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Welcome to North Kent Colleges Group

From September 2026, our campuses become colleges, each with its own distinctive identity, celebrating the important role every college plays within its local community.



This exciting evolution reflects both our growth and our commitment to providing education that is locally focused and group supported. As North Kent Colleges Group, we bring together strong local colleges under one resilient organisation, combining the personal experience of a local college with the opportunities, expertise, and resources of one of Kent's leading further education groups.

No matter which college you choose, you'll benefit from:

- High-quality teaching from experienced industry professionals
- Modern, industry-standard facilities
- Strong links with employers and universities
- Outstanding student support
- A welcoming college community that understands your local area
- The wider opportunities that come from being part of a larger college group

Whether you're preparing for university, starting your career, developing practical skills, or exploring your passions, we're here to help you achieve your ambitions and take your next step with confidence.

Local Colleges

Group Strength

Endless Opportunities



Our Promise to You

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you'll make. Wherever you study within North Kent Colleges Group, you'll be joining a college that is proud of its local community while benefiting from the scale, investment, and opportunities of a successful college group.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you build the skills, confidence, and experiences you need for a successful future.

A Message from David Gleed CEO and Executive Principal

"Our evolution reflects both our growth and our commitment to local communities. Every one of our colleges plays a vital role within its local area, and becoming North Kent Colleges Group provides greater clarity about how we operate – locally delivered, group supported.

Our colleges are deeply rooted within the communities they serve. This new structure combines strong local responsiveness with the strength, expertise, and resilience of a wider college group, allowing us to continue providing outstanding education and opportunities for every student.

While our identity is evolving, our commitment remains the same: to support our students, communities and employers with high-quality education that changes lives."



Welcome to NKC Hadlow College



Kent's only rural and land-based college

For students inspired by the natural world, NKC Hadlow College offers an educational experience unlike any other in Kent. Set within 265 acres of working countryside, our college provides a unique environment where students can learn through practical, hands-on experience and develop the specialist skills needed for careers connected to land, animals, the environment, and rural industries.

As part of North Kent Colleges Group, we combine the strength, expertise, and opportunities of a wider college group with the distinctive character and specialist focus of NKC Hadlow College. Our students benefit from outstanding facilities and real working environments, allowing them to put their learning into practice every day.

Our specialist areas include Animal Management, Equine, Horticulture, Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Fisheries, Floristry, and other land-based subjects. Students have the opportunity to work across commercial farms, equine facilities, horticultural environments, fisheries, and animal management facilities, gaining valuable practical experience alongside their classroom learning.

With hundreds of animals cared for on-site (*residential offer available) students develop the responsibility, confidence and practical skills that are essential for working with animals and within the land-based industries. Whether you are passionate about horses, fascinated by wildlife, interested in farming and food production, sustainability, or want to protect and manage the natural environment, NKC Hadlow College provides an inspiring place to turn that passion into a career.

Learning at NKC Hadlow College is about getting stuck in and learning by doing. Our students work in realistic environments, develop industry-relevant skills, and gain experience that helps them understand what it takes to succeed in their chosen sector.

Alongside the courses featured in this guide, NKC Hadlow College offers a range of additional study options and progression pathways, giving students the opportunity to find a route that matches their interests, abilities, and career ambitions. Whether your next step is employment, an apprenticeship, higher education, or further specialist study, we are here to help you get there. We also offer a raft of Degree courses for you to progress onto once you finish your Further Education studies with us.

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A Welcome Message from the College Principal

Choosing a college is about finding somewhere that allows you to pursue your interests, develop your skills and feel inspired by what you are learning. At NKC Hadlow College, our unique setting provides an opportunity to do exactly that.

As Kent's only rural and land-based college, we are proud to offer an educational experience that combines expert teaching with extensive practical experience. Our 265-acre site gives students the opportunity to learn in real working environments, from caring for animals and working with horses to developing horticultural and agricultural skills and understanding our natural environment.

We are incredibly proud of the specialist knowledge and expertise of our staff and the opportunities we provide for students to learn by doing. Our aim is to help every student develop not only the technical skills they need for their chosen career, but also the confidence, resilience, and independence to succeed.

Whether you have always dreamed of working with animals, want to build a career in agriculture or horticulture, or are passionate about protecting and managing our natural environment, NKC Hadlow College can help turn your passion into your future.

I look forward to welcoming you to NKC Hadlow College and seeing you thrive as part of our unique college community.

Chris Lydon
College Principal, NKC Hadlow College





Open Events And College Tours

Our Open Events take place throughout the year, giving you the chance to explore everything NKC Hadlow College has to offer.

It's the perfect opportunity to tour our facilities, meet tutors and students, and discover which course is right for you. You can also apply for a September 2027 start.

Keep an eye on our website for full details and to pre-register!

Find out more

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NKC Hadlow College Open Events

2026
Saturday 7th November
09:30 am – 1:30 pm

2027
Saturday 23rd January
09:30 am – 1:30 pm

Wednesday 9th June
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Lambing Weekend

24th and 25th April 2027

Come and visit our new born lambs. Activities include tractor rides, birds of prey, food and craft stalls and so much more!

Check website for details.



North Kent Colleges Group Open Events

TIMES
- 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

2026

Dartford
Tuesday 13th October &
Thursday & 15th October

Gravesend
Tuesday 3rd November

Tonbridge
Wednesday 4th November

2027

Dartford
Tuesday 23rd February

Gravesend
Thursday 25th February

Tonbridge
Wednesday 3rd March



Where Are We?

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NKC Hadlow College

Tonbridge Road
Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0AL

North Kent Colleges Group Locations

2

NKC Dartford College

Oakfield Lane, Dartford,
Kent, DA1 2JT

3

NKC Gravesend College

Lower Higham Road,
Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JJ

4

NKC Tonbridge College

Brook Street, Tonbridge
Kent, TN9 2PW

How To Get To Us

Public Buses

The bus stop outside the College is served regularly by buses travelling between Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells via Tonbridge railway station.

Car

NKC Hadlow College is located on the A26 Tonbridge Road – just 15 minutes from the A21/A26 junction at Tonbridge, 6 minutes drive from the A228 junction at Seven Mile Lane, and 16 minutes away from the M20 junction 4.

More information on how to get to **NKC Hadlow College**



Reasons To Be Part Of NKC Hadlow College

Find out more by visiting the NKC Hadlow College website.

Kent's Only Rural and Land-based College

Set within a stunning managed estate of over 265 acres, NKC Hadlow College offers one of the most unique learning environments in the country. Surrounded by arable land, woodland and show gardens it is an inspiring setting for students who want to learn in real working spaces.

Whether leaving school or looking for a career change, NKC Hadlow College offers specialist courses across Agriculture, Horticulture, Garden Design, Agricultural Engineering, Aquaculture & Fisheries Management, Equine, Animal Management and Floristry. Whatever the ambition, there's a course to help students take the next step.



