

COLLEGE OF
NORTH WEST
LONDON

College ?

Answers to the big questions for pupils and parents



Did you know?

- Students can go to university after gaining a Level 3 vocational qualification (same as A Levels)
- Students can work, earn and learn on an appropriate qualification at Level 3
- Students can gain full-time vocational qualifications in every area, meaning they can be immediately employable in their chosen industry
- Courses are free for home students under 19
- Students could be eligible for up to £30 a week to support their study
- Students get free help with university applications, careers and welfare advice
- All full-time students have an allocated personal tutor to help and support them during their time at CNWL



The College

The College of North West London is a large organisation with outstanding facilities for study and advice.

There are 2,500 students under 19 years of age studying on a broad range of mainly vocational (job related) courses every year.

The Courses

There are over 350 different vocational courses to choose from and all have a nationally recognised qualification. All the courses are taught by professionally qualified tutors with experience from industry.

How to join

Look in the prospectus (course guide) and choose a course. Fill in an application form and send it to the College. This can be done at any time of year but you need to remember that most courses for young people start in September.

Their application will be acknowledged and then they will be asked to attend an interview. The College also offers free careers advice. This is to make sure they are on the right course.

Starting

When students start College they will meet their tutor. The tutor will check their work and progress at regular intervals and help plan what needs to be done to ensure success. They also act as a point of contact should any issues or concerns arise while at the College.

On course

All students are enrolled on a substantial programme consisting of their main subject plus supporting studies. These include where necessary English, Maths and IT. Every student takes part in an induction period at the beginning of their course. This gives them the confidence to find their way around the College, where the learning resource centres or libraries are to be found and where to find somewhere to eat and relax. All students get a Student Handbook which acts as a diary and gives information that will be of use in their time at College.

Everyone gets a Students' Union card which gives them discounts at certain shops.

There is a College shop at the Willesden Centre which sells stationery, books and art equipment.

The cost

For home students or students from the European Union:

If under 19 before the course starts - no fee is payable.

If they have just left school and are 16, they may be able to get an Educational Maintenance Allowance of up to £30 a week.

The College's welfare adviser can advise on who is eligible.

The Enrichment Programme

While students are at College they will be able to take part in a variety of activities. The choice includes sports, music, DJ workshops, video discussions and help with applications and personal development. These activities will enable students to meet new people, develop their social skills and expand what they can put on application forms or use at interview.

Work Experience

Students will spend time working in a business as part of many courses giving them the opportunity to put their classroom training into practice. The College restaurant, hair and beauty salons, theatre and travel agency are all open to the public. Here students get practical work experience and deal with the public as part of their course.

Work based training (Apprenticeships)

The College's School of Work Based Learning (WBL) supports and assists apprentices to get work placements with employers and support them generally during their studies at College.

Applicants for apprenticeships should contact 020 8208 5137 for more details.

Apprenticeships are available in: Administration, Electrical Installation, Engineering, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Carpentry and Decorating.



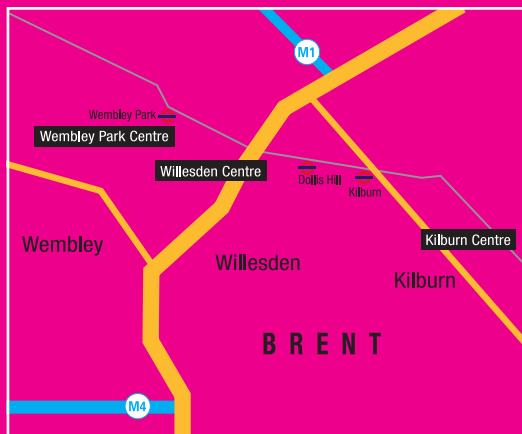
Contacting the College

For details of courses, a prospectus or for any other information contact the Course Information Centre.

They can arrange an informal interview with a teacher or careers staff.

The Service is located at all three centres and you can drop in for advice Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 5pm and 8.45am to 3.15pm on Fridays.

All interviews take place in rooms accessible to those with mobility difficulties, and access to additional support (hearing loops, BSL signer, Braille or large print) is available if you ask before hand.



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