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Prospectus **2026**



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Welcome to Keighley College

Your portal to opportunity



When you step through the entrance to Keighley College you do more than simply enter a building. Behind our doors lies a world of possibility: facilities that will surprise and inspire, teaching that goes beyond the classroom and a community that will support you throughout your educational journey.

Our close-knit community holds our values at the heart of all we do. By living our values of being caring, authentic, respectful and determined, we foster a positive learning environment for all. Our role is to help you find a route to your chosen destination. Our diverse offering includes A Levels, T Levels, apprenticeships, vocational courses and higher education courses. If you know where you are heading we can help you get there, and if you don't? We are here to show you the possibilities, help you find your path and guide you along the way.

We also know that college isn't all about the grades you get, but the experiences you have along the way. Your studies should be exciting and memorable and we will do our best to help you make them so. Whether you're entering a film into the Bradford Young Filmmakers Challenge or speaking to BBC's Look North about the political landscape, your time with us will enhance your learning and create memories to treasure.

This prospectus will give you a taste of the possibilities awaiting you at Keighley College, but why take our word for it? Drop in and see for yourself. We're looking forward to meeting you and showing you how you can go far by staying near.

Principal
Kevin O'Hare



We're **'Good'** with **'Outstanding Features'**



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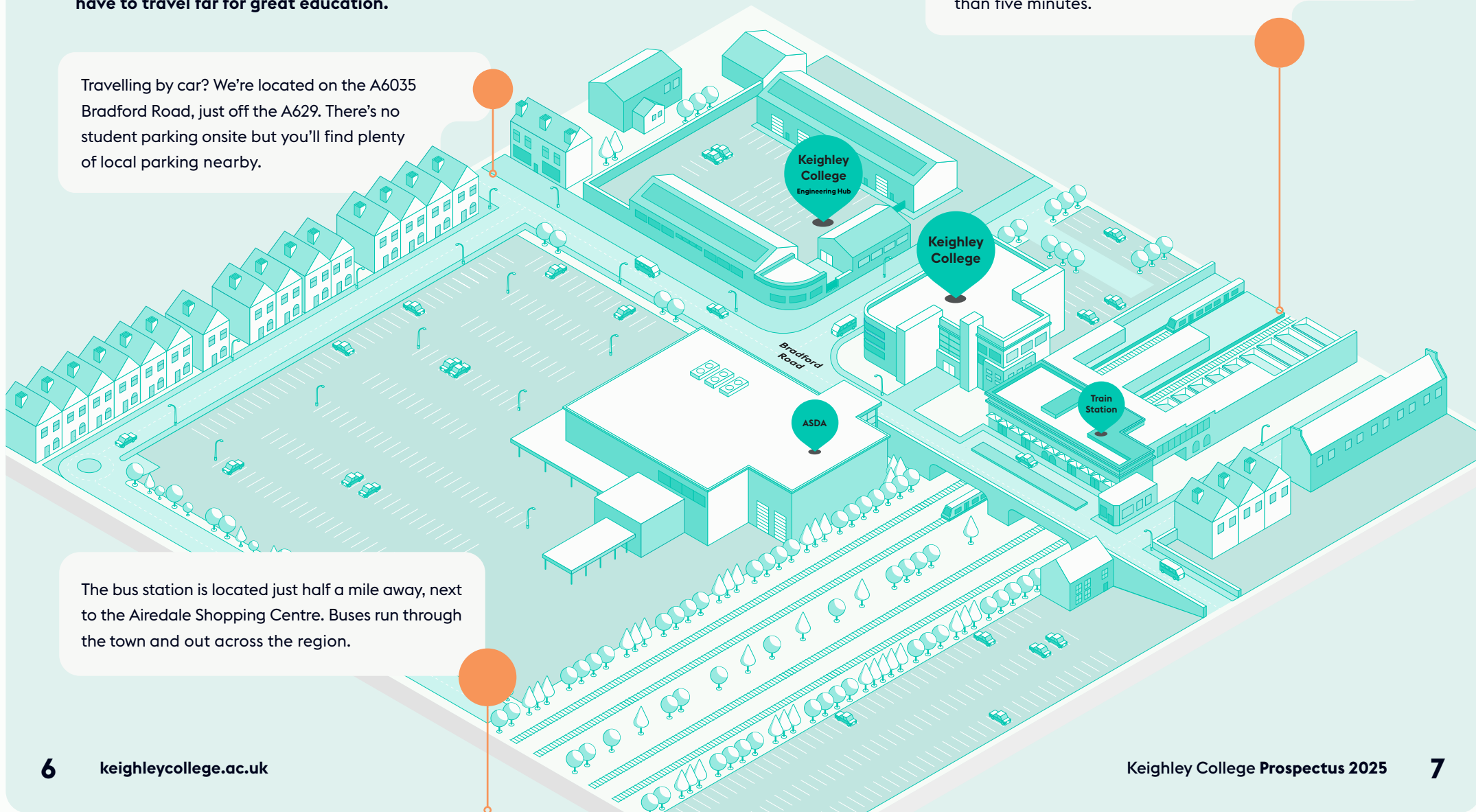
Getting to Campus



Situated close to Bradford, Leeds, the Dales and Lancashire, our prime location means you don't have to travel far for great education.

