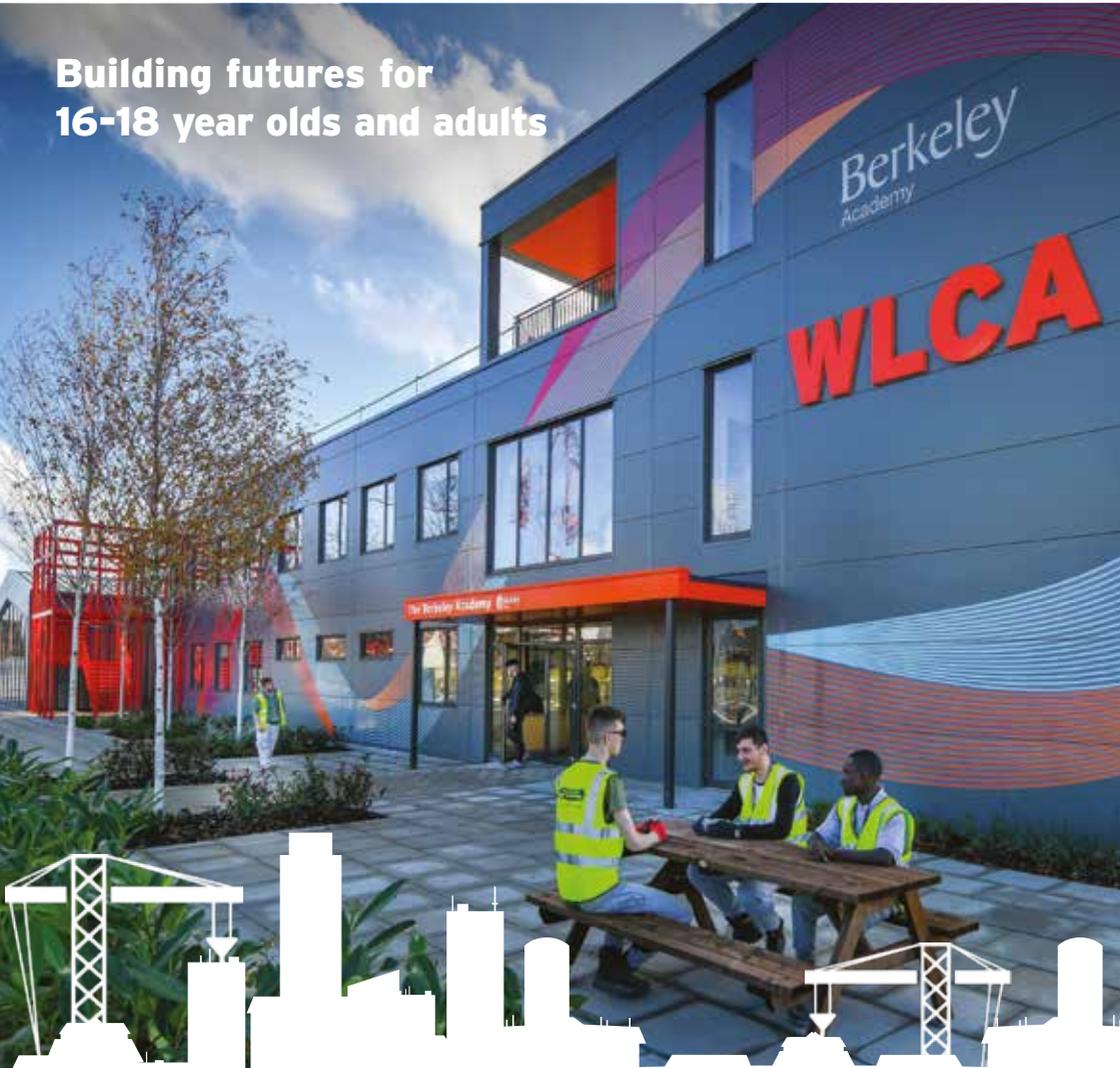


West London Construction Academy

Building futures for
16-18 year olds and adults



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We work with a variety of construction-related companies that support the College in a number of ways including offering work experience, apprenticeships and providing live assessment opportunities and progression to work.



Supporting you to Succeed

West London Construction Academy (WLCA), part of West London College, is a fantastic learning facility on a live construction site, offering a wide range of construction courses to give you the skills for a great career.

Courses are relevant to industry needs and include construction, bricklaying, kitchen fitting, plastering, dry lining and interior systems.

The Academy has been built to provide you with a real hands-on learning experience, with practical work placements, helping you develop the skills needed to gain employment opportunities within the industry.

