

2 qualification and mature enough to complete the work experience to an employer's satisfaction.

The programme is selective and only the most suitable learners will be accepted. As a minimum entry requirement you must be achieving Level 5s in school-assessed English, Maths and Science KS3 assessments, as well as having good school attendance.

We offer YA courses in:

- Hairdressing
- Automotive Engineering
- Health & Social Care

The Wick Hill Centre

We have worked together with, Bracknell Forest Council and Wokingham Borough Council to give hundreds of local 14-16 year olds an impressive new centre in Bracknell where they can learn practical skills. The two local Councils have contributed funds and organisational expertise to refurbish the college's existing building on Sandy Lane, now known as the Wick Hill Centre.

How do you get on a course at Bracknell & Wokingham College?

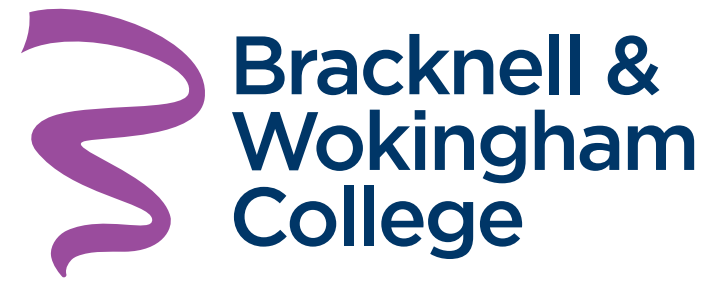
All students (and their parents in some cases) have the chance to attend Taster Days at Bracknell & Wokingham College, Workshops in schools, Open events, Year 9 Options Events and so on in order to find out as much as they need to about the courses.

Students then complete an Application Form and have a Report from their school.

For Level 1 IFP courses there are no formal school assessment entry criteria but for Level 2 IFP courses a minimum of Level 5s in school-assessed Maths, English and Science are required.

All students will then have a formal interview with the college.

Spaces are subject to funding, take up and curriculum review.



Courses for 14-16 year olds

Bracknell & Wokingham College's vocational programme in partnership with local schools



Bracknell & Wokingham College has been working in partnership with secondary schools in Wokingham and Bracknell Forest since 2003 to provide valuable practical education opportunities. Students aged 14-16 study at college in Bracknell as part of Key Stage Four (KS4) in Years 10 and 11.

What is the 14-16 programme?

Experience work and college life during your GCSEs.

We run vocational courses for younger students that fit around school. You can go on to further study at our college.



You can divide 14-16 qualifications into:

- Level 2 - equivalent to GCSE A*-C grades
- Level 1 - equivalent to GCSE D-G grades

We offer:

- The facilities and expertise to deliver qualifications in a range of subjects which schools are unable to offer
- Subjects that young people want to learn about
- The opportunity to make a more informed choice at 16 after two years of a practical subject with us
- A good achievement rate - 94% of students who completed a two-year course with us in July 2011 gained their full qualification
- Small class sizes
- An opportunity to learn in a different educational environment and benefit from different styles of teaching and learning



Students can choose from these vocational course areas:

- Childcare
- Hair & Beauty and Hairdressing
- Motor Vehicle Engineering
- Construction
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Public Services
- Photography



All courses:

- Lead to full, nationally-recognised qualifications
- Last the full two years of Key Stage Four (Years 10 and 11)
- Involve students being released from their schools for part of each week

What is the Increased Flexibility Programme (IFP)?

IFP gives students the opportunity to follow an introductory vocational course as one of their school 'Options'. Each IFP course involves students attending college for one half-day a week, although students can follow more than one IFP course. They then follow core National Curriculum subjects and a number of 'Options' at school for the rest of the week. Our IFP programme helps students develop skills relevant to the workplace but there is no compulsory work experience. They comprise large amounts of practical learning and are at both Levels 1 and 2.

What is a Young Apprenticeship (YA)?

YA is an exciting programme which gives you the opportunity to gain a nationally-recognised, vocational qualification worth four A*-C grade GCSEs (Level 2) and extensive work experience opportunities.

You are out of school for two whole days on a programme of your choice. One day is always spent at college learning a variety of different practical and classroom based tasks and skills. The second day is spent on work experience after you finish an initial term-long programme of employment skills at college.

The programme is for those who are already really interested in a career in a particular sector and who would enjoy combining school with college and work experience. Students must be academically able to follow a large Level