We're right next to Keighley train station, with direct links to Bradford Forster Square, Leeds and Skipton — so you can hop off and be at your class in less than five minutes.

Travelling by car? We're located on the A6035 Bradford Road, just off the A629. There's no student parking onsite but you'll find plenty of local parking nearby.



The bus station is located just half a mile away, next to the Airedale Shopping Centre. Buses run through the town and out across the region.

There's More To See



Our facilities are designed to give you the best learning experience. From working with computers and digital equipment in our IT classrooms to learning how to care for people in our hospital ward, you can be assured you're working with state-of-the-art equipment.

So whether you're perfecting your pedicure skills in our luxurious beauty salon, or adding the finishing touches to a carefully constructed structure in our brickwork workshop, you will learn your craft in realistic working environments.

Press pause

While our workshops, classrooms and salons enhance learning, allowing you to experience what it is like to work in your chosen field, we recognise that breaks and relaxation are an important part of study. Our bright, airy interior allows you to take a pause from your lessons in a spacious, light environment.

Enjoy delicious hot and cold food and a selection of drinks and snacks in our refectory. Relax in the student common room or find a quiet corner to sit back and take a break.



Keighley College has allowed me to gain confidence in practical skills and develop my experience in the areas I am interested in my future career pathway.

- Healthcare Science student -

Keighley College has enabled me to learn so much and really build my confidence, I can't thank them all enough for the amazing support they have given me.

- Childcare student -



Want to discover more?

[Click the here to watch our facilities video](#)



Entry Requirements



English and maths

Some courses may require you to have GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (previous grade C). If you don't have GCSE English and maths at grade 4, we'll build these into your study programme to help you achieve your goals.



We will **always** consider your personal circumstances. If you haven't quite got the grades you wanted, we will help you find the best course for you.

Entry requirements depend on the type of course you're looking to study:



Level 4

Typically A Levels or Diploma/Access Level 3 qualification. NVQ Level 3 may be accepted in some cases.



Level 3

Typically five GCSEs at grades 9-3, including maths and English at minimum grade 4.



Level 2

Usually three/four GCSEs at grade 9-3.



Level 1

Usually three/four GCSEs.

Entry

No formal entry requirements.

How to Apply

Get started on your path
in as little as four steps:



1. Apply

Once you've decided which course, or courses, you would like to study, complete the application form online at keighleycollege.ac.uk/apply. Our expert staff will then review your application and be in touch.

2. Interview

You'll be invited for an informal interview, where we'll make sure you're being placed on the most suitable course for you.

3. Offer

Depending on your interview, you'll receive an offer to study with us here at Keighley College. Offers usually depend on you achieving the relevant GCSE grades.

4. Enrolment

We'll contact you before enrolment with all the information you need to complete the process.



For more information,
email admissions@keighleycollege.ac.uk



How We Can Help You



We pride ourselves on being a community that's always there to support and encourage you.

With plenty of course choice, flexible study options and an enrichment programme bursting with variety, you can reach your goals with confidence.

We understand that starting in a new place or changing course can be daunting but we're here for you, every step of the way.

By your side

In terms of support we offer:

- 1:1 sessions
- Adapted materials
- Learning support assistants
- Assistive technology
- Mobility assistance
- Careers guidance



If you'd like more information about the support we can give you, please call our friendly team on **01535 685 000**.



SEND Support



(Special Educational Needs and Disability)

Here at Keighley College we believe every student has the right to enjoy college and to fulfil their potential. Our SEND team is here for any student who needs specialist support.

Support is provided on an individual basis and will vary depending on assessed needs or, where applicable, an education, health and care plan (EHCP). We will create a personalised support plan, unique to you, and if appropriate, share this with tutors and teaching assistants.

Support is offered in three waves, full details of which can be found on our website. Included on the next page is a brief outline of each wave.

