

MINI GUIDE 2024-25

WHAT WE OFFER

Ready,
Respectful,
Potential

Full and part-time courses
Apprenticeships
A-Level alternatives
Higher education
And more!

Welcome to the 2024/25 Lakes College Mini Guide...



This handy guide gives an overview of the range of different opportunities available at Lakes College. **We have more than 200 courses and apprenticeships available**, as well as our T Levels which are equivalent to three A Levels.

Applying for a course is **quick and easy** through our website, and our online course listings give you more detailed information such as entry requirements, any course fees, and what careers the completion of courses can lead to.

Welcome from our **Principal, Chris Nattress** “““



We are all extremely proud of what we do and offer here at Lakes College. As West Cumbria's primary option for studying technical and vocational courses, our team care deeply about ensuring that each one of our learners reach their full potential, no matter what level of study or course.

This year's Mini Guide contains everything you need to know to help you decide whether there is a suitable pathway for you at Lakes College.

We look forward to welcoming you to our ever-growing campus very soon!

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Find out what you can expect to discover at our Open Day events by scanning the QR code below:



SCAN ME!

**OPEN
DAYS**

Our Open Days offer a great way to meet your future tutors and experience what life at Lakes College is like. Join us at an Open Day* on:
Tuesday 5th December 2023
Wednesday 21st February 2024
Wednesday 12th June 2024

*Dates subject to change – please see website for updates and times.

10 REASONS to choose **Lakes College**

We focus on **CAREERS** not just qualifications!

-  Over 200 courses and apprenticeships available!
-  Option to study maths and English alongside your course
-  Earn UCAS points (for University) as you study
-  Complete real-life work experience alongside your course
-  Ofsted say we're a **GOOD** college
-  We work with 700+ employers
-  Home to the National College for Nuclear at Lakes College
-  New £1 million Digital Accelerator Hub opened
-  Real alternatives to A Levels
-  Study in our industry standard workshops

BENEFITS of being a student at **Lakes College**



Careers, job and CV support

FREE breakfasts



Discounted gym membership

Starbucks at college



Real work experience

Student discount card



Dedicated 'MyLakes' App

OUR CAMPUS

We have **first class** training and educational facilities, including:

- **£7 million** Construction Skills Centre
- Top-of-the-range, industry standard practical workshops
- **New Engineering Skills Academy**, built with employers and learners in mind (opened summer 2023)
- **Multi-million pound** Civil Engineering Training Centre
- **Skillshub** Business Centre
- Mock hospital ward
- **£1 million Digital Accelerator Hub** (opened Spring 2023)
- **£1 million** 3G sports pitch
- Student and public *ActivZone* gym
- Newly refurbished and fully equipped hair and beauty salon, *Distinctions*
- *Graduates* restaurant - open for bookings (see website for more info)
- Modern canteen serving homemade food and Starbucks drinks
- Regular bus services directly to the college
- Over 450 on site car parking spaces



We're home to the **National College for Nuclear** (NCfN) at Lakes College

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MAP KEY

- N** NCfN
- M** Main Building
- 3G** 3G Sports Pitch
- C** Construction Skills Centre
- CC** Civils Centre
- CP** Car Parks

LIFE at Lakes College

Here at Lakes College, we aim to be life-changing for every single one of our students and apprentices.

We are with our learners every step of the way as they take the next steps in their education and chosen career. From a warm welcome when you first walk through our doors, to support with getting to where you want to be in life, we try to make everything about your time at Lakes College as easy as possible.

Our careers experts can help you decide if a course is the right one for you, fine-tune your CV to put you in prime position to secure a job or apprenticeship, and develop all the skills you need to be ready for the world of work.

We can help you with interview tips and advice, university applications and UCAS, as well as supporting you in pursuing volunteering and job opportunities to enrich your experience.

After you apply for a course, you will have a one-to-one interview with a course tutor, and you will have regular follow-up meetings with one of our Careers Advisors during your course to discuss your future options.

We know not everyone knows what they want to be in life straight away, and we are here to help you make big decisions about your next steps as they come.



With our refurbished café (including Starbucks), Learning Resource Centre and common room, you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet new people and make friends for life.

You can also download our **MyLakes app** to interact with your classmates and tutors, as well as finding out about exciting opportunities at the college.

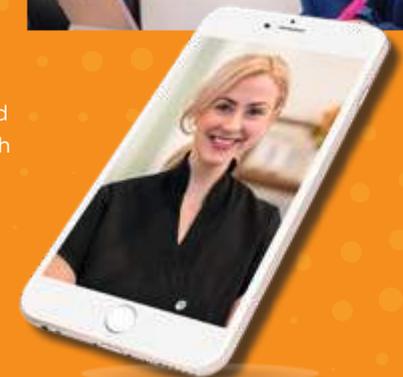
We firmly believe in helping all our students get to where they want to be in life.

Catherine Wilson, Careers, Recruitment and Admissions Manager

As a college student, you'll also have the option of getting your hands on a student discount card which will give you exclusive discounts on lots of national brands for things such as clothes, travel, music and eating out.

We have a multi-faith and contemplation room, designed to be a quiet space for reflection, contemplation, or prayer.

Many of our courses involve working in real-life environments. Our Graduates Restaurant, Distinctions hair and beauty salon, motor vehicle workshops, mock hospital wards, Civil Engineering Training Centre, nuclear labs, Digital Accelerator Hub and Construction Skills Centre are all fitted to industry standards and provide invaluable experience to prepare you for your career. Our tutors and lecturers are also experts in the fields in which they teach.



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GET SOCIAL!



SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) LEARNING AT LAKES COLLEGE



At Lakes College we are committed to ensuring that all learners become independent and reach their potential while achieving success in an inclusive and ambitious environment.

Within the Foundation Learning department we have an ambitious and tailored curriculum that meets the individual learner's needs and their journey towards Preparation for Adulthood.

The support offered at Lakes College ensures that all learners can access inclusive learning at an appropriate level. Learners' needs cover everything from reading, writing, spelling, and numeracy, to understanding, communication, self-esteem and confidence, as well as behaviour, hearing impairments, visual impairments, and co-ordination and mobility.

The Learning Support team is led by the college's Inclusive Learning Leader. The team also has Lead Practitioners who are responsible for out-of-class support and more specialised in class support. Learners may also be supported by Learning Support Assistants who work in a classroom or workshop environment.

The Learning Support team works closely with all teachers and coaches to ensure that support strategies are effective and meet the needs of the learner.

Learning support is intended to be flexible and creative in order to meet the needs of individual learners. Support strategies are varied but can include:

- Access to in-class support
- Communicators for hearing impaired learners
- Out-of-class Study Skills Support
- Meet and greet into college
- Lunchtime supervision
- Orientation
- Personal care support
- Qualified and experienced learning support staff
- Support for social, emotional and mental health which include a college counsellor and pastoral support
- Quiet spaces when feeling overwhelmed
- Liaison with relevant professionals to ensure personalised provision can be put into place to promote independence and preparation for adulthood and employment
- Access to ICT and assistive learning technology to develop study skills and promote independence (including loan of equipment)
- Assessment for access arrangements for examinations

Staff use a three wave approach to teaching learners which begins with 'quality first' teaching, then targeted support, followed by enhanced additional provision.

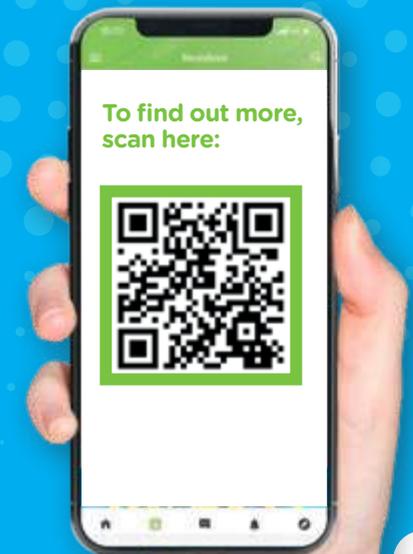


Teaching and support staff work closely to ensure strategies and provision are appropriate and learners follow a challenging differentiated programme of study.

As a result, learners are given every opportunity to follow their chosen career pathway. They are involved in setting targets for themselves and for those learners with an Education Health and Care Plan they are involved in the review of their plans and meetings for this.

Lakes College has a firm belief that good links and communication with parents is key to helping a learner succeed. Parents' evenings are held twice a year, parents can also visit the college with learners before starting in September as part of a transitional visit.

For more information, please email the Learning Support team on Send@lcwc.ac.uk



MYLAKES APP

Find everything at your fingertips with the **MyLakes** app.

Search your timetable, chat with friends, classmates and tutors, report absences, find out what's happening in college, the list is endless!

We listened to our students when we asked how to make their college experience easier and more interactive, and introduced the **MyLakes** app!



SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

-  /lakescollege
-  /lakescollege
-  /company/lakes-college
-  @lakescollege
-  @lakescollege

Our website is the go-to place for everything Lakes College!

It is updated regularly with news and information, and you'll also find details about all our courses, impressive facilities, and important policies and procedures.

Lakes College is active on several social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, and X (Twitter)** - we love sharing good news from within our campus on our platforms!

LIKE or FOLLOW LAKES COLLEGE on any of these social channels!

STUDENT WELFARE

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Lakes College is a caring and welcoming college. Each course area has its own Progress and Welfare Coach, who can provide support in many ways.

All learners receive weekly Explore sessions with their Progress and Welfare Coach in which they learn skills such as employability, communication, and how to be self-sufficient. Coaches get to know their students well and can provide support, advice, and encouragement.

We have a firm belief that good links and communication with parents is key to helping a learner succeed.

Parents' evenings are held twice a year, allowing our teaching staff to share updates and answer any questions parents and learners may have regarding their course or progress.

Scan the QR code to contact your Progress and Welfare Coach and read details about the support we offer to learners.

SAFEGUARDING & PREVENT

SCAN ME!



We are committed to the principles and practices of safeguarding the protection of children who are under the age of 18 years, all learners and vulnerable adults.

Our staff embrace the collective responsibility of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all learners, and we are dedicated to working together with all external partner agencies and organisations to safeguard its community (including all learners, full or part-time, staff, volunteers, and visitors).

The commitment to safeguard and protect children extends collectively to everyone in the college and all activities, adopting a

fully inclusive, focused, safety-conscious, preventative approach. Learners are fully supported and have access to a trained counsellor who is there to listen and help if they are struggling.

Scan the QR code to read full details regarding Safeguarding and Prevent (including full list of policies and procedures) and view contact details for our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

TYPES OF COURSES



FULL-TIME

You will spend the majority of your time in college, gaining a full qualification over the course of one year (some courses may be longer, and with some courses you may spend less time in college each week). If you don't already have a pass in your maths and English GCSEs (Grade 4 and above), you'll study to top up these key skills alongside your vocational study. Students also complete at least 37 hours of work experience each year.

PART-TIME

Our part-time courses are great if you're looking to fit study around a part-time job or other commitments. The courses will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and qualifications to get your dream job.