WLCA is based on one of the most ambitious regeneration projects in London - Southall Waterside by Berkeley Homes.

Seven Reasons to Study with us

1 Study at one of the First Purpose-built Construction Academies in the UK

You will have an opportunity to study at one of the country's first construction academies and gain the necessary skills - not just for future jobs and careers, but for life.

2 Work on a Live Site

WLCA is housed in a 20,000 sq ft cutting edge-facility on the 88-acre Southall Waterside development by Berkeley Homes. There is no other comparable venue, in terms of the opportunities it offers, anywhere in the country. You can work on live projects and you will be supplied with full PPE equipment and uniform.

3 Access Industry-Standard Facilities

We provide industry standard equipment and modern facilities that offer the best environment in which to learn. Our facilities and equipment help prepare you for a successful career in construction.

Soon to be available state-of-the-art equipment includes virtual reality technology, video technology and 3D scanners.

Our students can do large-scale prototypes and testing of construction practices at our Makers Yard.

4 Get Career Ready

Our aim is to get you work ready, not just to pass your exams. That's why we have a big focus on employer links and work experience for every student, dedicated careers hubs and careers advisors to run interview and CV builder sessions.

5 Learn from Experts

Our staff are industry experts; specialists in their field and will strive to get you on the path to success. As a Google reference College, we take innovation in technology seriously; our staff have been developing the way we use tools, apps and programs to enhance learning.

You will benefit from guest speakers from organisations like Berkeley Homes and A-Plant who can give you insight into careers in the construction field.

6 Attend Construction Events

You will have an opportunity to attend construction trade fairs.

7 Enjoy Career Success

Our students go on to do great things. A student won the Ealing Apprentice of the Year Award in 2018 and another student was awarded silver in Carpentry at the national SkillBuild competition in Birmingham, resulting in the opportunity to represent Britain and compete on the world stage in Russia at WorldSkills 2018!