Wave 1

Quality First Teaching+ includes:

- In-class differentiation, such as smaller tasks and visual handouts
- Progress and Attendance Mentor or key person support
- Personalised timetable

Wave 2

Targeted Support includes:

- All of wave 1
- Small group work
- Assistive technology (including hearing loops, radio aids and magnifiers)
- Exam access arrangements

Wave 3

Specialist/High Needs Support includes:

- All of wave 1 and 2
- Meet and greet
- Familiarisation of campus and rooms
- 1:1 out of class support/additional interventions

Talk to us

It is important that potential students discuss their support needs at the interview stage so plans can be put in place before they join us.

If you feel you may need assistance, would like to discuss an EHCP, or have any questions about the SEND support in place at Keighley College, please contact us. Our friendly staff are here to help answer your questions.

Support Manager: emma.rich@keighleycollege.ac.uk

SENDCo: jeanie.forster@keighleycollege.ac.uk

Visit: keighleycollege.ac.uk/send



Financial Support



As a student of Keighley College, you could be entitled to financial help from the Learner Support Fund.

If you're aged 16-18, an assessment on your household income will be carried out to confirm whether you're eligible. If you're 19+, parental income won't be considered, but that of your spouse or cohabiting partner will be. You will also need to provide evidence of your income.

You could receive support with:

- Meals
- Travel costs
- Uniforms (where required)
- Childcare
- Educational visits and trips

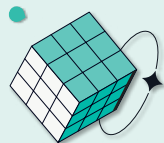
You may be eligible for an **Advanced Learner Loan** to help with course fees if:

- You're 19 or over
- You are studying towards a Level 3 qualification or above
- You've lived in the UK for at least three years

Repayments are flexible and only required when you're in full-time employment earning over the £21,000 threshold.

Visit: keighleycollege.ac.uk/financial-support

Student Life



Here at Keighley College we know that college should be about more than just studying and grades. That's why we run a great programme of extracurricular activities - giving you the opportunity to try new things, take a break from your studies, and make new friends.

We kick off the year with our Freshers Fair - the perfect way to start your time with us: there's food, games and music and you can meet other Keighley College newbies.

Join in

We've provided some examples of the activities and clubs on offer - to give you a taste of what you could be doing outside of your lessons.

- Police Cadets
- National Citizen Service
- Volunteering
- Wellbeing
- A variety of sports

If there's something you're passionate about, you can suggest new clubs or activities through our Students' Union. Throughout the year there is also plenty of opportunity to support charity events such as Children in Need, Comic Relief, Tickled Pink and local charity events.



Students' Union

Keighley College Students' Union (SU) has its own committee but forms part of Leeds City College Students' Union. You don't need to do anything to join - all our post-16 students are automatically awarded membership of the SU.

The SU has a number of functions, all of which centre around you the student, and making your time at college enjoyable and fulfilling.

The Students' Union:

- Organises trips, events and activities
- Supports the creation and running of societies
- Provides work experience and volunteering opportunities
- Offers advice and support with college issues
- Represents students at senior college meetings
- Provides national representation through the NUS



ESOL



(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

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Is English your second language?

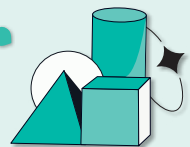
Perfect for beginners and those looking to improve their English, our classes can help you get ready for study, find confidence and make new friends.

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.

Our tutors help you

- Read, write and speak better English
- Practise in real-life situations

Foundation Studies



A supportive provision for young adults with SEND. Gain the life skills needed for independent living and increase your employability prospects with our Supported Internships. This provision offers personalised learning programmes that align with your aspirations.

- Develop skills through practical classes
- Gain work experience in our shop
- Make use of our classroom kitchen

Life Skills

Most suited to young people who have mild to moderate learning difficulties or disabilities who may need high levels of individual educational and pastoral support. This is a practical course, providing the skills needed for greater independence and personal development.

Independent Living & Living and Working

For young people who have mild learning difficulties or disabilities, with a focus on increasing personal development, independence and transferable skills within the world of work and community. Learners will be supported to plan enterprise activities, developing their confidence with in-college work experience, digital skills and independent living.



Pre-Supported Internship

A one year course with a college work placement, working towards increasing confidence in those not yet ready for a Supported Internship. Job coaches mentor and support you to produce a portfolio, increase your confidence in the workplace and develop essential work skills.

Supported Internship

A one year course which includes time within college as well as an unpaid work placement tailored to the young person. Job coaches mentor and support you to prepare for your interview and placement, and support you while you're working.

Many of our previous learners have gained employment within their work placement settings.



Your Study Options



Whatever your preferred method of study and no matter your dream outcome, we have qualifications to suit. Whether it's A Levels or an apprenticeship, a T Level or a vocational course, we offer a wide range of programmes. You can explore our provision over the next few pages: full details of each course can be found on our website.