Shaping the Future of Farming

Students learn the skills needed for a more sustainable future. From our innovative robotic orchard and vineyard to precision farming technology, drones and automated harvesting, we are investing in the latest equipment to prepare the next generation of land-based professionals.

A Proud Rural Heritage

For more than 50 years, NKC Hadlow College has been at the heart of land-based education. Combining specialist facilities, experienced tutors and a welcoming community, students gain the confidence, knowledge and practical skills needed for successful careers.

Exceptional Land Based Facilities

Our commercial farms – Faulkners Farm and Blackmans Farm – give students hands on experience with livestock, lambing, shearing, beef production and arable farming. Close links with local dairy farms ensure learners gain a full understanding of modern agricultural practice.

Equine, Animal & Wildlife Centres

Our Equine Centre offers stabling for 64 horses, international-size indoor arenas, outdoor arenas and a cross-country course. Our Animal Management Unit is one of the UK's leading educational animal collections, home to over 500 animals from 125+ species including endangered species, exotic carnivores, aquatics, reptiles and domestic animals. Students gain real zoo-environment experience through national and international conservation partnerships.



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Engineering & Specialist Workshops

Our Agricultural Engineering workshops provide 540 square metres of space for everything from vintage tractor restoration to diagnostics on modern machinery. Students work with industry-standard tools and equipment across a wide range of engineering projects. Also incorporating Motor Vehicle and Carpentry and Joinery workshops.

National Centre for Reptile Welfare

We're the proud home of the UK's first National Centre for Reptile Welfare, caring for up to 600 rescued reptiles and amphibians, enabling students to gain unparalleled experience in welfare, husbandry and rehoming.

Live and Study on Campus

NKC Hadlow College offers residential provision, rated Outstanding by Ofsted, with 201 single rooms at the heart of our beautiful campus. Students benefit from flexible board options, fully included utilities, 24/5 on-site staff, pastoral support, enrichment activities, an on-site gym and shared social spaces. Our provision is shaped by exceptional leadership, including Residential Manager Karen King, whose compassionate and student-centred approach helps every resident feel safe, supported and ready to succeed. Karen's dedication was recently recognised at the Kent Education Awards.

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Real Industry Experience

Work experience is an important part of every full-time course and Apprenticeship, giving students the opportunity to develop practical skills, build confidence and gain valuable experience with employers before progressing into employment or further study.

Around The Grounds



Our Beautiful College Grounds

Our main campus is set in beautiful surroundings within a large managed estate, including over 265 acres of prime farmland, woodland, three commercial farms, established show gardens, horticultural glasshouses and a variety of natural habitats. Students also benefit from access to our sustainable orchard and vineyard, where they can learn modern, sustainable farming techniques using the latest industry technologies.

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Faulkner's Farm

Our fully functioning commercial farm is home to the College flock of 350 ewes, lambing sheds and 66 hectares of rotational grazing. Students are involved with lambing, shearing and care of the flock.

Blackman's Farm

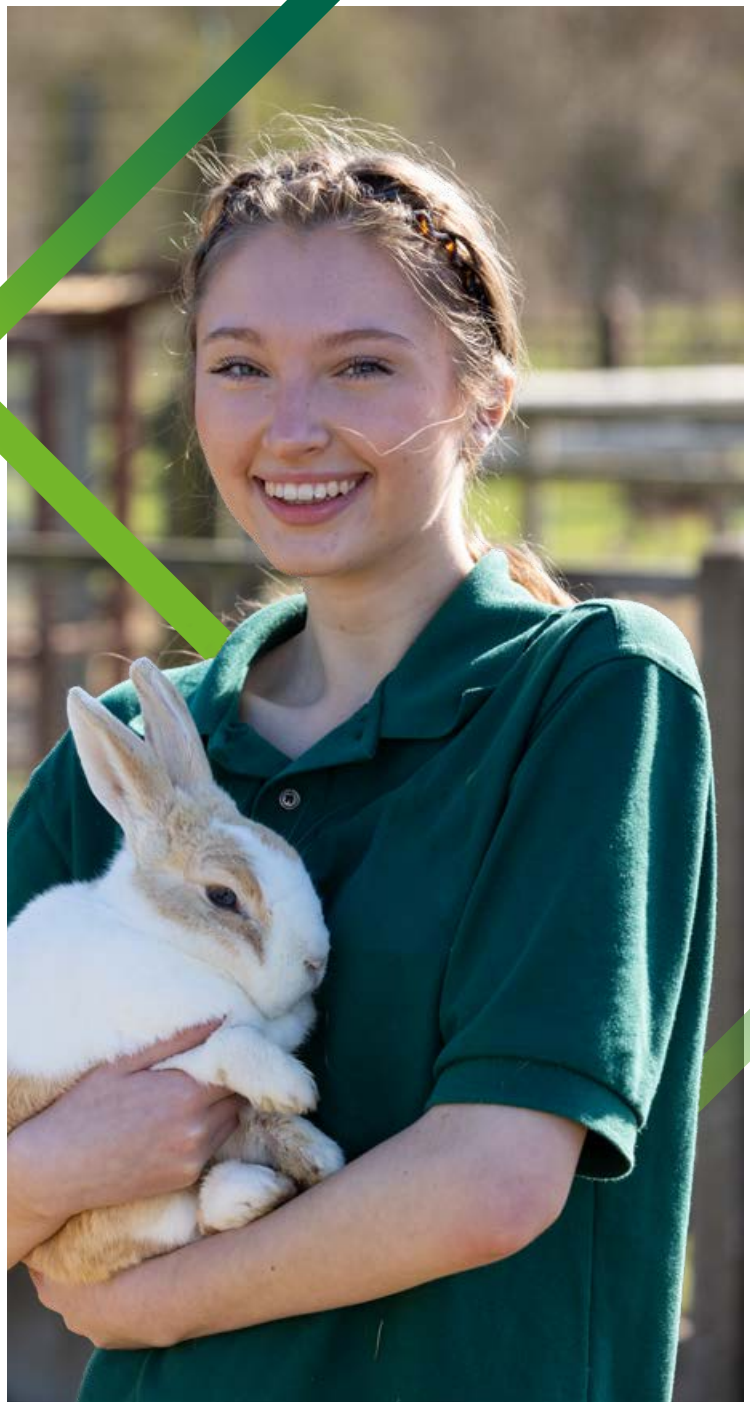
Home to our herd of beef cattle, the farm extends to 57 hectares. As well as providing land for grazing, it is also used for arable crop and forage production. We also have very close links with local dairy farms, giving our students a well-rounded experience of both dairy and beef farming.