T LEVELS

These new, two-year courses are equivalent to three A-Levels. They bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement with an employer together. These qualifications are ideal if you've finished your GCSEs and want a more hands-on course, specialising in an area where you gain knowledge and experience to go straight into employment, an apprenticeship, or higher education.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Earn while you learn through a Lakes College apprenticeship. You'll spend the vast majority of your time with your employer 'working on the job', only coming into college for one day a week - if at all, as some of our programmes are entirely workplace-based where our assessors will come and visit you. Apply via our Apprenticeship Academy (see p16-17 for details).

HIGHER EDUCATION

We offer a range of HNCs (Higher National Certificates), HNDs (Higher National Diplomas), Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees, and Higher/Degree apprenticeships (Levels 4, 5 and 6) which are the equivalent to university courses. You don't need to leave West Cumbria to study higher education - you can do it on your doorstep!

WE ALSO OFFER:

- Online Learning
- Specialist Training Qualifications
- Short Courses
- Professional Qualifications



Course levels available at Lakes College

LEVEL 1

Equivalent to GCSE - grades 3, 2, 1 or grades D, E, F, G

LEVEL 2

Equivalent to GCSE - grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 or grades A, A, B, C:*
- Intermediate Apprenticeship
- O Level - grade A, B or C

LEVEL 3

Equivalent to A-Level/AS Levels:
- Advanced Apprenticeship
- T Level

LEVEL 4

Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE):
- Higher Apprenticeship
- Higher National Certificate (HNC)

LEVEL 5

Equivalent to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE):
- Foundation Degree
- Higher National Diploma (HND)

LEVEL 6

Equivalent to Degree level study
- Degree with honours - for example Bachelor of Arts (BA) honours, Bachelor of Science (BSc) honours
- Ordinary Degree without honours



Apprenticeship Academy

at Lakes College

Working with local employers to train and upskill apprentices across Cumbria – start your journey towards a prosperous career today!

An apprenticeship consists of hands-on training in the workplace, where you earn a wage while working towards your qualification. Apprentices are supported by their employer and the College, learning the knowledge, skills, and behaviours to allow them to thrive in their role. At the end of an apprenticeship, an End-Point Assessment is completed to confirm the apprentice has successfully achieved the required standard.

Our new Apprenticeship Academy has been developed with apprentices and businesses in mind. **We work with hundreds of employers across Cumbria, helping a number of them to find suitable apprentices and deliver high-quality training.**

We have two training facilities (based in Kingstown, Carlisle and Lillyhall, Workington) and apprentices are supported by qualified teachers and coaches who deliver learning in college and in the workplace.

Join our Apprenticeship Academy today to be in the running for an apprenticeship starting in September 2024.

The academy was launched in 2022 and in its first year more than 110 applicants secured an apprenticeship with local and national employers.

Our apprenticeships cover a variety of roles including civil engineering, business admin, nuclear technician, health physics monitor and electrical maintenance.

Find out more about the Apprenticeship Academy and apply today by scanning the QR code



APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY



Please note: applying for our Apprenticeship Academy does not automatically guarantee an apprenticeship. You will be supported by Lakes College with alternative options if you are unsuccessful in gaining an apprenticeship.



I've enjoyed doing everything in my apprenticeship so far and seeing what other people do in the office is helping me to understand and learn. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I've received from Lakes College. The college has a great support system of people who really want to help you achieve your goals.

Millie McCabe,

Level 3 Business Administrator apprentice at Altrad



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

TL > Lakes College will be offering T Levels in many subject areas in 2024.

Equivalent to 3 A-Levels!

What are T Levels?

T Levels are a two-year qualification that will give you a head start towards the future you want.

As well as learning in the classroom, you'll also spend a lot of time working with a local employer on an industry placement.

Who are T Levels for?

T Levels are ideal if you have finished your GCSEs and want the knowledge and experience to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship, or higher education.

You'll spend 80 per cent of your time in the classroom and 20 per cent on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills companies look for.

We are offering Foundation Year T Level qualifications in some areas, which are designed for those who do not have the required entry criteria to study the full T Level. Once the one-year course is complete, you then have the option to go on to study a full T Level course.

T Level in Construction

- Design, Surveying and Planning

T Level in Digital

- Digital Support

T Level in Education and Childcare

- Foundation Year available
- Early Years Educator

T Level in Health (Nurse Cadets)

- Foundation year available
- T Level in Health (Nurse Cadets)

T Level in Science

- Laboratory Science

T Level in Engineering

- Mechatronics

T Level in Business

- Team Leadership and Management

View an up-to-date list of T Level courses available to study on our website:
www.LCWC.ac.uk/t-levels/



WORK EXPERIENCE & INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Everyone at Lakes College takes pride in supporting and representing the community. Our students and staff take part in a wide variety of fundraisers and charity events during the year.

All full-time students at Lakes College are required to complete a certain number of work experience hours each year.

The expectation for most courses is 37 hours but some courses may require you to complete more. The format of the work experience will vary based on what works best for the course and employer. A placement could take place over a week or be spread over a number of weeks.

Some courses, such as certain childhood studies, health and social care, and T Level courses, include specific weekly placement hours for the duration of the course, but students will be informed if this applies to them.

The benefits of work experience include:

- Real-world experience
- Development of employability skills
- Applying theoretical knowledge to practical applications
- Increased confidence and improved communication skills
- Building relevant industry contacts



FUNDING SUPPORT

Course fees vary depending on the level of qualification you would like to study, along with your personal circumstances...

