

T-LEVELS



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***GUIDE FOR
PARENTS
AND STUDENTS***

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WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are a national qualification the government developed across England to give students a new choice after GCSEs.

Chichester College Group was chosen to be one of the first providers in the country to deliver T Levels.

The 'T' in T Levels stands for Technical, highlighting their focus on strengthening practical education. Designed for students aged 16-19, T Levels are equivalent to 3 A-Levels and combine 80% classroom theory and practical learning with 20% industry placement.

Each two-year course has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, ensuring that the skills and knowledge gained will meet the needs of the industry and prepare you for the real world of work.



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING A T LEVEL?

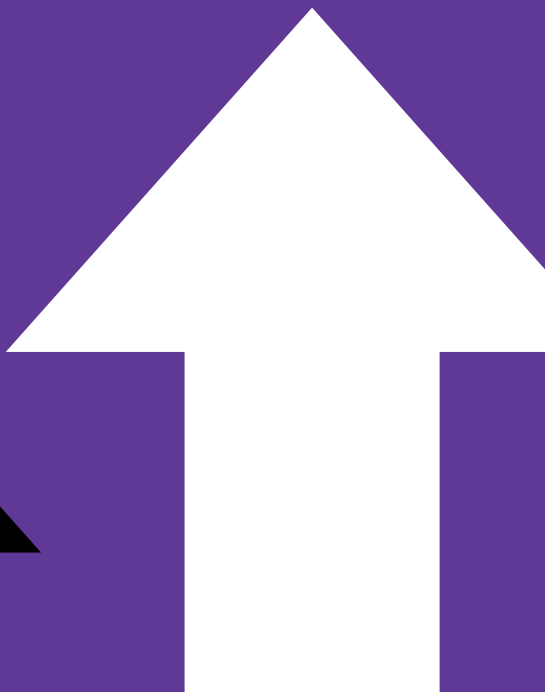
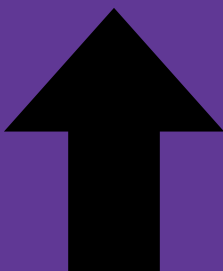
Being part of a new and exciting qualification is only the start of the T Level journey.

As a student on a T Level programme, you can expect to receive quality classroom-based teaching to develop your technical skills and knowledge of your chosen industry. We will then work with you and employers to match you to an industry placement relevant to both your course and your future aspirations.

During your placement you will have the opportunity and support to put your skills and knowledge into practice in a real working environment. By being hands-on in an industry you are in the best place to discover if this is really the right career path for you, allowing you to make informed choices early on in your career.

As 20% of your time will be working in the industry, you will develop essential employability skills which have been identified as crucial for your future employment. These will include:

- ⤴ **Being a team player**
- ⤴ **Having a proactive approach**
- ⤴ **Being responsible**
- ⤴ **Having professional etiquette**
- ⤴ **Being an effective communicator**



WHERE CAN THE T LEVEL JOURNEY TAKE YOU?

T Levels have been designed to ensure that when the course has finished, you are best placed to progress onto further opportunities. Progression could include gaining employment directly from the industry placement or for other skilled employment.

Alternatively, you could continue with training through a higher level apprenticeship or further education. (See UCAS points table below.)



The table below shows the UCAS tariff allocation for T Levels:

T Level Overall Grade	UCAS tariff points
Distinction*	168
Distinction	144
Merit	120
Pass (C or above on the core)	96
Pass (D or E on the core)	72

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR T LEVELS?

Don't panic! We will also be offering a one-year transition programme for those students who don't have the entry requirements yet.

We will support you to achieve the maths and English grades required, whilst completing a relevant qualification to your chosen industry. During the transition year there will be a focus on personal development; building essential employability skills through a structured programme and smaller placements. This is intended to prepare you for the extended industry placement within your chosen T Level.

HOW WILL T LEVELS BE TAUGHT AND ASSESSED?

