Cheshire College South & West

MACCLESFIELD COLLEGE

CAREERS PROGRAMME

Helping *students achieve* their very best...

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Careers Programme
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Cheshire College – South & West is committed to delivering a stable careers programme that meets the needs of all students (including 16–19 students, apprentices and adult students). Our programme is designed to raise aspirations, expand horizons and ensure students leave college with a strong understanding of the local and national labour markets as well as the key skills needed for their next steps. All students have access to a one-to-one careers meeting at a time of their choosing. Careers education is also embedded throughout their programme.



Felix

Secondary School:
Ellesmere Port Catholic High School

Course:
Creative Media Practice Level 3

Next Chapter:
University of Staffordshire in a Degree in Game Art

Cheshire College has **really given me the space** that I need *to be myself* and **focus on the studies** that I'm *Passionate about.*

Full Time Students

Full time students can expect to receive a range of careers support throughout their study programme to help them fulfil their career aspirations. This includes:

- One-to-one careers advice and guidance
- Access to events such as our annual Careers Fair and Apprenticeships and Jobs Fair
- Guest employer and University speakers
- Access to skills competitions; local, regional and national such as WorldSkills
- Trips and visits
- Employability support such as mock interviews, CV workshops and how to create a LinkedIn profile
- National Apprenticeships Week and National Careers Week activities
- Work experience
- Access to our online Resources
  Accessible through the **QR code** below



Futures Programme

The Futures Programme at Cheshire College – South & West provides our students with coaching, support and unique opportunities to ensure your goals for the future are achieved.

Whether your dream is to go to a top university or start on the career ladder in a highly respected industry, we'll work with you to boost your skills and confidence throughout your time with us.

Our Programmes

Honours Programme

The Honours Programme is aimed at students who aspire to secure a higher or degree level apprenticeship, progress on to a technical pathway such as a Higher Technical Qualification or secure a place at university.

Key features:

- **Employer-led workshops and masterclasses**
- **Networking events with industry experts and academics**
- **Alumni support and mentoring**
- **Bespoke support and skills workshops**

Sam

Secondary School:
Malbank High School

Course:
A Level Economics, Politics, Business

Next Chapter:
Level 4 Project Management Apprenticeship at Infastructure



You are in **control** of **your own future!** **The Honours Programme** provided a **great level** of **support** in exploring *my options*

Rachel

Secondary School:
Shavington Academy

Course:
A Level Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths

Next Chapter:
Studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Cambridge

The support has **been fantastic,** and I've **loved every minute** of College. I'm heading off to the *University of Cambridge* to study **Veterinary Medicine!**



Scholars Programme

The Scholars Programme is a unique programme designed for Cheshire College students who aspire to study at Oxbridge, or to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary science.

Key features:

- **Specialist support and bespoke enrichment activities**
- **Oxford Partnership programme in English, Philosophy, Humanities, Languages and Sciences**
- **Oxbridge coaching for competitive courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary subjects**
- **Preparation for the Admissions Test and interviews**

Access to online University resources via the QR code:

Apprentices

Apprenticeships

All apprentices can expect to receive a range of careers support throughout their apprenticeship to ensure that they gain a strong understanding of the jobs and skills required locally and nationally and to confidently manage their career.

We know that careers support for apprentices can significantly enhance their outcomes which is why apprentices can access any of the below throughout their apprenticeship programme:

- One-to-one careers support and guidance
- Industry visits/conferences
- Bespoke access to a number of online resources
- Guest employer and university guest speakers
- National Apprenticeships Week activities

Apprentice Careers Resource Tile
A dedicated student intranet site which includes:

- Calendar of key up and coming events
- CV and cover letter templates
- Information on psychometric testing
- Links to key websites

To access the site, click or scan the QR code

Association of **Apprentices**

To sign up, click or scan the QR code below:

Association of Apprentices (AoA) which is free to all Cheshire College Apprentices and provides access to:

- Exclusive webinars and masterclasses on industry updates
- Networking events with fellow apprentices, employers and industry experts
- Resources and tools to support apprentices with their professional and career development
- Opportunities to contribute to shaping the future of apprenticeships through feedback and engagement

Becky

Course:
Business Apprenticeship

Next Chapter:
Employment as Recruitment Placement Officer at Cheshire College

I feel like **the staff members and assessors** are *really understanding* of you **navigating** a new role and they're **really good** at *offering support.*



Adult Students

All adult students can expect to receive careers education throughout their study programme to support them with their next steps and beyond.

One-to-one careers advice and guidance covering a range of support including:

- Career progression
- Online profiles and social media
- Changing careers
- Job searching

Group employability sessions covering:

- CV workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Cover letter workshops
- Application workshops

Exclusive onsite events to update on key industry and employment trends

Guest employer and university speakers

Access to our annual Careers Fair and Apprenticeships and Jobs Fair

Tina

Course:
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Level 3

Next Chapter:
New Career in the Automotive Industry



The course was **close** *to home and easy* for me **to be able to pick up** my children from school.

Information for **Parents and Carers**

We understand that it can be overwhelming exploring the different options and knowing what opportunities are available to young people. Therefore, in addition to supporting our full-time students with their career options, parents and carers can access any of the below to help them in navigating their young person's post-College options:

Annual programme of webinars covering a range of topics:

- **Welcome Webinar**
  Overview of the support available and how these can be accessed
- **Post-College Options**
- **University Support**

Parents Evening

Receive regular updates through the Careers and Futures Newsletter

Flexible careers support
(online, telephone or onsite)

Careers Fairs and Apprenticeships and Jobs Fairs

Access to online parent platform, Proportal

Key Dates

Careers Fairs

- **Crewe Campus** → Thursday 24 September 2026
- **Chester Campus** → Thursday 1 October 2026
- **Ellesmere Port Campus** → Thursday 8 October 2026

UCAS Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

Deadline 15 October 2026

UCAS Deadline

Wednesday 13 January 2027

National Apprenticeships Week

Monday 8 February 2027 → Friday 12 February 2027

Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair

Crewe Campus
→ Monday 8 February 2027 | 16:30–18:00

Ellesmere Port Campus
→ Wednesday 10 February 2027 | 16:30–18:00

National Careers Week

Monday 1 March 2027 → Friday 5 March 2027

Progression Guidance Meetings

March → April 2027

A Level Results Day

Thursday 12 August 2027

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 19 August 2027

Get in Touch!

If you would like to book an appointment with a Careers Advisor or have a question about your career options, scan or click on the QR code.



Alumni Community

We're building a vibrant alumni community and would love to hear from you!

Whether you studied recently or years ago, your experiences can inspire the next generation. Join our alumni group to stay connected, share your journey, and be part of our college's ongoing story. Please complete this form and we'll be in touch shortly.

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