View our courses

Click here for more details on our website



A Levels

The traditional post-GCSE qualification, A Levels are an excellent stepping stone between college and the next stage of your journey, whether that be university, higher apprenticeships or employment.

The Advantage of A Levels

- A Levels allow you to explore the subjects that interest you most
- Choose a new subject or expand your knowledge in your favourite topic
- Develop your independent study skills and improve your research ability
- Gain well-respected qualifications that will stand you in good stead no matter your chosen destination
- A Levels are Level 3 qualifications that can support you applying to jobs or provide UCAS points to get you into university

Entry requirements

Each A Level course will have different requirements, but most require five GCSEs at grade 9-4. Some subjects will require specific GCSEs and grades. Please see our course pages for more details.

If you're worried about your predicted grades, talk to us - we will always take into account an individual's circumstances and can advise you of your options.

We offer the following A Levels:

- Art, Design & Textiles
- English Language
- English Literature
- Law
- Maths
- Psychology
- Sociology

We also offer the A Level Pathway that combines traditional learning with employability skills and industry insight which supports progression into the workplace. The A Level Pathway is a three year course and is suitable for those without GCSEs.



Visit keighleycollege.ac.uk/a-levels for more information



T Levels

T Levels are a two year course, equivalent to three A Levels. They combine academic study with industry experience.

T Levels focus on transferable skills, expert knowledge and learning that will get you hired, or ready for university. Courses are designed with input from employers, and they have been endorsed by over 200 businesses across West Yorkshire.

All students complete a 45 day industry placement, exploring their chosen sector with local employers and working on meaningful real-life projects.

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My experience at my placement was amazing and I enjoyed working as a team with other staff members - over the weeks I adapted and learnt how to communicate better with others.

- T Level student



Choose your T Level:

- Digital & IT: Digital Production, Design & Development
- Health
- Education & Early Years
- Management & Administration

Get the full scoop on T Levels, including how to apply, at keighleycollege.ac.uk/t-levels



Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship combines the world of work with the world of learning. Open to anyone aged 16 and over, you learn the skills and develop the knowledge you need to work in your chosen field, while employed in a salaried job.

Why choose an apprenticeship with Keighley College?

- Keighley College is a part of the Luminate Education Group, one of the biggest providers of apprenticeships regionally

- You will develop your knowledge, as well as your skills, with off-the-job learning of around six hours a week

- We have strong industry links with local, regional and national employers - giving you the best training and increased career progression opportunities

- You will start work in a specific role, learning the behaviours, knowledge and skills that employers seek

- You will be employed from the first day - receiving a contract, salary, holiday allowance and all other employee benefits

- We provide a diverse and vibrant learning environment which inspires life-changing opportunities

Full details and all our vacancies can be found on our website, but typically we offer apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Brickwork/Joinery
- Business Administration & Customer Service
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering
- Fabrication & Welding
- Groundworker
- Health & Social Care

For more information about apprenticeships visit keighleycollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Vocational



Vocational courses enhance your academic learning with practical and realistic work scenarios. Once completed you can progress to further study, higher education, apprenticeships or employment. Vocational courses are ideal if you're looking to learn the theory of a subject, but also want to acquire practical skills that see the theory applied in real-life situations.

What we offer

From business to travel, engineering to hairdressing, we have over 60 vocational courses to choose from. Some subjects, such as childcare and education, are offered at Level 1 through to Level 3, meaning you can choose the appropriate level for you and progress your knowledge as you complete each course. Courses range in length from one to two years and a large number are offered on a part-time and full-time basis, meaning you can study at a pace to suit you.

Interested? View our full range at
keighleycollege.ac.uk/courses





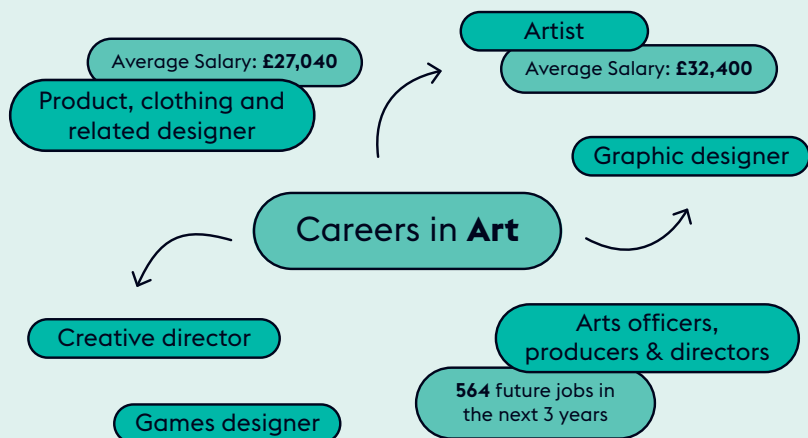
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Art

Hone your artistic skills and explore different forms of artistic expression with one of our arts courses. From traditional crafts such as drawing, painting and sculpture, to more contemporary methods such as digital media, you will be able to create as you learn.