You may not have to pay tuition fees on certain courses if you meet the criteria below:

- You're aged 16 to 18 years old (except for higher education where fee is payable)
- You work and earn less than £20,319 a year – you could be entitled to a free course if you're studying up to a Level 2 qualification
- You're aged 19 to 23, enrolling on a Level 2/Level 3 course and do not already have a full Level 2/Level 3 qualification or higher
- You're studying one of our free Level 3 courses for jobs

Or you receive one of the following:

- Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit
- Council Tax Benefit (single occupancy doesn't apply)
- Financial support for asylum seekers who have been in the UK for six months or more



We also have a number of funding support options available including:

- Bus passes
- Free school meals
- Loans and bursaries
- Childcare

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Contact our Finance team for more information on the options available for you.
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MATHS & ENGLISH

Adding the skills employers want to give you the best chance to succeed.

Developing skills in English and maths is an essential ingredient to gaining employment and enhancing life skills.

Having qualifications in English and maths will open up more career opportunities, better educational possibilities, and a rise in salary potential.

If you're aged 16 to 18, studying full-time and do not already hold a GCSE grade 4 or above, English and maths will be at the core of your study programme at Lakes College, alongside your vocational qualification.

Our staff are passionate about getting you to where you want to be in life and helping you to achieve the qualifications you need.

As these subjects could potentially be a limiting factor in your future success and employment opportunities, the college endeavours to make these subjects as engaging, accessible, and relevant to your area of study as possible, no matter what your ability.



In exchange for this we expect your full commitment in terms of attendance, effort, and ambition for achievement.

“
All of my tutors are amazing; they show great respect and encourage progress. Studying Digital full-time at the college makes English particularly important – communication skills and the ability to comprehend information are crucial. I find it essential to learn these skills. Ahmed Baloch
”

HOW TO APPLY...

→ APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.LCWC.AC.UK



This is the quickest and easiest way to apply – simply browse our online course directory, find the right course for you, and click ‘apply’. You’ll be able to track your application online and find out your progress at the click of a button.

→ CALL US ON **01946 839 300**

Speak to our Admissions team and find out more information about our courses and book in for an advice and guidance chat.

→ POP IN AND SEE US!

Our Admissions team are located right next to reception in our main building and are always available for a chat about our courses – whether you can’t decide between two, or you have any questions, we’re here to help – either drop in or call us for an appointment.



1 APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

Once we’ve received your application you’ll receive confirmation from us that we have it and our team are processing it – we’ll check everything’s ok and be in touch if we need any further information at this point.

2 WE’LL INVITE YOU FOR AN INTERVIEW

Our interviews give you the opportunity to chat with one of our tutors about the course you have applied for. We’ll check it’s the right fit for you and explain more about what the course is all about and what you’ll study.

3 WE’LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER

You’ll then receive an official offer, subject to entry criteria, on the course.

4 ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

5 ENROL AND START YOUR COURSE

Enrolling is officially starting you on your course and the beginning of your studies. For full-time students this will be the last week in August. You’ll have your photo taken for your ID badge and we’ll give you all of the information you need to welcome you to Lakes College!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN, GAME DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY



Thought art just took place in a studio? Think again!

Studying a course in art, graphic design, games design, or photography at Lakes College can open doors in breath-taking and awe-inspiring careers such as photography, fine art, fashion design, game design, marketing, advertising, and the media.

COURSES:

[**Art and Design Level 1 Diploma**](#)

[**Art and Design Level 2 Diploma**](#)

[**Art and Design Practice \(Art or Photography\) Level 3 Diploma**](#)

[**Art and Design Practice \(Art or Photography\) Level 3 Extended Diploma**](#)

[**Creative Media Practice \(Graphics or Game Design\) Level 3 Diploma**](#)

[**Creative Media Practice \(Graphics or Game Design\) Level 3 Extended Diploma**](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

[**Multi-Channel Marketer**](#)

FULL TIME, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE

CAREERS: Graphic Designer, Photographer, Curator, Fine Artist, Fashion Designer, Photography Assistant, Artist, Design Consultant, Creative Assistant, Computer Games Designer, Marketing



I appreciate the freedom to express myself in the course I want to pursue, rather than being forced into something I don't want to do. My tutors are really helpful - they try various methods to help me understand better doing it step by step.

Anya Woods, Graphics and Game Design Level 3



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BUSINESS

Conquer the business world...

Whether you're looking to work your way up the corporate ladder, become an entrepreneur at the head of your own enterprise, or you're passionate about a career in HR, finance, or marketing – it all starts here.

COURSES:

Business T Level

- Team Leadership/Management

APPRENTICESHIPS:

AAT Accounts/Taxation Finance Assistant

AAT Assistant Accountant

AAT Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician

Associate Project Manager

Business Administrator

Business Analyst

Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability

Customer Services Practitioner

Customer Services Specialist

Digital Support Technician

HR Support

HR Consultant/Partner

Multi-Channel Marketer

Operations/Departmental Manager

Project Controls

Quality Practitioner

Supply Chain Warehouse Operative

Team Leading/Supervisor

FULL-TIME, APPRENTICESHIPS, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, FLEXIBLE LEARNING, T LEVEL, WORK PLACEMENTS

CAREERS: Admin Assistant, Office Manager, Accountant, Entrepreneur, Project Manager, Marketer, Events Planner, Human Resources, Business Development



My qualification laid a foundation that has allowed me to work in a lot of different areas and be in the job role that I am now.

Matt Quinn, Senior talent acquisition partner and projects at Travelopia



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CATERING & HOSPITALITY



Whether you dream of running your own hotel or delighting customers with your creations in the kitchen as a chef - we have the right course for you.