Equestrian Facilities

Our superb Equestrian stabling for 64 horses along with two international size indoor arenas,outdoor arenas and paddocks. We regularly host competitions and lecture demonstrations from famous riders and trainers such as Mary and Emily King, Mark Todd and Monty Roberts.

National Centre for Reptile Welfare (NCRW)

The facility, the first of its type in the United Kingdom, provides refuge and care for up to 600 unwanted and vulnerable reptiles and amphibians. Its aim is to re-home them through a national network of retailers and wholesalers, as well as improve the body of knowledge.





Horticultures State-of-the-art Glasshouse

The **Thanet Earth Centre of Excellence** @ Hadlow College is a groundbreaking partnership between ourselves, leading industry grower Thanet Earth, and research and innovation organisation Growing Kent & Medway.

The Centre is based at our state-of-the-art glasshouse and is the UK's first centre of excellence in greenhouse growing.

Aiming to inspire and train the next generation of UK commercial horticulturists, the Centre connects students with leading businesses from the greenhouse sector, promising to bring a new generation of skilled workers to protect the future of UK-grown fresh produce.

Animal Management

Our Animal Management Unit (AMU) is one of the country's leading educational animal collections. The collection houses over 500 animals from more than 125 different species, all of which students study to develop their skills and expertise. With state-of-the-art aquatics, herpetology and nocturnal sections, students have the opportunity to experience a diverse range of working environments, while opportunities to work with exotic carnivores, canids and mongoose species provide first-class experience in a zoo environment.

Many of the species we house are endangered and are part of national and international collaborative programmes with other UK zoos. The collection also has a substantial range of domestic species including pigs, goats, alpacas and poultry.

Horticulture

Our Horticultural facilities comprise a brand new glasshouse complex, access to fruit orchards and field production facilities. Exciting new automated and sustainable developments include our three-hectare robotic orchard, producing apples, pears, cherries and other crops using the latest harvesting and management tools, equipment and robots. We also have a vineyard, where students can explore the production requirements for English wine and grape juice. A new commercial nursery was introduced recently, comprising glasshouses with hydroponic growing facilities.

Broadview Gardens

Comprising four hectares of beautiful, individually themed gardens built by Hadlow staff and students, Broadview offers a retreat and a great place to escape when you fancy a break from your studies.

Fisheries Hatchery

Our fully-stocked hatchery contains various species of tropical and cold water fish, in different types of industry-specific systems. Students learn about different methods of fish welfare, accommodation and husbandry.

We have over 50 aquarium tanks and several advanced Recirculating Aquaculture Systems which incorporate industry standard equipment such as commercial drum filters.

Floristry

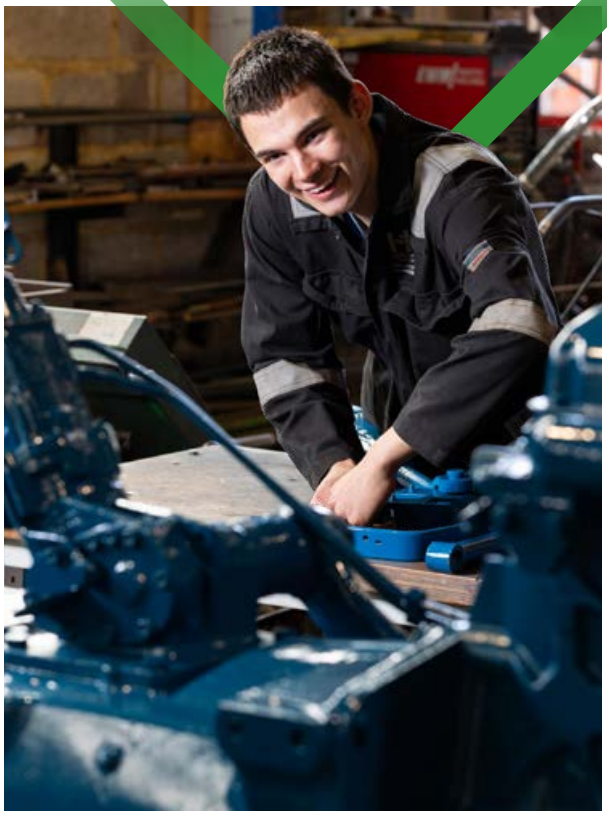
We have chillers, bespoke classrooms for floristry and cutting gardens.

Grove Farm Fishing Lake

Comprising a two-hectare mixed coarse fishing lake and growing-on ponds, Grove Farm operates as a commercial fishery and fish farm, providing our students with practical skills in carp husbandry, modern fisheries management practices, and all aspects of fish farming and relevant legislation.

Agricultural Engineering

We have very well-equipped state-of -the-art workshops where engineering students have a vast array of specialist tools to hand to carry out all sorts of engineering projects. The workshop, which has recently been extended, has 540 square metres of floor space to accommodate many kinds of projects, from vintage and classic tractor restorations to modern tractors and implements that need fault diagnosis with the aid of a laptop.





Learner Voice



Every voice matters

It is important to us that all our learners are encouraged to have their voices heard and for them to play an active part in College life.

Learner Voice provides opportunities for our learners to share their views, represent their peers and help shape their experience at NKC Hadlow College.

Through learner surveys, forums and feedback opportunities, we listen to what our learners have to say and use their feedback to continually improve their College experience.

Developing future leaders

Our learners can also take on representative and leadership roles, giving them the opportunity to work with fellow learners and College staff, contribute ideas and get involved in activities across the College.

These activities help our learners develop valuable communication, teamwork and leadership skills, preparing them for their next steps into further study, an apprenticeship or employment.

Learner Enrichment



More than just a course

At NKC Hadlow College, enrichment plays an important part in helping our learners make the most of their College experience.

Alongside their studies, our learners have opportunities to try new things, meet new people and develop skills that support both their personal development and future ambitions.

Opportunities to get involved

We are committed to providing a broad and varied enrichment programme as part of a learner's educational programme of study. Some elements of enrichment will be facilitated through a learner's curriculum area and others will be College wide to broaden their horizons even further.

We have a newly converted Enrichment Hub where we want to develop a fun, engaging and vibrant zone for learners to develop their social, intellectual and physical skills as well as expand their personal development with positive interactions with many diverse learners; building a safe, sense of community and belonging at NKC Hadlow College.



Qualifications Explained

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Whatever your starting point, there's a qualification pathway to suit you.

Entry Level Certificates

Available to those who may not have the GCSE grades to go straight on to a Level 1 mainstream course, acting as a step-up qualification.

UAL, NCFE & BTEC Diplomas

One or two year full-time courses specialising in a specific vocational area at Levels 1 to 4. They accommodate the needs of employers and allow for progression to university, providing practical real-life learning with theoretical background. Level 3 Diplomas can be taken instead of A-Levels as a route to Higher Education.

