac.uk for the latest course listings, detailed information and entry requirements for each course.



BRITISH ALPINE GOAT
Capra aegagrus hircus

Lifespan: 12-18 years
Maximum size: Bucks 91-97cm tall. Does 76-81cm tall. 59-77kg.
Known for their striking black coat with distinctive white markings, these goats are recognised for their independent nature and foraging abilities.



ZEBRA MICE
Rhabdomys pumilio

Lifespan: 4 years
Native to Africa, these mice can shed their tail when threatened. Small, social creatures who live in large colonies and are known for their excellent burrowing, climbing and jumping abilities.



LEOPARD GECKO
Eublepharis macularius

Lifespan: 15 years
With unique characteristics and engaging personalities, they have functional eyelids, unlike other gecko species. They store fat in their tails.



KUNEKUNE
Sus scrofa domestica

Maximum size can grow up to: 4 feet and 100kg.
A small hairy breed of pig, originating from New Zealand and known for their friendly and docile nature.



MARA
Dolichotis patagonum

Lifespan: 7-10 years
Unique long-legged rodents resembling a cross between a rabbit and small deer. Known for their speed and social behaviour. They mate for life.



PERCY

Percy is 17 years old and owned by CWA. He previously made a miraculous recovery from a road traffic accident before coming to the College. He loves jumping and recently took part in the prestigious BUCS National Championships.



GRACE COWLEY
Equine Management – Level 3
Horse Care (Equine Studies) – Level 2

"We spend most of our time on the yard and in lessons doing theory-based work, like feeding and nutrition and tacking equipment. You also get the choice to ride, which I'm really enjoying."



KIERAN LARKING
Horse Care – Level 2

Kieran had limited horse handling experience when he started the equine course, but he did have a clear career plan - to become a farrier. He worked particularly hard on his practical skills to get them up to industry standard. With his planned career in mind, Kieran secured work experience with a farrier and really grasped that opportunity to get as much additional knowledge as he could.

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