The taught and assessment components of T Levels are made up of two elements:

ELEMENT 1: CORE COMPONENT

This will be split into two parts:

- ⤴ Technical knowledge and skills relevant to the industry which will be assessed through a two-part exam
- ⤴ A set project to demonstrate knowledge and skills developed which will be assessed with an industry focused project

ELEMENT 2: SPECIALIST SKILLS

You will learn and refine specialist skills for industry in class-based environments, such as workshops. This will be assessed through a selection of projects and set assignment based methods which will help to demonstrate practical skills and the application of knowledge for your industry. This could also include being observed in your placement in order to demonstrate skills and knowledge.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS WITH AN EMPLOYER

Industry placements are at the heart of a T Level qualification and each student will complete between 45-60 days (minimum 315 hours) within a placement. Those studying the Childcare Early Years route will complete a minimum of 750 hours for the pathway given the highly practical and personal skills needed within the nature of the route.

The industry placement will help you to develop the essential workplace skills that employers are looking for, gain a clearer idea about the job and even the possibility of opportunities to secure future employment!

A set of learning objectives will be agreed with you and the employer at the start of the industry placement which they will work towards throughout the placement. These will include:

- ⤴ **Knowledge and Technical Skills** - These are specific and customised to each of the industries and the skills required for that working practice
- ⤴ **Essential Behaviour and Social Skills** - Skills and attributes for all students to aspire to in order to work across a breadth of industries

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

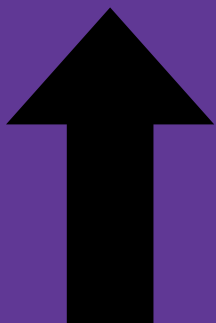
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HOW WILL STUDENTS BE KEPT SAFE DURING AN INDUSTRY PLACEMENT?

- ⤴ We will run due diligence on all employers for health and safety, insurance and safeguarding purposes
- ⤴ Safeguarding and well-being procedures will be in place for all students
- ⤴ Each student will have a Work Placement Coach assigned to them for support

HOW WILL STUDENTS BE MONITORED DURING THEIR INDUSTRY PLACEMENT?

- ⤴ Students will have regular one-to-one meetings with a named supervisor at the placement
- ⤴ Students will track their own progress towards their learning objectives
- ⤴ Students will record their own industry placement hours which will be verified by the employer
- ⤴ Work Placement Coaches will attend the placement at least three times to track progress and discuss any concerns
- ⤴ Work Placement Coaches are available to communicate with them throughout their placement should they have any concerns or worries



WHAT IF STUDENTS HAVE A PART-TIME JOB?

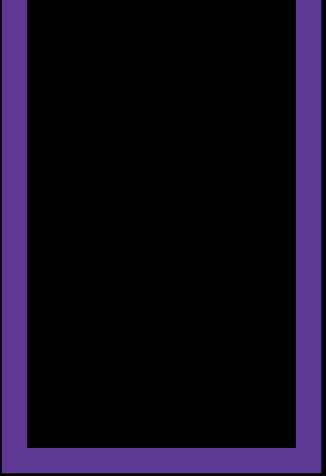
We will provide plenty of notice regarding industry placements, allowing students the time to change hours if needed. We recommend that students restrict their part-time work to weekends.

CAN STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR A DISABILITY DO A T LEVEL?

T Levels are inclusive qualifications and all students with the entry requirements will be offered an interview. Our dedicated Additional Learning Support team will work with students to ensure that they are supported appropriately and given opportunities to thrive in the workplace. They will also work with employers to ensure that they are fully trained to support the learners whilst on their industry placement. If students need some extra support to reach the T Level standards, then a transition year may be most appropriate. (See 'What if you don't have the entry requirements for T Levels?')

WILL THE STUDENT BE PAID?

There is no legal requirement or expectation that T Level students will be paid. However, employers can pay the student should they wish to, or support the student with their travel and subsistence costs. We believe that financial constraints alone should never be enough to prevent a student from studying and so we will work with you to find out what support you may be entitled to and help you to access any funding available.



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