VRQ (Vocationally Related Qualifications)

These courses, much like BTECs, specialise in specific vocational areas from Level 1 to 3. They aim to prepare you for the world of work focusing on a practical hands-on approach to learning, with theory to support this.

T Levels

Advanced Level 3 courses and equivalent to 3 A-levels. T levels offer longer periods of Industry Placement (usually 45 days across the 2-year programme). The course is a combination of in-class study and work placement.

Access to Higher Education

For people over the age of 19 who are interested in taking on an undergraduate degree programme, but who do not already have the required qualifications.

Apprenticeships

With an Apprenticeship you will be employed with an organisation and will do your technical training at college. This means you will get paid and achieve a qualification at the same time. An Apprenticeship can take between one and four years to complete and covers over 1,500 job roles in a wide range of industries.

Foundation Degrees and HNC/Ds

Undergraduate qualifications that are equivalent to years 1 and 2 of a university Bachelor's Degree. These programmes offer a more vocational element to university degrees, often with links to the industry itself.

Professional Qualifications

These provide practical and work-related skills and the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications, including CACHE (Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education).

English and Maths Requirements for 16–19 Learners

In line with government policy, all students aged 16–19 who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 (standard pass) in GCSE English and/or Maths are required to attend a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face, whole-class lessons in each academic year.

Most students will work towards achieving a GCSE qualification in English and Maths. However, for a small number of vocational learners on Entry 3 and some Level 1 courses, who have previously achieved a Grade 2 or below, an alternative pathway may be available. Where appropriate, these students may study Level 1 Functional Skills as a stepping-stone qualification to support their progression.

If you have not achieved a grade 9–4 or above in English or maths at GCSE level, you will work towards this at college.

This Information is accurate at time of print.
Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.



Entry Requirements & Progression Routes

LEVEL OF STUDY	EQUIVALENT TO	QUALIFICATION OFFER
ENTRY LEVEL	2 GCSEs at Grade 2–1	Entry Level Courses
LEVEL 1	5 GCSEs at Grade 3–1 NVQ Level 1, BTEC Introductory Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates
LEVEL 2	5 GCSEs at Grade 9–4 BTEC Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates
LEVEL 3	2 or 3 A levels, NVQ Level 3, Access	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, T Levels
LEVEL 4	HNC, Foundation Degree, NVQ Level 4	Foundation Degree, HNC
LEVEL 5	HND, Foundation Degree (Year 1), NVQ Level 5	Foundation Degree (Year 1), HND
LEVEL 6	Degree (Final Year)	Degree (Final Year)

Indicative entry requirements – some programmes may have higher entry criteria because of industry standards.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	PROGRESSION OPTIONS
No GCSEs or formal qualifications required. Entry via interview.	LEVEL 1
You should have at least 2 GCSEs at grades 2–1	LEVEL 2
Usually 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including 2 core subjects. For specialist trades, you may need a Level 1 City & Guilds or NVQ qualification	LEVEL 3
Usually 4 or 5 GCSEs at Grades 9-4, or a BTEC, UAL, City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma (or equivalent) with a Merit grade	LEVEL 4
You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 qualification	LEVEL 5
You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 or 4 qualification	LEVEL 6 DEGREE
This is a Degree Level qualification and you must have relevant Level 5 qualification	LEVEL 7 DEGREE

What courses where?

NKC Hadlow College Courses



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Land-based

Agriculture	1 2 3
Agricultural Engineering	2
Animal Management	1 2 3
Equestrian Studies	1 2 3
Countryside Management with Fisheries	3
Floristry	2
Horticulture	1 2 3
Introduction to the Land Based Sector	1

Construction & Engineering

Carpentry & Joinery	2
Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	2 3
Motor Sport	1 2 3
Motor Vehicle	1 2 3

NKC | DARTFORD COLLEGE

NKC Dartford College Courses

Access to Higher Education

Access to Nursing & Healthcare	3

Business & Finance

Business	2 3
T Level in Accounting	3
T Level in Business	3

Computing & Game Design

Game Design	2 3
IT	2
T Level in Digital Software Development	3

Creative Industries

Acting	2 3
Next Gen Animation & Visual Storytelling	3
Architecture, Interior & Product Design	3
Art	1 2 3
Dance	2 3
Fashion	2 3
Graphic Design	2 3
Media	2
Media - TV & Film	3
Media - Digital Journalism	3
Media - Content Creation	3
Miskin Voice	2 3
Music Performance	2 3
Music Technology	2 3
Musical Theatre	2 3
Photography	2 3
Technical Theatre	2 3

Course Level

- E Entry Level
- 1 Level 1
- 2 Level 2
- 3 Level 3
- 4 Level 4

For the most up-to-date information, please check the website as courses can change.

Early Years & Health Care

Early Years	1 2
Health Care	1 2
Social Care	3
T Level in Education & Childcare	3
T Level in Health/ Adult Nursing	3

Hair & Beauty

Beauty Therapy	1 2 3
Advanced Beauty Therapy	4
Hairdressing	1 2 3
Media Make-up	2 3
Theatrical Make-up	3

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NKC Dartford College Courses

Hospitality & Events

Hospitality & Event Management	3

Legal Administration

Legal Administration	2 3

Public Services

Uniformed Services	1 2 3

Sport

Gym Studies	2
Personal Training	3
Sport	2
Sport and Exercise Science	3
Sport Coaching	3

Travel & Tourism

Vocational Studies	1
Travel & Tourism	2 3

NKC | GRAVESEND COLLEGE

NKC Gravesend College Courses

Construction & Engineering

Brickwork	2
Carpentry & Joinery	2
Multi Trade Construction	1
Craft Engineering	1 2
Electrical Installation	1 2
Engineering	3 4
Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry & Vehicle Technology	E
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1
Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	2 3
Painting, Decorating & Interior Design	2
Plumbing & Heating	1 2
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	2
T Level Civil Engineering	3

Hairdressing

Hairdressing	1 2 3

Hospitality & Catering

Catering Professional Chef	1 2

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Course Level

- E Entry Level
- 1 Level 1
- 2 Level 2
- 3 Level 3
- 4 Level 4

For the most up-to-date information, please check the website as courses can change.

NKC | TONBRIDGE COLLEGE

NKC Tonbridge College Courses



Business

Business	2 3

Computing

Computing	2
T Level in Digital Software Development	3

Construction & Engineering

Multi Trade Construction	1
Electrical Installation	2
Painting, Decorating & Interior Design	2
Plumbing & Heating	2

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Creative Industries

Applied Theatre	2 3
Art	1 2 3
Fashion	2 3
Graphic Design	2 3
Media	2 3
Music Performance	2 3
Photography	2 3

Early Years & Health Care

Early Years	2
Health Care	1 2
Social Care	3
T Level in Education & Childcare	3

Hair & Beauty

Beauty Therapy	1 2 3
Hairdressing	1 2

Hospitality & Catering

Catering Professional Chef	1 2

Public Services

Uniformed Services	1 2 3

Sport

Sport	2
Sport and Exercise Science	3

Travel & Tourism

Travel & Tourism	2 3

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Options After Your GCSEs

There are many routes after your GCSEs, from vocational programmes and A Levels to Apprenticeships – all of which can lead to your chosen career. The key is finding the right path for you. Here's an overview of your options.