Average regional salary:

£29,900

Skills & Qualities

Creative thinking	Communication skills
Curiosity	Perseverance
Intuition	Accountability
Passion	Multi-tasking

+2.0%

Growth: The number of jobs within the art sector is expected to increase by 2% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

● **Art & Design Skills**
Level 2

● **Art & Design Practice**
Level 3

● **Photography**
Level 2

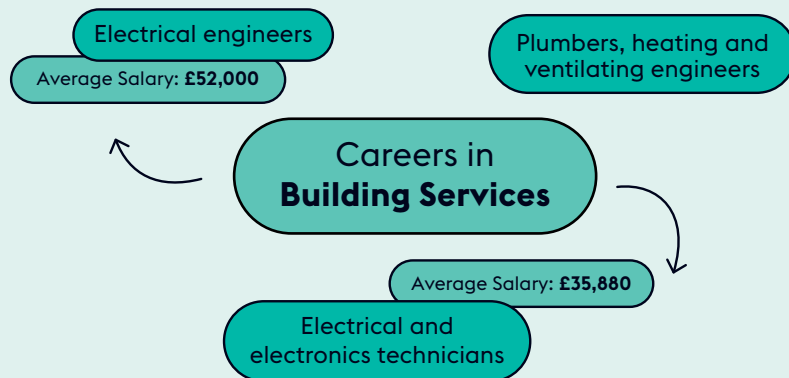


Interested in our Art courses?
Click here for more information



Building Services

Unlock unlimited job prospects in the building services industry with electrical and plumbing qualifications from Keighley College. Study specialist topics and build your technical skills through workshop-based lessons led by industry-experienced staff.



Average regional salary:

£37,100

Skills & Qualities

Detail-oriented	Customer service
Communication	Physical stamina
Teamwork	Project management

+1.1%

Growth: The number of jobs within the construction sector is expected to increase by 1.1% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

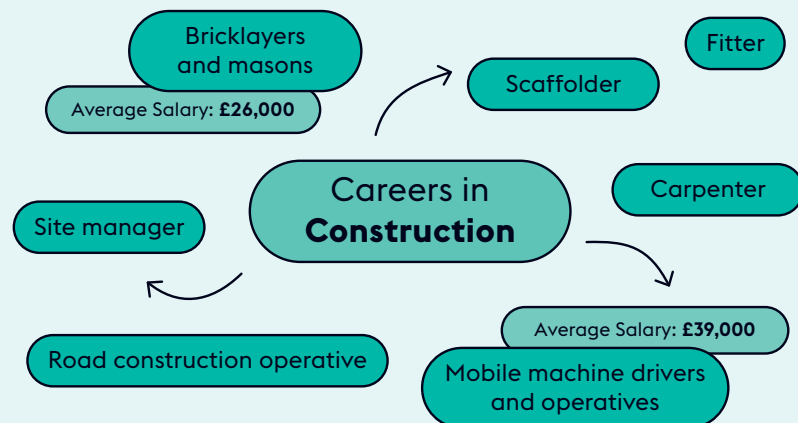
- Construction Skills - Electrical Pathway
Level 1
- Electrical Installations (Building & Structures)
Level 2
- Construction Skills - Plumbing Pathway
Level 1
- Plumbing Studies
Level 2 & 3

Interested in our Building Services courses?
Click here for more information



Construction

Craft your construction career with a hands-on course.
Gain knowledge of the essential principles and practical skills needed to work in bricklaying or joinery.



Average regional salary:

£34,900

Skills & Qualities

Communication

Project management

Management

Detail-orientated

Customer service

Problem-solving

+2.3%

Growth: The number of jobs within the construction sector is expected to increase by 2.3% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

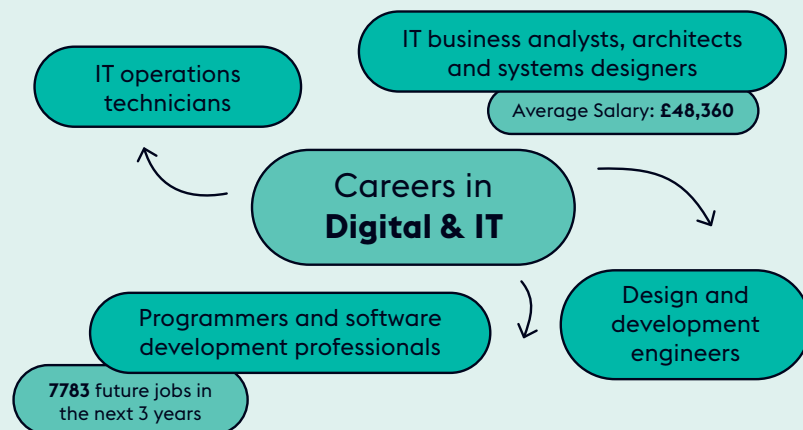
- **Bricklaying**
Level 1 & 2
- **Site Carpentry**
Level 3
- **Construction Skills - Joinery**
Level 1
- **Wood Occupations**
Level 2