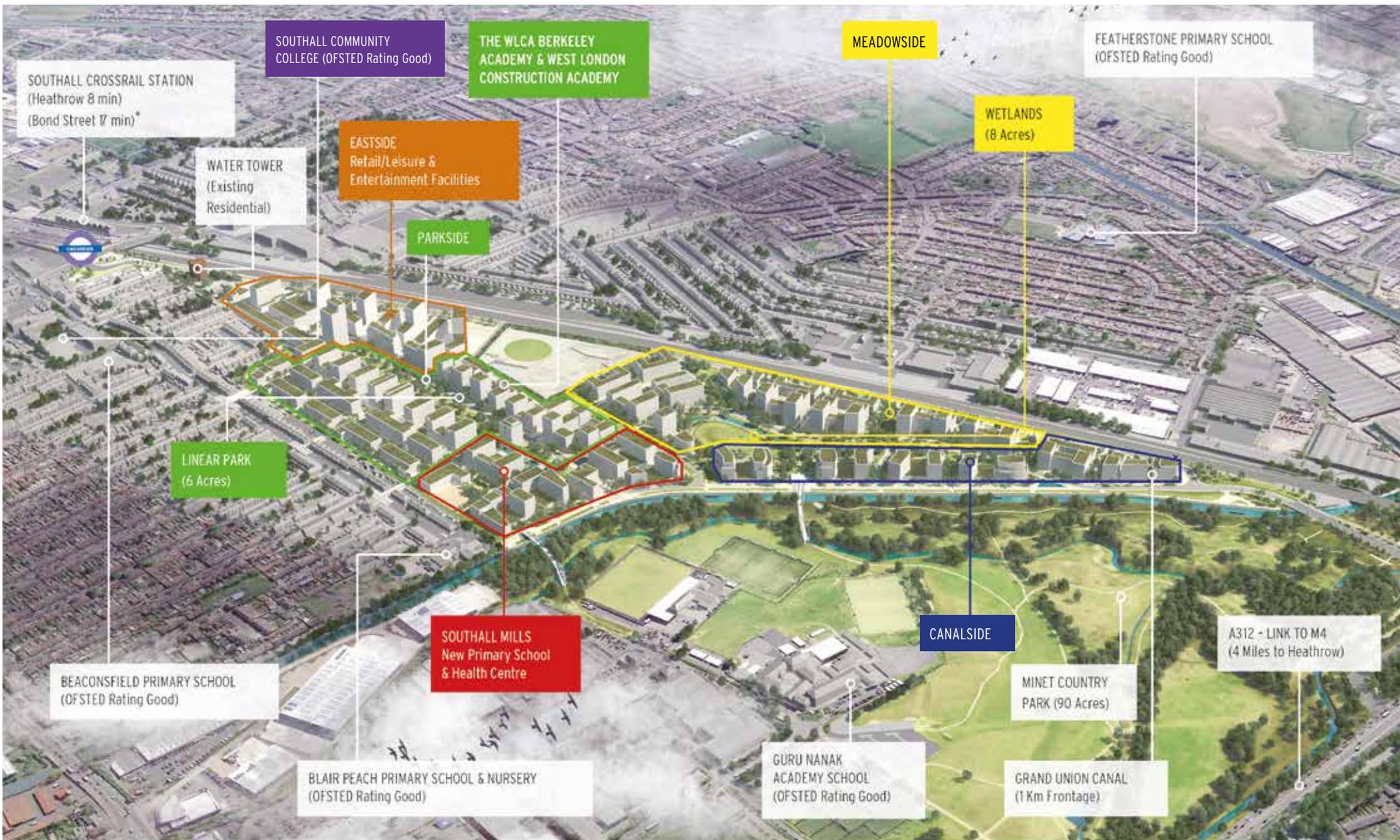


Good Ofsted Rating

We have been awarded an Ofsted rating of Good, and have been praised for our strong focus on careers, employment and increase in achievement.

“Teachers ensure that learners benefit from purposeful work-related learning, including work experience in a range of relevant employment sectors.”

Ofsted



WLCA in the Community

Qualifications

Find out more about the different levels available at West London College.

| Level | Course content | Entry requirements* | Possible Progression |
|-------|---|---|---|
| 4-5 | Gain specialist knowledge and understanding of your subject area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A relevant Level 3 qualification or relevant work experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Higher Apprenticeship Employment |
| 3 | Further develop your professional and technical skills, knowledge and understanding of your subject area over 1-2 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C), including English Language & Maths. However, if you don't have English & Maths, there is possibly the option to retake Level 2 grade Merit and GCSEs 9-3 (A*-C) in English Language & Maths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education (Level 4+) Higher Apprenticeship Employment |
| 2 | Develop your skills and knowledge to prepare you for employment, training or study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English Language & Maths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 qualifications such as A-Levels or BTEC Level 3 Apprenticeship Employment |
| 1 | A practical introduction to give you a solid foundation to build on | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level 3 qualifications (internal assessment to ensure appropriate literacy and numeracy) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 BTEC or Vocational qualifications Level 2 Apprenticeship GCSEs |
| Entry | Varying in focus, gives you a snapshot of the sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formal entry requirements (internal assessment to ensure appropriate literacy and numeracy) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 |

*The entry requirements listed are a guide to applications. Please see individual course listings for specific entry requirements. Initial assessments may be required to test levels of English and Maths. Equivalent qualifications will be considered.



Earn While You Learn

An apprenticeship enables you to combine on and off-the-job training while you earn. For employers apprenticeships offer the best way to bring on new talent. WLCA has an experienced team to assist employers with the recruitment and matching of suitable apprentices. We also help keep it simple by supporting you with the form-filling and funding arrangements. Get in touch with our team.

Tel: **020 7565 1333** or
Email: **apprenticeships@wlc.ac.uk**.

Benefit from employer links with **Berkeley Homes** and their **supply chain**

We also offer courses at **Park Royal College**, and other subjects at **Hammersmith & Fulham College**, **Southall Community College**, and **Ealing Green College**.



Courses

WLCA has been awarded 'Quality Mark' status by the Mayor of London's Construction Academy - in recognition of its **high-quality construction skills and training.**

Courses for 16-18s

Bricklaying

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Brickwork | 1 | 1 year | FT |
| Intermediate Diploma in Brickwork | 2 | 1 year | FT |
| Advanced Diploma in Brickwork | 3 | 1 year | FT |
| Intermediate Apprenticeship in Bricklaying | 2 | 2.5 years | FT |

Plastering

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Plastering | 1 | 1 year | FT |
| Intermediate Diploma in Plastering | 2 | 1 year | FT |
| Advanced Apprenticeship in Plastering | 3 | 3 years | FT |

Dry Lining

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Dry Lining | 1 | 1 year | FT |
| Intermediate Diploma in Dry Lining | 2 | 1 year | FT |

Interior Systems & Dry Lining

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|---|-------|----------|-------|
| Foundation Diploma in Plastering | 2 | 1 year | FT |
| Intermediate Diploma in Plastering - Interior Systems | 2 | 1 year | FT |
| Apprenticeship in Interior Systems Installer (Dry Lining) | 2 | 2 years | FT |