Levels of study

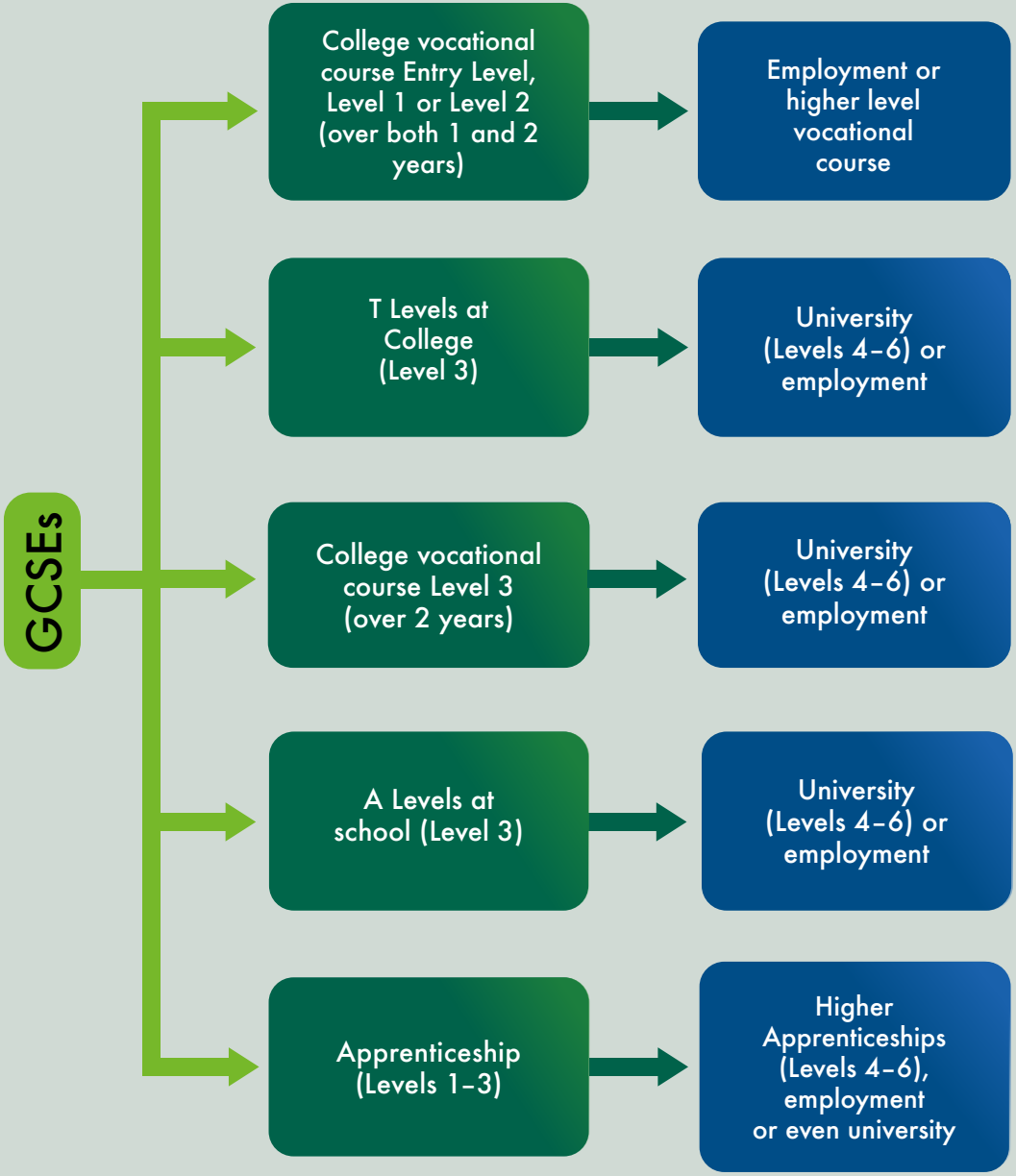
Based on your GCSE results (or predicted grades), our tutors will advise you on the most suitable level of study. This will be discussed at your interview and can be adjusted at enrolment once results are confirmed.

After GCSEs, you may start at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2, which are usually one-year programmes. From there, you can progress to Level 3, which is equivalent to A Levels. Alternatively, you may begin directly on a two-year Level 3 programme, leading to progression onto university (Level 4 and above) or employment.

For students aiming for university, a Level 3 Extended Diploma is typically required in the subject area (or a closely related field). We offer a wide range of courses that provide strong progression routes into Higher Education.

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GCSEs
College vocational course Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 (over both 1 and 2 years)
Employment or higher level vocational course
T Levels at College (Level 3)
University (Levels 4–6) or employment
College vocational course Level 3 (over 2 years)
University (Levels 4–6) or employment
A Levels at school (Level 3)
University (Levels 4–6) or employment
Apprenticeship (Levels 1–3)
Higher Apprenticeships (Levels 4–6), employment or even university

Work Placements

We believe that real experience is one of the best ways to prepare for your future career and make you stand out to employers.

If your course includes a work placement, you'll have the opportunity to gain subject-relevant experience with local SMEs, well-known organisations and innovative start-ups.

Work placements can be a valuable part of your learning, allowing you to apply your skills in real workplace settings. Many students also progress into part-time or permanent roles, or even apprenticeships, with their placement employer.

Whether or not your course includes a placement, you'll receive support with CV writing, applications and interview skills. We'll guide you through the process, helping you build the confidence and professionalism employers are looking for.

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The Benefits of a Work Placement:

1. Gain real experience in your chosen industry
2. Apply your learning in a real workplace
3. Learn directly from industry professionals
4. Build connections with potential future employers
5. Strengthen your CV and stand out when applying for jobs
6. Use relevant part-time work as part of your placement
7. Enhance your UCAS application for university progression



Start Your Career With An Apprenticeship

at NKC Hadlow College

Why not start to build your career with an Apprenticeship?

Did you know NKC Hadlow College is one of the country's leading land-based Colleges?

No matter what stage you are within your career, whether just starting out in the world of work or already in an established position, Apprenticeships can support you to develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession via an apprenticeship scheme,and is perfect solution to earn while you learn.

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job that gives you a learning platform to train and develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession.

20% of your contracted working hours will be spent in training and development, either with us at college, or even in your workplace. The remainder of your time will be spent applying and developing deeper skills and knowledge in your workplace.