Interested in our Construction courses?
Click here for more information



Digital & IT

Create digital solutions for the modern world. Gain a variety of technical knowledge and skills, preparing you for employment in one of the fastest-growing industries in the world.



Average regional salary:

£44,400

Skills & Qualities

Problem-solving

Analytical mind

Teamwork

Communication skills

+2.4%

Growth: The number of jobs within the digital and IT sector is expected to increase by 2.4% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Digital Production, Design & Development**
T Level
- **Esports**
Level 2 & 3
- **Games Design & Development**
Level 2 & 3
- **ICT**
Level 2
- **Vocational Studies - Digital & IT**
Level 1

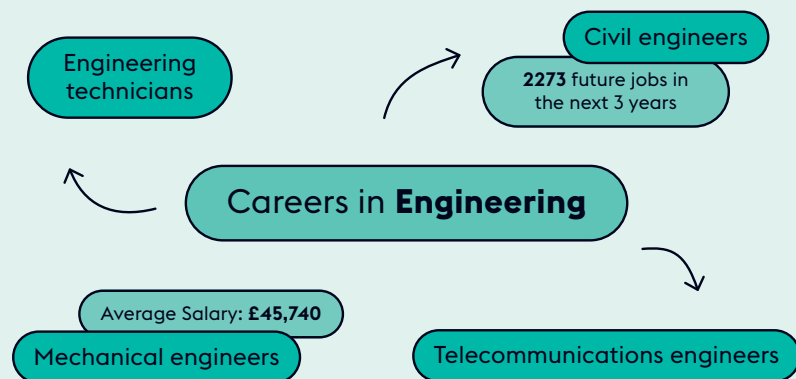
Interested in our Digital & IT courses?

[Click here for more information](#)



Engineering

Our brand new Engineering Hub is our purpose-built, dedicated home of engineering, offering a range of pathways - mechanical, electrical and electro-mechanical. Using state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment, digital devices and systems we ensure skills and techniques are developed to industry standards. Study also offers involvement in employer-led projects, work placement opportunities and site visits.



Average regional salary:

£43,500

Skills & Qualities

Communication	Customer service
Management	Planning
Problem-solving	Operations

+2.2%

Growth: The number of jobs within the engineering sector is expected to increase by 2.2% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Engineering Operations (Skills)**
Level 2
- **Higher National Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering for England**
Level 4

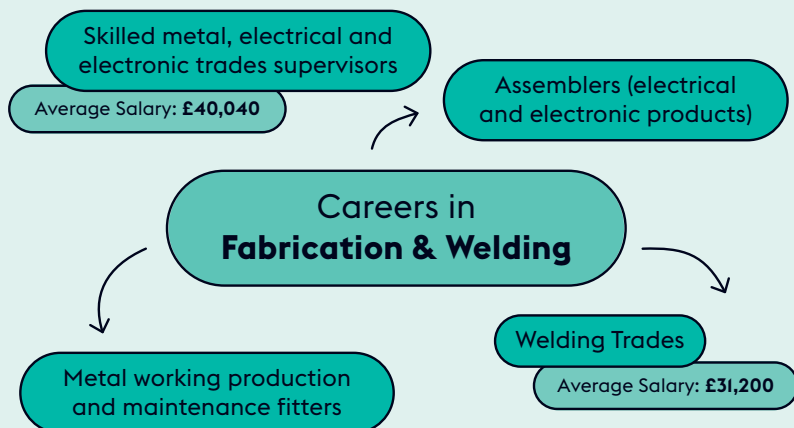


Interested in our Engineering courses?
Click here for more information



Fabrication & Welding

Expand your horizons with an accredited qualification. In our purpose-built workshops you will gain the essentials needed to work in dynamic industries such as construction, civil and marine engineering.