Take a look at the Lake District and it is easy to see why hospitality is at the heart of Cumbria's local economy. With ever-increasing visitors to the Lake District each year, there is a growing range of career opportunities throughout the region, making room for all sorts of ambitions and passions.

COURSES:

Food Preparation and Cooking Level 1

Food Production and Cooking Level 2

Hospitality Supervision and Leadership Level 3

Professional Cookery Level 3 NVQ Diploma

Professional Cookery (Patisserie and Confectionery) Level 3

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Commis Chef

Hospitality Team Member

Hospitality Manager

Hospitality Supervisor

Senior Production Chef

FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, INDUSTRY STANDARD KITCHENS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH

CAREERS: Kitchen Assistant, Pastry Chef, Kitchen Manager, Professional Chef, Commis Chef, Sous Chef, Front of House Assistant, Front of House Supervisor, Food Safety Officer, Hotel Manager, Restaurant Manager, Chef de Partie, Concierge, Bar Manager



It's a real working kitchen and restaurant. Being in that environment means you'll learn what the industry is truly like - it feels as though I'm actually working in a restaurant. Understanding the industry makes it easier to progress to the next stage and enter the workforce.

Layla Ritson-Harr, Food Production and Cooking Level 2



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COMPUTING & DIGITAL



Technology is a part of everything.

If you want to build a network for a local company or create the next Triple-A game, then your journey should start here. Our courses and apprenticeships can lead to a broad range of computing careers – and our lecturers are experts in the industry! You'll be able to study in our new Digital Accelerator Hub which opened in summer 2023.

COURSES:

Digital Skills Level 2 Diploma

Digital T Level
• Digital Support

Digital Higher National Certificate (HNC)

Digital Higher National Diploma (HND)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Business Analyst

Digital Support Technician

Digital Engineering Technician

Network Engineer

Software Developer

FULL-TIME, EARN UCAS POINTS, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS AND ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS:

Business Analyst, IT Support Technician, Digital Specialist, Web Developer, Games Designer, Coding and Networking Technician, Developer, Coder, Software Developer, Cyber Security



All of my tutors are really supportive. They provide one-on-one support and go out of their way to ensure you understand the material, going above and beyond to assist when needed. My goal is to pursue a career in cybersecurity and Lakes College is helping me acquire the qualifications to make that dream a reality.

Libby Thomson, Gateway to Digital Employment



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CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to build your own house, or be part of a team designing, planning and constructing a bridge, sport stadium, or skyscraper?

The construction industry is currently enjoying a resurgence across the UK, with the biggest areas for growth being civil engineering, housing developments, and the nuclear industry. Whatever trade you choose to study - from plumbing to brickwork, electrical to joinery, and civil engineering - you'll learn all the essential skills you need to build your own career path.

COURSES:

[Foundation in Construction - Multi-skills \(Carousel\) Level 1](#)

[GCO Civil Engineering Level 1](#)

[Plumbing Level 1 Diploma](#)

[Electrical Installations Level 1 Diploma](#)

[Brickwork Level 2 Diploma](#)

[Joinery Level 2 Diploma](#)

[GCO Civil Engineering Level 2](#)

[Plumbing Level 2 Diploma](#)

[Electrical Level 2 Diploma](#)

[Electrical Diploma Level 3](#)

[Construction T Level](#)

• Design, Surveying and Planning

APPRENTICESHIPS:

[Bricklayer](#)

[Carpentry and Joinery](#)

[Construction Design and Build](#)

[Construction Quantity Surveying](#)

[Craft Carpentry and Joinery](#)

[Engineering Construction Pipefitter](#)

[Formworker](#)

[Groundworker](#)

[Installation and Maintenance Electrician](#)

[Painter and Decorator](#)

[Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician](#)

[Project Controls](#)

[Property Maintenance Operative](#)

[Steel Fixer](#)

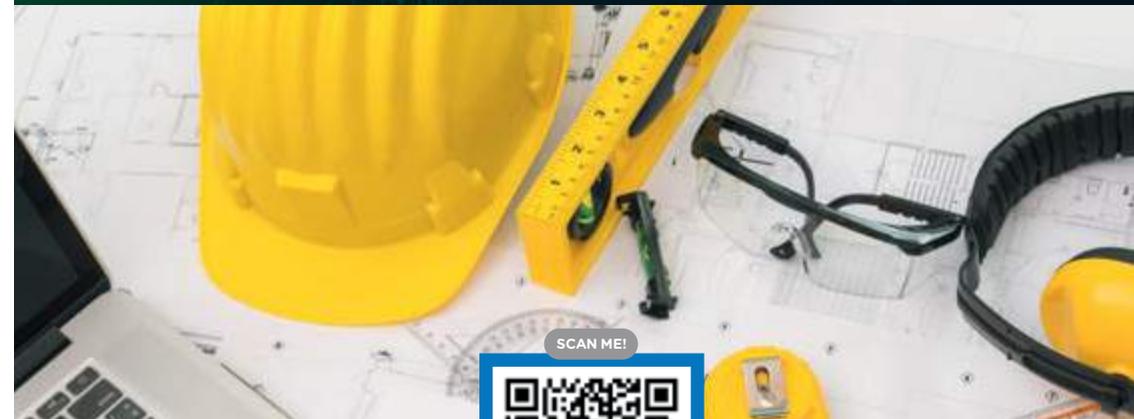
FULL-TIME, INDUSTRY STANDARD WORKSHOPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP MATHS & ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS: Joiner, Plumber, Bricklayer, Painter and Decorator, Carpenter, Electrician, Contractor, Site Manager, Property Developer, Quantity Surveyor, Building Surveyor, Business Owner, Gas Engineer, Facilities, Technician, Civil Engineer, Project Manager



My course has been really good so far; you're learning different elements, always learning something new, and there's always something to be getting on with.