Construction

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Introduction to Construction Skills | Entry Level | 1 year | FT |
| Foundation Diploma in Baseline Carpentry and Kitchen Fitting | 1 | 1 year | FT |
| Diploma in Professional Construction Practice | 3 | 2 years | FT |
| Intermediate Apprenticeship in Groundwork | 2 | 1.5 years | FT |

For more information please visit wlc.ac.uk/courses or call **020 8741 1688**

Courses for Adults

| COURSE | LEVEL | DURATION | FT/PT |
|---|-------|----------|-------|
| Women into Construction | 1 | 4 weeks | PT |
| Construction Bootcamp | 1 | 4 weeks | PT |
| Finishes and Interiors Sector (Buildback) | 1 | 4 weeks | PT |

Short Courses

We offer short courses for professional development within the industry. These courses are ideal for those already in work and looking to further their skills.

- Window Fitting (Fenestration Installation)
- SIP Awareness Training
- Asbestos Awareness (Category A)
- Paving - Block & Slab
- Introduction to Tiling
- Online Fire Safety
- COSHH
- First aid
- Health & Safety in the Workplace
- CSCS testing
- Noise Awareness
- Electrical Safety
- Slips Trips & Falls
- Abrasive Wheels
- Fire-Warden training
- Lone Working
- Working in Confined Spaces
- LOLER
- RIDDOR
- PPE
- PUWER
- Risk Assessment
- Manual Handling
- Working at Heights
- Ladder safety
- HAVS Awareness
- Respiratory Protective Equipment
- Podium Step-up Training

Careers in Construction

The Construction Industry Training Board predicts that more than **158,000 new construction workers** will be required over the next 5 years.

Careers in Construction

There are a wide range of exciting careers in the construction sector, and with a high demand for skills we can help you get on track for a great career. Possible careers include:

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|  | Bricklayer (£15,000 to £35,000) |  | Facilities Manager (£26,000 to £60,000) |
|  | Building Services Engineer (£20,000 to £50,000) |  | Heating & Ventilation Technician (£18,000 to £35,000) |
|  | Building Site Inspector (£21,000 to £60,000) |  | Land Surveyor (£20,000 to £70,000) |
|  | Building Surveyor (£22,000 to £70,000) |  | Painter & Decorator (£15,000 to £30,000) |
|  | Carpenter (£16,000 to £40,000) |  | Planning & Development Surveyor (£21,000 to £60,000) |
|  | Construction Manager (£27,000 to £70,000) |  | Plasterer (£14,000 to £30,000) |
|  | Crane Driver (£20,000 to £36,000) |  | Plumber (£15,000 to £40,000) |
|  | Dry Liner (£10,000 to £30,000) |  | Quantity Surveyor (£18,000 to £80,000) |
|  | Electrician (£18,000 to £42,000) |  | Town Planning Assistant (£16,000 to £30,000) |
|  | Electrical Engineer (£20,000 to £60,000) |  | Town Planner (£18,000 to £80,000) |

National Careers Service Job Profile Data, <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/>

Student Support

Student Services

Students Services is where you can acquire information and advice, while getting more closely involved in college life.

The services we offer include:

- Information, advice and guidance
- Careers advice and employability skills
- Student support funds
- Students' Union
- Support for young people in care or recent care leavers
- Mental health advice from our partners MIND

Safety, Security & Safeguarding

Our students' safety is of the highest importance to us. You can rest assured that each of our Colleges are safe environments where you are free to reach your full potential. All students, staff and visitors need an ID badge to access College buildings, and security teams are on hand at all times. We also have a team of trained safeguarding officers based at each College for you to discuss any queries or concerns about safeguarding.

Working with Parents, Guardians & Carers

As parents and guardians you will want to ensure that your child makes the right decision for their future. You will also want to know that as an education provider, we not only take an interest in our students' success but also their general wellbeing while they are at the College. We believe in working with you to help our students to succeed. We do this by communicating regularly with you, providing progress reports on performance, coursework deadlines, exams and attendance. You will also be invited to parents' evenings, giving you the opportunity to meet our tutors and discuss any achievements or concerns.

Further Support

Additional Learning Support at West London Construction Academy

We can offer you additional support in literacy, language, numeracy and a variety of skills to help you to learn and achieve your chosen qualification. This can be provided in a number of ways with additional one-on-one out-of-class support sessions, extra workshops and/or drop-in sessions. There is also support available for a range of physical, sensory or medical needs, including mental health.