NKC Hadlow College apprenticeships

Please check our website for the most-up-to-date apprenticeship information as these are subject to change.



Apprenticeship FAQs

Do Apprentices get paid?

As an apprentice, you'll usually be employed to work a minimum of 30 hours per week and be paid a wage no less than the National Minimum Apprenticeship Rate – £8.00* per hour, for the time you are in work and in off-the-job training.

You can also undertake an apprenticeship if you are a part time employee, in these circumstances we will review your part-time working hours and extend the duration of your apprenticeship to ensure you receive the required level of training needed.

The amount you are paid is based on several factors including your previous experience and current skill set. Within some job roles your wage may increase as you progress and take on more responsibility. You will also receive the same benefits as any employee, including holiday pay.

Who can do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone who is 16 years old and over, has a right to work in England and is not in full time education. There is no upper age limit and available to anyone whether starting out on their career or for those who have been working for some time.

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Apprenticeships offered NKC Hadlow College

- Crop Technician
- Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor
- Horticulture or Landscape Construction Operative
- Sports Turf Operative
- Advanced Sports Turf Technician
- Golf Greenkeeper
- Golf Course Manager



Levels of Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available from entry level through to degree level, offering opportunities to progress throughout your career. The level of Apprenticeship is based on the skills, responsibilities and knowledge required for the job role – not just the qualifications you already have.

Apprenticeship Levels are set and equivalent to:

2 **Level 2 (Intermediate):** GCSEs

3 **Level 3 (Advanced):** A-levels

4 **Level 4 (Higher):** Foundation degree

5 **Level 5 (Higher):** Foundation degree/first year of bachelor's degree

6 **Level 6 (Degree):** Bachelor's degree

7 **Level 7 (Degree):** Master's degree

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What do I need to know about English and Maths?

English and Maths are an important part of your Apprenticeship. If you do not already hold the required qualifications, you will study English and Maths alongside your Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements vary depending on the Apprenticeship programme and your age, so please contact us for more information.

What is the End Point Assessment?

At the end of your Apprenticeship's practical training, you will complete an End Point Assessment (EPA) to demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have developed during your training.

The assessment is carried out by an independent assessor and may include practical observations, exams, professional discussions, projects or a review of your work portfolio, depending on your Apprenticeship programme.

Apprenticeships offered NKC Dartford College

- Hair Professional
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional
- Early Years Educator

Apprenticeships offered NKC Gravesend College

- Business Administrator (Legal/Finance Sector)
- Engineering Operative
- Engineering Technician
- Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician
- Maintenance and Operations Maritime Mechanical and Electrical Mechanic

Apprenticeships available:

www.gov.uk/apply-Apprenticeship



Progression and your next steps

We're committed to helping every student to progress.

Higher Education

Continue your studies with at Degree level, with our Higher Education Programmes.

Tuition Fees

Access high quality education at a fraction of university costs! Find up-to-date fee information on our website.

Study Locally

Stay close to home, keep your support network and save money by not moving away to university.

Supportive Environment

Our small size means greater personalised support throughout your studies.

Mature Students

If you're 21 and over, we'd love to hear from you. Even without the usual entry grades, relevant industry experience may make you eligible – we encourage you to apply.



Decarbonisation and Sustainability Agenda

Educating Farmers of the Future!

Working towards a decarbonised economy

We educate farmers of the future and are working on sustainable farming skills with our state-of-the-art developments:

The establishment of a "concept orchard and vineyard" showcasing the latest technology in automated systems, including automated and AI management systems, innovative crop diversity, cleaner storage, and robotic fruit picking.

We educate NKC Hadlow College students as the farmers of the future to operate and manage these sustainable systems and develop concepts for real change in the sector, for an efficient, economic, healthy and sustainable farming industry. In line with the collaborative project across Kent with the Chamber of Commerce and Kent's Further Education Colleges, NKC Hadlow College work on decarbonisation and skills shortages in identified industry sectors.

NKC Hadlow College has a well-established three hectare orchard growing a range of crops on the main campus. This exciting development focuses on sustainability, reducing labour where possible and allows us to work collaboratively with industry and importantly inspire the next generation of fruit growers and horticulturists.

The orchard is automated using a range of robotic equipment and sensors to remove much of the labour intensive aspects but develop the highly skilled labour requirements of orchard management.

The crops grown include apple, pears, cherries, apricots and other prunus. A section of the orchard is devoted to viticulture producing a crop of grapes but with the training emphasis being on how to set up and manage a vineyard. Cherries grown under plastic and intensive production systems are used to maximise the potential yield of all crops. The planning of the orchard was conducted in conjunction with industry to ensure we are meeting future demands.

The crops are grown with sustainability in mind at all times. Drones are used to monitor bud set, predict yields and monitor the growth of the crop allowing precise applications of nutrition, pest and disease control methods to be used.

Sensors are installed throughout the orchard to monitor amongst other things moisture, relative humidity, PAR, rainfall plus other exciting sensors which are currently being developed.

Post-harvest technology will include new cold store facilities with lab based research storage facilities to help better understand the implications of long term storage of fruit. NKC Hadlow College has a rich history of fruit production, working with industry and providing training opportunities for students. This latest development is an exciting opportunity for industry to engage with the college to shape the future of the fruit industry in Kent and further afield.



Residential Life

Make your home here at NKC Hadlow College

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Our Residential Accommodation is rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted

Please check our website for the most-up-to-date Residential information.



Want to live and study on campus?

Leaving home to live at College is an exciting experience and NKC Hadlow College provides the opportunity to take those first steps of independent living in a supportive and friendly environment.

We offer excellent accommodation for students, which are set at the heart of our charming NKC Hadlow College grounds.

You'll get a single study bedroom, shared bathroom or shower facilities, a communal lounge and kitchen equipped with cooker, fridge and freezer.

Weekly enrichment opportunities and student-led groups encourage students to learn new skills, make new friends and experience different activities.

How to Apply for Residential

All full-time students are eligible to apply for accommodation; however, preference is given to those who live a considerable distance from the College. In addition, course hours are taken into consideration, particularly for those courses that have early morning or late practical duties. If you are interested in applying, please complete the online form by visiting

www.hadlow.ac.uk

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Our accommodation package:

We offer our students accommodation on a half-board basis and self-catering for those over 18 years of age.

All utility bills.

A member of staff available at all times. 24 hours a day, 5 days a week when students are in accommodation.

Pastoral support and personal and social development opportunities.

Daily cleaning and maintenance support.

Access to student zone activities and facilities.



Agriculture

Gain hands-on experience across our farms, machinery and workshop facilities, to develop practical skills and industry knowledge needed to succeed in agriculture.