Sienna Jenkinson, T Level Construction



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EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION



Childcare and education can be a rewarding and challenging career.

Open the door to a career shaping a young person's future, nurturing their talents, and helping them to achieve new experiences and uncover skills. You will be taught by staff who have real life experience in the field, as well as having the opportunity to go out on work placements.

COURSES:

[Health and Early Years Level 1](#)

[Early Years Practitioner Level 2](#)

[Education and Childcare T Level](#)

[T Level Foundation Programme - Education and Childcare](#)

[Foundation Degree in Working with Children and Families](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

[Early Years Practitioner](#)

[Early Years Educator](#)

[Teaching Assistant](#)

[Children Young People and Families Practitioner within the Community](#)

FULL-TIME, EARN UCAS POINTS, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES

CAREERS: Nursery Nurse, Youth Worker, Nursery Assistant, Childminder, Early Years Practitioner, Playgroup Assistant, Crèche Assistant, Pre-school Assistant, Primary School Teacher



The balance between classroom work and my placement is amazing, and I can take that into the future when choosing between a job, apprenticeship or going to university as doing this course gives you UCAS points.

Holly Scott, T Level in Education and Childcare



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ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE & WELDING



Engineer your future...

From the car we drive, to boiling the kettle – engineering touches about every aspect of our lives. The career paths available in this field are vast; there has never been a more exciting time to join such a diverse and rewarding profession. Our lecturers are experts in the areas they teach, and you'll study in our excellent facilities and workshops.

COURSES:

- [Foundation in Engineering Level 1](#)
- [Introduction to Vehicle System Maintenance Level 1](#)
- [Welding Level 2 Diploma](#)
- [Engineering Operations Level 2 Diploma](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Level 2 Diploma](#)
- [Welding Level 3 Diploma](#)
- [Engineering Level 3 Diploma](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Maintenance Level 3 Diploma](#)
- [Engineering and Manufacturing T Level](#)
- Mechatronics

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- [Autocare Technician](#)
- [Engineering Operative](#)
- [General Welder \(Arc Processes\)](#)
- [Engineering Construction Pipefitter](#)
- [Engineering Design and Draughtsperson](#)
- [Engineering Fitter](#)
- [Engineering Technician](#)
- [Machining Technician](#)
- [Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician](#)
- [Metal Fabricator](#)
- [Pipe Welder](#)
- [Project Controls](#)
- [Manufacturing Engineering Technician](#)

FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, INDUSTRY STANDARD WORKSHOPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS: Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Engineering Operative, Welder, Mechanic, Service Technician, Garage Owner, Diagnostic Technician, Motor Vehicle Service Engineer



I really enjoy the experience and the quality of the course. You get treated properly by everyone here. It's a totally different experience compared to anywhere else. Lakes College is where I want to be right now. I've built up my confidence, and met new people because of the college.

Owen Burns, Level 3 Mechanical Engineering



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HAIR & BEAUTY



Make the world a more beautiful place...

This is where creativity meets customer care. Our courses in hair and beauty can open doors to working for global beauty brands, owning your own salon business, or working on film sets and in the theatre. The opportunities within this field are only as limited as your imagination.

Our courses offer all aspects of hairdressing and beauty therapy - whether you're just starting off in the industry or want to expand your knowledge as a creative professional.

COURSES:

**Introduction to Hair & Beauty Sector
Level 1 Diploma**

Hairdressing Level 1

Beauty Therapy Level 2 Diploma

**Ladies & Gents Hairdressing Level 2
Diploma**

Beauty Therapy Level 3 Diploma

Hairdressing Level 3 Diploma

FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, INDUSTRY STANDARD SALON, WORK PLACEMENTS,
EXPERIENCE IN COLLEGE SALON, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH

CAREERS: Hair Stylist, Colourist, Hairdresser, Salon Owner, Nail Technician, Beauty Therapist, Makeup Artist, Special Effects Makeup Artist, Massage Therapist, Brand Rep, Spa Therapist



I've always wanted to pursue hairdressing ever since I was young. During an open day I saw the dolls heads, which looked like fun. I enjoy cutting hair and learning new techniques. The tutors are kind, supportive and approachable.

Sophie Wishart, Hairdressing



My tutors are helpful, and the course is really welcoming. We've covered topics such as facials, brows, and waxing - Kate and Lynsey (tutors) know exactly what they're doing!

Jadzia Smeaton, Level 2 Beauty Therapy learner



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NURSE CADETS - T LEVEL HEALTH



Interested in nursing and working for the NHS?

Our Nurse Cadet (T Level Health) programme is specifically designed to inspire the next generation of nurses. This course aims to give students a wide range of hands-on experience to set you up for a career in the NHS.

As part of the course, students carry out placements in different hospitals or departments across the NHS in Cumbria. These placements help many of our students choose which area of the health service they have an interest in for further study. Each student is paired up with a healthcare assistant who acts as a buddy to provide support and guidance while on placement.

COURSES:

[Foundation Programme in Health \(Nurse Cadets\) T Level](#)

[Foundation Programme in Health \(Nurse Cadets\)](#)



FULL-TIME, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, DISTANCE LEARNING, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nurse, Care Worker, Support Worker, Line Manager, Health Care Assistant, Care Home Manager, Social Worker, Paramedic, Care Supervisor, Midwife, Mental Health Worker, Community Support/Outreach Officer



I appreciate all of my tutors; they speak to you maturely and communicate how you would want to be spoken to. The support is good— I have never felt like I'm annoying anyone by asking for help.