Average regional salary:

£36,200

Skills & Qualities

Communication

Problem-solving

Detail-oriented

Planning

Management

Self-motivation

+1.5%

Growth: The number of jobs within the fabrication and welding industry is expected to increase by 1.5% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

● **Engineering - Fabrication & Welding**
Level 2

● **PEO Fabrication & Welding**
Level 2

Interested in our Fabrication & Welding courses?
Click here for more information



Hair & Beauty

Create and innovate with a stand-out qualification. Our salon-based courses harness your creative flair and give you the techniques you need for an industry that rewards talent and passion.



Average regional salary:

£14,200

Skills & Qualities

Customer service

Collaboration

Empathy

Flexibility

+3.2%

Growth: The number of jobs within the hair and beauty industry is expected to increase by 3.2% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Barbering**
Level 2 & 3
- **Beauty Therapy**
Level 2 & 3
- **Hair & Beauty**
Level 1
- **Hair and Beauty Skills**
Level 1
- **Women's Hairdressing**
Level 2 & 3

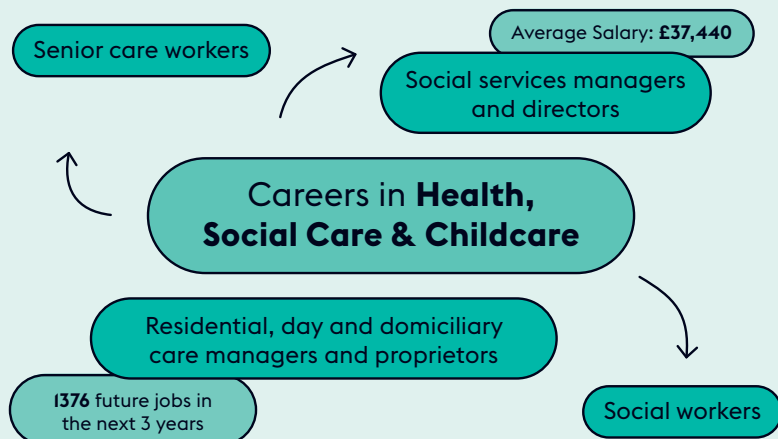


Interested in our Hair & Beauty courses?
Click here for more information



Health, Social Care & Childcare

Find personal fulfilment by helping others. Nurture, support and inspire those who need it most with the backing of an industry-recognised qualification.



Average regional salary:

£30,600

+1.6%

Growth: The number of jobs within the hair and beauty industry is expected to increase by 1.6% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Childcare & Education**
Level 3
- **Education & Early Years**
T Level
- **Health**
T Level
- **Health & Social Care**
Level 2 & 3
- **Introduction to Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Settings (H&SC)**
Level 1
- **Introduction to Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Settings (Childcare)**
Level 1, 2 & 3
- **Introduction to Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Settings (Health Care)**
Level 1
- **Working with Children in Early Years and Primary settings**
Level 2

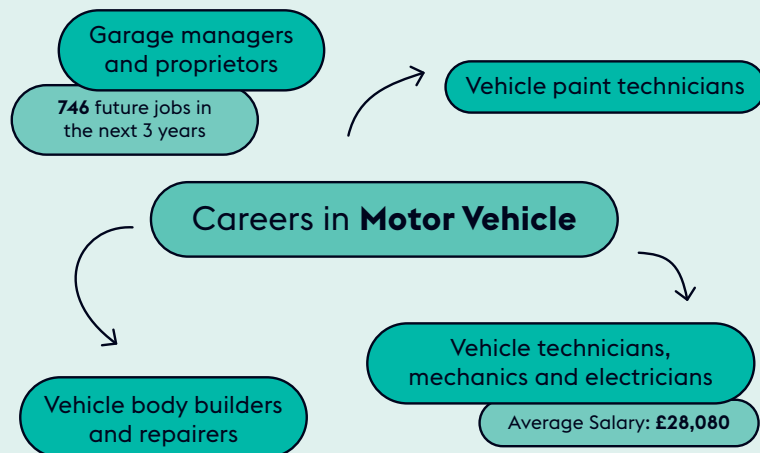
Interested in our Health, Social Care & Childcare courses?

[Click here for more information](#)



Motor Vehicle

Master your mechanical skills in our purpose-built workshop and go on to have a flexible career that fuels your life. Work in a local repair shop, for your favourite motorsports team, as a specialist truck mechanic, and more.



Average regional salary:

£34,300

Skills & Qualities

Customer service

Sales

Communication

Problem-solving

+3.3%

Growth: The number of jobs within the motor vehicle industry is expected to increase by 3.3% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles**
Level 2 & 3
- **Vehicle Fitting Principles**
Level 2
- **Vehicle Systems Maintenance**
Level 1

Interested in our Motor Vehicle courses?

[Click here for more information](#)



Professional Training & Development

Climb to new heights with our range of career-centred courses that provide a cost-effective way to upskill yourself or your staff.