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Courses

Agriculture Level 1 2 3

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Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

You will be involved in all aspects of the farming year, including lambing, shearing, ploughing and harvest, as well as working with the College's own beef herd. Through our strong links with local dairy farms, you will also gain valuable experience of dairy herd management.

Our beef herd forms part of the College's wider regenerative farming strategy, helping to improve the environmental sustainability of the farm while providing excellent practical learning opportunities for students.

By studying Agriculture, you can become part of an industry that plays a vital role in food production, countryside management and the future of the rural economy. Our Agriculture team brings a wealth of experience across crops, soils, livestock, machinery and farm business management, using their expertise to support your learning and development.

Courses combine practical training with classroom-based study and make full use of our excellent agricultural facilities, helping you develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for a successful career in the industry.

Future Careers

- Farm Worker
- Herdperson
- Shepherd
- Agriculture Contractor
- Stockperson
- Agriculture Engineer
- Assistant Farm Manager
- Groundcare Engineer
- Agriculture Inspector
- Tractor Driver

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Agricultural Engineering

Through practical experience in our College workshops, as well as working on machinery restoration projects for local farmers, you will develop an in-depth understanding of the skills and knowledge needed for a career in Agricultural Engineering.

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Future Careers

- Agricultural Engineer or Technician
- Groundcare Engineer or Technician
- Self-Employed Engineer or Technician
- Truck/Bus Engineer or Technician
- Workshop Manager
- Machinery Contractor
- Dealership Technician

Course

Agricultural Engineering Level 2

Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

You will gain experience across a wide range of engineering skills, including welding, fabrication, servicing, engine and transmission rebuilds, hydraulics, suspension systems, machinery restoration, machinery operation and ploughing.

Courses combine practical training with classroom-based learning, making full use of our excellent workshop facilities, specialist equipment and machinery training yard. This hands-on approach helps you develop the technical skills, confidence and industry knowledge required to succeed in the land-based engineering sector.

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Animal Management

Turn a passion for animals into practical skills with a comprehensive course that combines classroom learning and lots of hands-on experience in our purpose-built Animal Management Unit.

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Courses

Animal Management Level 1 2 3

Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

Higher Education
We also offer Higher Education programmes in Animal Management. See page 56.

Students will explore animal anatomy and physiology, animal welfare, health and nursing, developing a strong understanding of animal care and management. Throughout the course, students complete work experience both within the Animal Management Unit and with external organisations, helping them build valuable practical skills.

Working with a wide range of domestic and exotic species, students are involved in all aspects of animal husbandry and management. This includes planning animal collections, designing and maintaining enclosures, and providing day-to-day care within a commercial animal collection.

Using up-to-date equipment and facilities across the aquaria, pet care and zoological sectors, students develop the knowledge, confidence and practical skills needed for further study and careers working with animals.

Future Careers

- Animal Boarding Establishments
- Pet Shops
- Animal Trainers
- Animal Behaviour
- Animal Management Instructors
- Animal Welfare Inspectors
- RSPCA Inspectors
- Veterinary Nurses
- Animal Conservationists
- Animal Keepers



Equestrian Studies

Become part of a thriving industry that relies on skilled, dedicated professionals to provide expert horse care, training and tuition. With around 900,000 horses and 2 million riders in the UK, there are a wide range of exciting career opportunities to explore, by studying an equine course at NKC Hadlow College.

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Courses

Land-Based Studies (Horse Care)	Level 1
Equine Studies	Level 2
Equine Management	Level 3

Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

Our Equine Unit features outstanding facilities, including two indoor arenas, a large outdoor arena and stabling for 64 horses. Students also have access to a full range of show jumps, cross-country fences suitable for Level 3 and above, a Racewood Equicizer and an extensive range of tack and equipment.

Students benefit from genuine hands-on experience, working with and riding quality horses while developing practical skills in horse husbandry, handling, grooming, feeding, tack fitting and routine yard management. Depending on the course, students may also study horse behaviour and welfare, anatomy and physiology, and learn how to train and ride horses on the flat and over fences.

Alongside vocational skills, students develop valuable transferable skills such as teamwork, communication, presentation and problem-solving. Learning is enhanced through a range of exciting field trips, which may include Badminton Horse Trials, Newmarket and the New Forest, as well as guest speakers from organisations such as nutrition companies, veterinary practices and the British Horse Society.

Future Careers

- Assistant Yard Manager
- Competition Groom
- Competition Rider
- Equestrian Retail
- Equine Journalism
- Equine Veterinary
- Event Organiser
- Freelance Coach/Rider/ Practitioner
- Nurse
- Nutritionist
- Riding Instructor
- Racing Groom
- Therapy Centre Assistant
- Welfare Officer
- Yard Manager



Countryside Management with Fisheries

The Countryside Management with Fisheries lecturing team brings a wealth of industry experience across, countryside management, freshwater fishery management, habitat and environmental management.

All staff have worked within the industry and draw on their professional experience to deliver engaging, practical and industry-relevant teaching, supporting learners to develop the knowledge and skills required for successful careers across the fisheries, aquatics and wider countryside management sectors.

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Courses

Fisheries Management — Level 3

Entry Requirements
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Students develop a wide range of practical and industry-focused skills across countryside management & fisheries, including countryside habitat management, environmental conservation, the sustainable management of natural resources as well as practical fishery management, angling, fish biology and health, and disease identification and treatment.

Communication skills are also developed, alongside an understanding of environmental interactions and the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity within fisheries and the wider countryside.

Practical skills are an important part of the course, with opportunities to explore a range of techniques and approaches within estate management and real fisheries including the management of the College lake at Grove Farm.

The course is supported by strong links with industry and environmental organisations, including the Environment Agency, the Angling Trust, London Councils, Kent Wildlife Trust and Cottington Lakes, providing students with valuable opportunities to apply their learning in real-world settings and develop the skills required for careers across countryside & environmental management and the fisheries and aquatics sectors.

Future Careers

- Fish Farm Worker
- Fishery Manager / Bailiff
- River Keeper
- Countryside Ranger
- Conservation Officer
- Habitat Management Officer

Floristry

Our Floristry courses are perfect for students who love working creatively with flowers and want to turn that passion into a career. You'll build the confidence, skills and knowledge needed for further study or employment in the floristry industry.

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Courses

Floristry Level 2

Entry Requirements
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The course focuses on developing practical floristry skills alongside the key design theory needed to support your learning. This helps students build strong vocational, practical and employability skills. You will learn how to condition and care for fresh flowers, foliage and plants, while developing core floristry techniques and design principles.

The course also includes learning a wide range of flower, foliage and plant names, as well as how to create attractive displays to promote floristry products and services. Retail skills such as business management, marketing, trends and event floristry are also covered.

Students will also take part in maintaining the College floristry facilities, further developing both practical and industry knowledge. The floristry team brings extensive industry experience, from high-level design to retail floristry, ensuring students are supported to achieve their full potential.