Alex Rooney, T Level Transition to Health (Nurse Cadets)



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HIGHER ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & NUCLEAR



The UK is entering a new stage in its nuclear history. Worldwide investment in new nuclear is set to hit a staggering £930 billion over the next 20 years.

In the 25 years since the UK's last nuclear power station was built, there has been rapid technological advances in nuclear power generation, medicine, and defence. At the same time, the nuclear workforce is ageing. There is an urgent need to build a qualified and experienced skills base capable of meeting the demands of the new nuclear sector, or risk over-reliance on foreign expertise.

COURSES:

[Decommissioning & Waste Management](#)

[Mechanical Engineering](#)

[Electrical Engineering](#)

[Electrical Power Systems & Infrastructure](#)

[Civil Engineering & Asset Management](#)

[Electrical and Electronic Engineering](#)

[Engineering Bridging Course](#)

[Quantity Surveying](#)

[Low Carbon Energy Technology](#)

[Manufacturing \(for nuclear\)](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

[Laboratory Apprenticeships \(Level 3 & Level 5\)](#)

[Construction Site Supervisor](#)

[Construction Quantity Surveying Technician](#)

[Nuclear Technician](#)

[Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships in Nuclear, Electrical, Manufacturing & Civil Engineering](#)

FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS, BLOCK RELEASE COURSES, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nuclear Specialist, Decommissioning and Waste Management, Nuclear Engineer, Engineer, Nuclear Technician, Nuclear Scientist, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer



I can't stress enough how important some of the relationships that I built while going to Lakes College with the tutors were. These guys are very good at teaching and being able to converse in a way that allows you to have deep conversations which you probably couldn't have with a lot of other people. That environment to grow in is really important.

Phil Lowery, BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree student



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SCIENCE



Here at Lakes College, we will help you to develop your aptitude for science.

Studying science can open a world of new discoveries and possibilities, leading to diverse careers in chemistry – such as nuclear or environmental.

You will study the intricacies of this fascinating subject through a combination of academic learning, practical experiments in our state-of-the-art labs, and work placement, leading you to gain the knowledge you need to kick start your dream career.

COURSES:

- Science T Level
- Applied Chemistry Foundation Degree
- Applied Sciences (Biology) Higher National Certificate

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Laboratory Technician (Level 3)
- Technician Scientist (Level 5)



FULL-TIME, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, WORK PLACEMENT, APPRENTICESHIPS, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH

CAREERS: Laboratory Scientist, Lab Technician, Pharmacist, Chemist, Nuclear Scientist, Nuclear Technician



When I discovered Lakes College I jumped at the chance and instantly fell in love with it. The course is vocational and equips me with the necessary skills. There are various opportunities available within the course, and you study different topics.

Natasha Bell, T Level in Science.



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SOCIAL CARE



Play a significant role in your community

From hospitals to care homes and social services, there is a vast array of institutions, organisations, and businesses within this incredibly rewarding career path. The social care sector is one of the largest in the UK, offering a wide range of different employment opportunities and career paths. With a career in care, you will be playing a key role in your community, while getting a tremendous amount of job satisfaction.

COURSES:

[Health and Early Years Level 1](#)

[Social Care Level 2 Diploma](#)

[Social Care Level 3 Extended Diploma \(Year 1 and Year 2\)](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

[Adult Care Worker](#)

[Lead Adult Care Worker](#)

[Lead Practitioner Adult Care](#)

[Leader in Adult Care](#)

FULL-TIME, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, DISTANCE LEARNING, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nurse, Care Worker, Support Worker, Line Manager, Health Care Assistant, Care Home Manager, Social Worker, Paramedic, Care Supervisor, Midwife, Mental Health Worker, Community Support/Outreach Officer



The teachers employ diverse approaches, all effective in their own way. Though the end goal remains constant, the journey varies each time. It helps you understand your skills and helps you determine the most suitable learning method for yourself, without being constrained to one form of teaching.

Josh Wilkinson, Health and Social Care Level 2



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SPORT & FITNESS



If you're interested in making a career out of fitness, why not consider studying sport?

If you have a passion for exercise, a career in sport and fitness could be the one for you. From sports instructor, football coach, or personal trainer, to teaching – the world of sport can offer a huge variety of career opportunities.

COURSES:

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Foundation Diploma (coaching) (year 1)

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Extended Diploma (year 2)

FULL-TIME, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Leisure Assistant, Nutritionist, Outdoor Fitness Assistant, Leisure Centre Manager, Sport Coach, Physiotherapist, Personal Trainer, Fitness Instructor, PE Teacher



My tutors were able to point me in the direction of university education and show me some possible different career paths that I could follow. If it wasn't for this, I probably would of never gone on to study at university and build myself a career in the industry I work in.

Jason Burrow, Owner at Empower Sports Therapy, chartered physiotherapist at Proactive Physical Health and head physiotherapist at Workington Town RLFC. (Studied Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport at Lakes College)



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TEACHING & TEACHER SUPPORT



Do you want to inspire the next generation? Why not consider studying to become a teacher or teaching assistant?

Our teacher and teaching support courses are taught by expert lecturers with experience working within the education sector. We have a wide range of courses to suit all learners. So, whether you're already working in education, or you're just starting out in your career, we have the right course for you. Our courses will allow you to teach within a college, secondary school, or adult education setting.



FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, WORK PLACEMENTS, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, APPRENTICESHIPS

CAREERS: Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, Tutor, Teaching Support, Training Assessor, Apprenticeships Assessor, Instructor

COURSES:

[Post Graduate Certificate of Education](#)
[Certificate in Education](#)

We will be introducing new courses during the year, please visit our website for up to date information.