Average regional salary:

£33,100

Skills & Qualities

Collaboration

Emotional intelligence

Communication

Training and mentorship

Delegation

Problem-solving

+2.1%

Growth: The number of jobs within the professional training and development industry is expected to increase by 2.1% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

● **Business**
Level 2 & 3

● **Management & Administration**
T Level

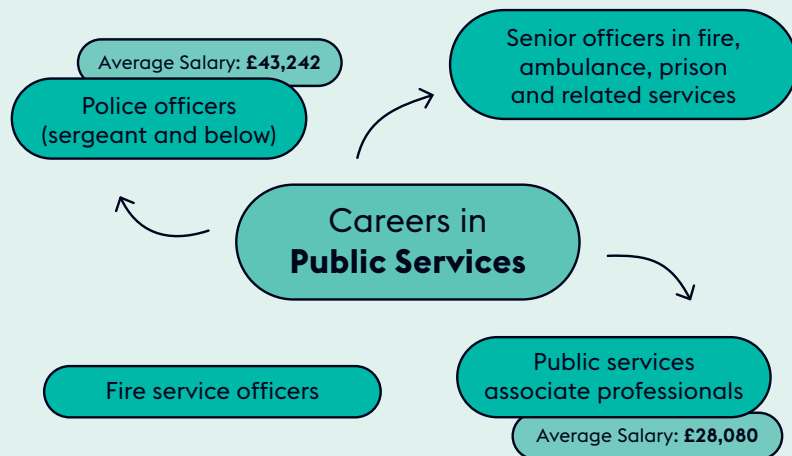
Interested in our Professional Training & Development courses?

[Click here for more information](#)



Public Services

Positively impact society and discover what you can do for your country right here in Keighley. Our all-inclusive courses feature in-depth study, guest speakers, adventurous activities and industry outings.



Average regional salary:

£39,500

Skills & Qualities

Respect	Collaboration
Decision making	Resilience
Problem-solving	Attention to detail

+1.8%

Growth: The number of jobs within the public services industry is expected to increase by 1.8% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

● **Entry into the Uniformed Public Services**
Level 2

● **Entry to the Uniformed Services**
Level 3

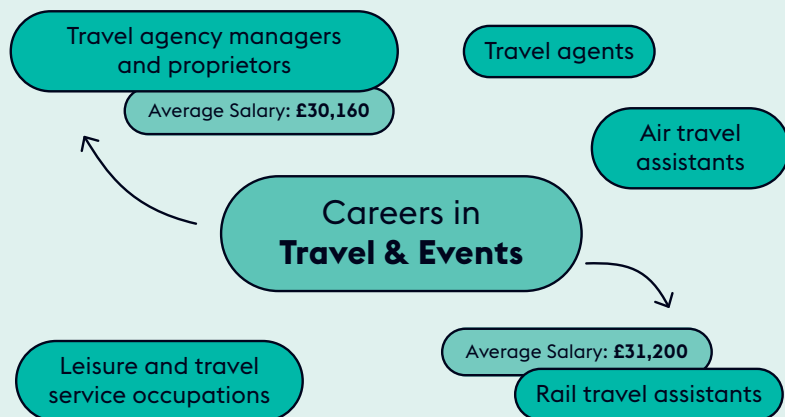


Interested in our Public Service courses?
Click here for more information



Travel & Events

Go places and create spaces with our travel and events courses. Explore the working world of cabin crew and customer service - all while you discover how to carve out a dream career in the travel industry.



Average regional salary:

£32,700

Skills & Qualities

Teamwork

Empathy

Time management

Problem-solving

+2.6%

Growth: The number of jobs within the travel and events industry is expected to increase by 2.6% between 2025-2028.

Our courses:

- **Travel & Tourism**
Level 2 & 3



Interested in our Travel & Events courses?
Click here for more information



Adult Courses

Providing the next chapter for 19+ learners

Our courses are designed to give you the skills to succeed. It doesn't matter if you're returning to study, starting out, or looking for a new hobby, our fantastic tutors will support you to achieve your goals.

If you are earning below £23,400, unemployed or don't currently hold a Level 3 qualification (equivalent to A Levels), then you are eligible to study for free as an adult learner.

There's something for everyone at Keighley College

Higher Education Courses

Career-focused courses, taught by industry experts

Functional Skills

For those wanting to study both English and maths in one year

Access to University Level

Get to university in just one year

Part Time

Courses that can fit around your schedule

Supported Internships

For those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

GCSEs

Secure maths or English Language GCSE in one year

Hobby & Leisure

Discover a new pastime

Let us help you succeed
keighleycollege.ac.uk/adultlearning

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