

Adult Learner Mini Guide 2024

# Adult Learning Reach your goals close to home

Study full & part-time courses throughout the year



# Welcome to your new learning adventure

At Keighley College, we believe it only takes one course to open up a world of possibilities. Our courses for adults help you find the right skills for success - it doesn't matter if you're returning to study, starting out or looking for a new hobby.

We can help you boost your CV, reach university, perfect your English and maths skills or gain your GCSEs. We are a college that's been rated as Good with Outstanding features, and have full and part-time courses to suit everyone. Our flexible timetables mean you can learn when it works for you.

So, are you ready to see what adult learning could hold for you? Whatever your aim, we've got you covered.

We have officially been graded 'Good' with 'Outstanding' features by Ofsted



# Pop in and see us

If you're wanting to study with us, you're more than welcome to drop in and see us for a chat. This will give you a chance to discuss what you're looking for with one of our friendly advisors, who can then talk you through our application process and discuss your suitability for other types of support, such as student loans.

### Applying for a course on our website is simple:

- Search for a course
- Apply by completing our online application form or for Higher Education you can apply through UCAS
- Attend an informal chat at a date and time that suits you (we will contact you to arrange this)
- Enrol with us and receive your enrolment pack



# A college you can count on

We're always here to lend a helping hand. Whatever assistance you're looking for, we have a wide network of people and facilities to support you during your time with us.

### Below are just a few of the ways we can help.

- Careers advice
- Help with equipment and learning materials
- Study skills sessions
- Additional learning support for those with specialist needs

- Childcare costs
- Financial support and funding
- Counselling and wellbeing advice

If you'd like more information and guidance from our team, please call **OI535 685 OO6** - we'll be happy to help.

# Your future? It's free

You're entitled to a free English, maths or digital skills course if you don't hold a GCSE at grade 4 (grade C) in either subject. You're also entitled to study a free Level 3 course in a subject of your choice.

### You could be able to study for free if you:

- Are aged 19 or over
- Live in West Yorkshire
- Don't hold A levels, a Level 3 qualification or the equivalent
- Hold a Level 3 qualification or higher, but are unemployed or earn less than £18,525 each year

### Find out more at keighleycollege.ac.uk/lifetime-skills

Or visit

gov.uk/guidance/free-courses-for-jobs



# **Student Stories**

# One interview, two flourishing futures

It's fair to say that mother and daughter duo, Shirley and Emily Ellershaw, never imagined they'd end up studying and working together. It all started at Emily's interview when Shirley (who was there for moral support) got talking to Kevin Burke, Head of Service Professions, about what she did for a living.

When Shirley explained she was considering a career change, but wanted to continue working in health, Kevin told her about the new Health & Wellbeing Foundation Degree at Keighley College.

Despite enrolling on different courses, Shirley and Emily were able to meet for study sessions, support each other through the COVID lockdowns and cheer each other on. They each praise the support they received from tutors and staff, and have both joined the Keighley College team as teaching facilitators.

# "It's never too late to pursue the career you have dreamed about even if the journey takes a little longer. Honestly, it is worth all the hard work when you finally have the job you want and love."

Shirley Ellershaw Lead Assessor, Keighley College

# A chance changes everything

Husband and wife, Chris and Laura Smith, both started at the college after being turned down for a Health Science Professions course because neither had the required GCSE grades for English or maths. But, believing that entry requirements should never get in the way of a person's future, they were offered a place by Kevin Burke.

Both went on to work tirelessly, pass the course and achieve Grade 5s in English and Maths - all while holding down full-time jobs. They have each been offered a place at Bradford University, where they will study Nursing.

# Learning with a side of confidence

When Katy Currell was diagnosed with dyslexia, it led to a struggle with various educational challenges for many years. Trying to write or read longer pieces of text was difficult for Katy, which is why returning to education felt daunting, to say the least. But all that changed with hard work, determination and specialist support from her English teacher and in 2O2I, Katy achieved a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language. She then enrolled and completed the FD in Supporting Teaching and Learning at the college, graduating in summer 2O22. And on top of that, she gained self-confidence to last a lifetime.



# **Explore our courses**

Whether you want to learn a new skill, secure your GCSEs or get a degree, you can achieve your aim with our courses. Explore our provision over the next few pages: full details of courses can be found on our website **keighleycollege.ac.uk/adultlearning.** 



# GCSE

# Everyday skills for everyday life

Looking to improve a certain skill set? Do it with one of our GCSEs.

Available to start in September, they can help you improve your earnings, move to a new career or boost confidence when it comes to helping the kids with their homework.

- GCSE English
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English & Maths Functional Skills - Skills for Life

(Functional skills classes have 2 intakes a year, in September and February)

#### Don't forget!

You can study for free if you haven't gained your GCSEs.

# ESOL

# English for speakers of other languages

Is English your second language?

Our classes can help you get ready for a new job, find confidence and make new friends.

Keighley College is one of the largest providers of ESOL courses in the UK. No matter your ability, we can help you get confident reading, writing, speaking and listening to English.

- Perfect for beginners and improvers
- Study part time
- Read, write and speak better English
- Practise in real-life situations
- Improve for work or study

## **Apprenticeships**

# Continue learning... and get paid for it!

If you know what you want to do but aren't sure how to do it, we can help you build up the right experience with our apprenticeship scheme. We'll match you with an employer in the industry of your choice, whilst you earn a wage and gain skills that can only be learnt on the job.

#### **Our industries include:**

- Business Administration
- Brickwork
- Customer Services
- Electrical
- Engineering

- Fabrication & Welding
- Hairdressing & Barbering
- Health & Social Care
- Joinery & Plumbing
- Teaching & Childcare

#### Interested? Speak with our apprenticeship team

Call: OI53 568 5O35 Email: apprenticeships@keighleycollege.ac.uk

You can view our vacancies at keighleycollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies

### Access to Higher Education

Get a degree without the new start

- Gain entry qualifications
- Refresh your skills
- Prepare for a degree

Our Access to HE courses help you reach university in the space of a year. With flexible study options that work for you, you can reach degree level with help from our higher education experts.

#### Choose your specialism:

- Access to HE Art & Design
- Access to HE Business
- Access to HE Health Science
- Access to HE Social Work

#### Need an Advanced Learner Loan?

Visit: keigheycollege.ac.uk/fees-finance

## **Higher Education**

### Degrees on your doorstep

Gain the university experience without moving away from home with our two-year foundation degrees.

#### Choose from:

- Health and Wellbeing Foundation Degree
- Support Teaching and Learning Foundation Degree
- Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Foundation Degree

#### **Benefit from:**

- Career-focused courses
- Lessons delivered by industry experts
- Professional connections
- Smaller class sizes
- Tailored support
- Research and social spaces designed to support your learning

# Every journey is different

Which is why we offer a wide variety of courses to choose from. If you're still searching for the perfect qualification, why not consider one of our other options?

### A levels

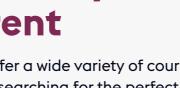
Advance your knowledge in a supportive, classroom-based environment and dedicated sixth form centre. keighleycollege.ac.uk/a-levels

### **T** Levels

Qualifications equivalent to three A levels. Enjoy classroom learning and practical work experience.

keighleycollege.ac.uk/introducing-t-levels

You may also be eligible to study for free, see our full range of full time and part time courses on the website. **keighleycollege.ac.uk/adultlearning** 











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