Studying on the PGCE at Lakes College was enriching, engaging and has enhanced my teaching practice to a great extent. Learning about theories and having the opportunity to put them into practice, and reflecting on a daily basis, really encouraged critical thinking and enhanced the learning environment for my learners in the classroom context. The tutor support I received was second to none, and Fiona and Anna were nothing but supportive, caring, compassionate and inspiring. The knowledge and skills I acquired have profoundly enhanced my teaching, but has also increased my confidence when working with those with SEND, ESOL and adult learners. I couldn't recommend the course enough.

Ellie Hodgson, lecturer at Lakes College



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UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES & POLICING



By studying a public service course, you will be a step closer to starting a career in areas including Police, Fire Service, or Armed Forces.

If you have a keen sense of civic duty and a desire to help your community, there is always the option of a career in uniform. On our courses, you will study what happens 'behind the scenes', plan for major incidents, explore criminology and its effects on society, all while preparing you for the mental and physical demands of life in uniformed services.

COURSES:

Public Services Level 2 Diploma

Protective Services Level 3 Diploma (year 1)

Protective Services Level 3 Extended Diploma (year 2)

FULL-TIME, A-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, WORK PLACEMENT

CAREERS: Firefighter, Police Officer, Army Officer, RAF Officer, Navy Officer, Private in the Armed Forces, Prison Officer, Probation Officer



What I like about the course is that you look at each of the public services, not just the one you're thinking of going into, so you have a deeper understanding of how they all work together in the real world.

Natasha Ryan, Uniformed Services Level 3



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Whether you're already working and you would like a formal qualification, or you've decided on a career change and would like to start a new role, our adult skills courses are here to help you.

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Higher education – our university level courses offer you some of the highest qualification levels and give you the opportunity to gain that qualification (along with a formal graduation ceremony) without leaving Cumbria. It's never too late to get your Degree!

Professional qualifications – whether you already work in a professional environment, or you would like to change career, we offer a range of professional accredited qualifications from AAT for accounting, to CIPD for human resources, or APM for project management.

Back to work – perhaps you've taken a career break or are struggling to find a job? Our dedicated employability courses are ideal to get you back into work, you'll learn the essential skills employers look for on a CV and you'll earn a qualification to prove your capabilities.

Core skills – don't let your maths and English skills hold you back, these qualifications aren't just taught in schools. We offer evening classes where you can top up your skills and earn a GCSE in maths or English alongside likeminded people.

Apprenticeships – apprenticeships aren't just for teenagers leaving school – if you're already in work then you can complete an apprenticeship with your employer's support.

Specialist training qualifications and courses – from one day workshops, to evening classes and short courses, we offer a wide range of different disciplines from business to social care, and digital skills to electrical and engineering courses.

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Have you ever wanted to study a degree without leaving our beautiful part of the world?

Here at Lakes College we believe in creating opportunities for people to enter higher education in West Cumbria.

We offer Foundation and Honours Degrees, Higher National Certificates, and Higher National Diplomas on our campus, and qualifications recognised by national and professional institutes.

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We have a wide range of delivery options to fit around life commitments, because we understand that not everyone has the same circumstances or background.

Study a degree-level qualification that has been designed to prepare for employment and progression, learning in a dedicated higher education environment with high-tech resources.

Our class sizes are often smaller than universities which allows for more contact time with our lecturers, some of whom still work within the profession in which they teach.

And our provision is quality checked by QAA – the same body that ensures teaching at universities reach the same high standard.

Higher Education
at Lakes College

CELEBRATIONS

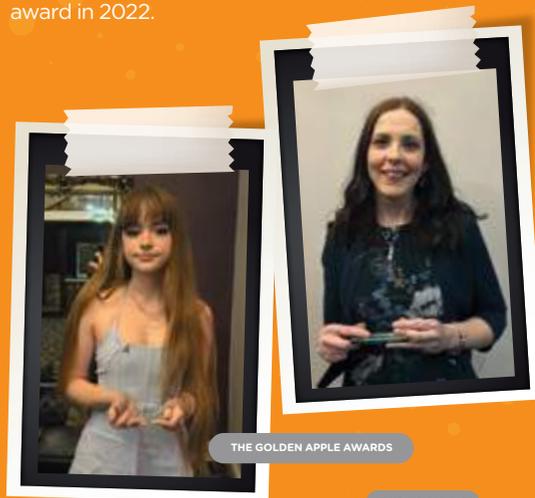
There is always plenty to celebrate at Lakes College!



Seeing our staff and students enjoy their moment in the spotlight is always a proud moment for everyone at Lakes College.

The college has recently been awarded a prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize, the highest national honour in higher and further education, for its outstanding work in developing highly-skilled technicians for the UK's nuclear and low carbon energy sectors.

The Golden Apple Awards, which celebrate the best of Cumbria's education community, have recognised the quality of education and training at Lakes with the college clinching both the Best Student and Best Teaching Professional awards in 2023 - the second year in a row that the latter prize was awarded to the college.



English tutor Nicola Butler was presented with the Best Teaching Professional award, following in the footsteps of engineering lecturer Sarah Graham who received the award in 2022.



The college hosts an annual graduation ceremony for learners who have completed higher education programmes or apprenticeships, with the chance to don caps and gowns and celebrate your achievements with your peers and lecturers.

We love celebrating the success of our staff and students and every year we hold our Further Education and Apprentice Awards to hand out prizes and give our learners the praise they deserve.

And since 2022 the Festival of Work has been hosted by All Together Cumbria at Lakes College in partnership with CITB for an all-day celebration of the huge variety of careers on offer in Cumbria.



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