Learners with Education, Health & Care Plans

High-need provision is embedded within Inclusive Learning and across the College on mainstream programmes. The College recognises its role in supporting students with high-support needs and is proactive in ensuring that the appropriate support and resources are in place and applied in line with Education, Health & Care Plans.

For more information about Additional Learning Support, please call **020 7565 1200** or visit wlc.ac.uk/additionallarningsupport.

We can also help you by offering:

- Advice and guidance
- Assistance with assignments
- Assessment for access arrangements for exams
- Training on specialist equipment such as voice-activated software
- Support Assistants
- Communicator/Signer
- Specialist Software/Equipment

Financial Assistance

All of our students are encouraged to speak to us about possible financial assistance while they are studying at the College. If eligible, these funds can go towards travel, equipment, books or childcare costs. We can advise you on the criteria before you apply and what paperwork you will need so that you are well prepared to make an application. We also offer Hardship and Student Opportunity Funds to eligible students.

Care to Learn

Care to Learn can assist young parents aged under 20 with the costs of registered childcare, and travelling expenses to and from your childcare provider.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/care-to-learn



Frequently Asked Questions

How much will it cost?

You might be asked to pay:

Tuition and Exam Fees:

All Entry Level to Level 3 courses are free if you are 16-18 years old. If you are aged 19 years or over you may be required to pay fees.

Resources Fees:

This covers the cost of essential course materials and resources for your chosen course and is payable on certain courses for all students.

The College offers a range of financial support and advice. Please contact us to find out more.

How do I decide which course is the best for me?

To find out more about the individual subject areas please visit wlc.ac.uk/courses, or come along to one of our Open Days to speak to tutors and careers advisors.

Do you offer part-time courses?

Yes, some of our courses can be attended part-time. Please contact our team to find out if your course is available part-time.

How do I apply for a course?

We accept online applications submitted through our website, as well as paper application forms found in the back of our main Course Guide.

What is the deadline for application?

We accept applications up until enrolment, but places are limited so we recommend applying as soon as possible so you have the best opportunity of securing a place on the course of your choice.

Are there minimum requirements?

Each course has individual entry requirements based on the course level and specification. These can be found in our main Course Guide and on our website. Some courses may require initial assessments for English & Maths, which you will be advised of.

Is there an interview following the application process?

You will be invited to attend an interview. If successful you will then be given either a conditional or unconditional offer and later invited to enrolment.

Are there any Open Days I can attend?

Yes, each of our Colleges has Open Days throughout the year. Please see the inside cover of this guide for dates, and book your place at wlc.ac.uk/opendays



When does enrolment start?

For courses starting in September, enrolment starts in August. For the latest dates and times please visit wlc.ac.uk/enrolment.

What is the possible progression after I finish my course?

Our courses are designed to prepare you for your future career and help you gain transferable skills. We have dedicated careers advisors to provide impartial advice and guidance, as well as reserved progression discussions for our current students.

What happens if I change my mind about the course?

If you change your mind before classes start, you can come for an interview with a tutor from the new course you are interested in. If you change your mind after your course has started, you have a short period in which you can change to a different course, subject to places and entry requirements.

Application Process

You could become a West London College student in **5 easy steps!**

If you are unsure what course to apply for, please get in touch or come to one of our Open Days. Our Learner Information Services team will be happy to help you with any queries or questions you may have.

Call us on **020 8741 1688** or email lis@wlc.ac.uk

1 Apply online or return a paper application form to us

2 If you meet the eligibility criteria **attend an interview** with a course tutor

3 If successful be given a **conditional** or **unconditional offer**

4 Be invited to **priority enrolment** in **August**

5 You are **ready to enrol!**

West London College aims to provide the widest possible range of courses. On occasion it is necessary to withdraw or move courses owing to a range of unforeseen circumstances. The College cannot guarantee the provision of all courses advertised in this Guide. Where a course is cancelled or amended in any way to that advertised, the College will do what it can to transfer students to an alternative course, should one exist that is appropriate and available. Fees may change at short notice due to circumstances beyond our control. The fees payable are those in force at the time of enrolment, which supercede any that may previously have been advertised.

How to Find Us

NB: WLCA is based on a live construction site and as such the facility cannot be visited by the public without prior appointment. Please attend an open day at Southall Community College in order to view the facility, wlc.ac.uk/opendays

 Southall Waterside
170 Brent Road
Southall
Middlesex UB2 5LE

 **Bus Routes**
105, 120, 207, E5, H32

 **Train**
Southall (Great West Railway or Heathrow Connect)

Near
Heathrow Airport
Ealing Broadway
Kew Gardens
Richmond Park



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