These courses are designed for those looking to progress into employment within the floristry industry or onto higher-level floristry study.

Future Careers

- Florist
- Florist Manager
- Display Merchandiser
- Floral Buyer



Horticulture

Do you enjoy being outdoors or growing your own food? If so, Horticulture could be the perfect choice for you. Our courses cover a wide range of horticultural subjects and support progression into careers in production horticulture, garden design, landscaping and amenity horticulture.

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Courses

Horticulture Level 1 2 3

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Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

Higher Education
We also offer Higher Education programmes in Horticulture. See page 56.

Horticulture has been part of Hadlow College for over 50 years, and we have built a strong reputation as a leading provider of horticultural education. Students benefit from an extensive network of industry contacts, including former students and employers who regularly offer work experience placements.

The horticulture team brings a wealth of experience across roles such as head gardeners and commercial production managers, all of whom draw on their industry background to enrich teaching and learning.

Students benefit from strong links with commercial nurseries, research institutes, organic producers, and both public and private gardens, as well as valuable retail experience through our pop-up plant sales.

In addition, students will experience working and develop their skills within our state-of-the-art horticulture facility at the Thanet Earth Centre of Excellence @ Hadlow College, the UK's only dedicated centre of excellence in commercial greenhouse growing.

Future Careers

- Nursery Assistant
- Garden Centre Sales Assistant
- Assistant Gardener
- Estate Gardener
- Landscaper
- Groundsperson
- Landscape Contractor
- Fresh Produce Assistant



Thanet Earth
Centre of Excellence
@ Hadlow College

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Carpentry & Joinery

Our Carpentry and Joinery curriculum provides hands-on training and technical knowledge, helping students develop the skills, confidence, and qualifications needed to succeed in the construction industry.

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Course

Carpentry & Joinery Level 2

Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

Our Carpentry & Joinery course provides the perfect blend of practical workshop experience and technical knowledge, equipping you with the skills required for a successful career in the construction industry. Over the duration of the Level 2 course, you will develop confidence in using a wide range of hand and power tools, learn essential woodworking and joinery techniques, and gain an understanding of construction methods, materials and current industry standards.

Throughout your studies, you will produce high-quality joinery projects, develop accuracy in measuring and interpreting technical/creating drawings, and learn the importance of safe working practices, quality workmanship and attention to detail. You'll also strengthen key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and professional behaviours that employers value.

Working in our industry-standard workshops, you will help maintain a safe and organised working environment while gaining experience that reflects professional practice. Our experienced teaching team brings a wealth of industry knowledge, ensuring you receive expert guidance and support throughout your learning journey.

If you are aiming for employment in the construction sector, our Carpentry & Joinery course will provide the knowledge, practical skills and confidence to help you achieve your goals.

Future Careers

- Bench Joiner
- Cabinet Maker
- Formwork (Shuttering) Carpenter
- Heritage/Restoration Carpenter
- Kitchen Fitter
- Scenic Carpenter
- Site Carpenter
- Shopfitter
- Wood Machinist

Automotive Industries

Motor Vehicle, Motorsport & Motorcycle

Fuel your passion for the automotive industry with our Motor Vehicle, Motorsport and Motorcycle courses, designed to develop the technical expertise, practical skills and professional behaviours employers value.

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Find out more



Courses

Motor Cycle Maintenance & Repair	2 3
Motor Sport	1 2 3
Motor Vehicle	1 2 3

Level: 1 2 3

Entry Requirements
For more information, please see page 20.

Our Motor Vehicle courses develop the practical skills and technical knowledge needed for a career in the automotive industry. In our industry-standard workshops, you'll gain hands-on experience servicing, maintaining, and repairing a range of vehicles while learning modern diagnostics, vehicle technologies, and safe working practices.

Our Motorsport courses prepare students for careers in the fast-growing motorsport sector. You'll build skills in vehicle preparation, maintenance, diagnostics, and performance engineering, with opportunities to work on the College's motorsport fleet, including a Caterham race car, to gain valuable real-world experience.

Our Motorcycle courses combine practical workshop training with technical knowledge, providing a strong foundation for a career in the motorcycle industry.

Using our dedicated motorcycle workshop facilities, you'll develop specialist skills while benefiting from links with local and regional motorcycle organisations. These partnerships provide opportunities to meet employers, gain industry insight, and, where available, undertake work placements to enhance your experience and career prospects

Future Careers

- Light Vehicle Technician
- Vehicle Service Technician
- Fast Fit Technician
- Vehicle Maintenance Technician
- Vehicle Inspector
- Parts Advisor
- Service Advisor
- Fleet Maintenance Technician
- Breakdown and Recovery Technician
- Motorsport Technician
- Motorcycle Technician



NKC | UNIVERSITY CENTRE HADLOW

Study At Our University Centre Hadlow

Did you know you can continue to university level study with us through our partnership with the University of Greenwich? This delivers degree level teaching at College, with qualifications awarded by the partner university.

Programmes are taught by expert tutors at NKC Hadlow College, Kent's only rural, land based college, and are validated by the University of Greenwich.

Four reasons to choose us

1. **Great value:** Competitive fees make studying locally affordable.
2. **Small community:** Smaller classes mean more one to one support.
3. **Stay local:** Learn close to home in familiar surroundings.
4. **Specialist facilities:** Unique land based resources create distinctive degree pathways.

What types of courses we offer

An FdSc is a two year Foundation Degree, equivalent to two thirds of a Bachelor's Degree. It works as a stand alone qualification, but most students choose to complete a one year top up to gain a full honours degree.

A Foundation Degree is ideal if you're unsure about committing to a full three year programme, offering a flexible route into higher education with the option to progress.



To apply via UCAS:
hadlow.ac.uk/university-centre



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Full-time courses offer at Hadlow College

Course title	Level
FdSc in Applied Animal Behavioural Science & Welfare	4 & 5
FdSc in Equine Training & Management	4 & 5
FdSc in Horticulture – Commercial	4 & 5
FdSc in Zoo Husbandry & Animal Management	4 & 5
BSc Top Up in Animal Management	6

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Learner Success

Meet some of the current learners and former students making their mark at NKC Hadlow College and beyond.

Discover more

Lewis Bennett

Fisheries Management Level 3 and BSc (Hons) Aquaculture & Fisheries

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The courses are well-designed and encourage hands-on learning, rather than just reading through PowerPoint presentations. It allowed me to "get my foot in the door", as my lecturer would say. My employer, a small salmon company in the northwest highlands of Scotland, was looking for someone with an academic background in aquaculture to innovate the company.

Without my course, I wouldn't have had the aquaculture knowledge that I gained through research and international work experience, which gave me a broader view and understanding of techniques, research, technology and fish cultivation methods.

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Bradley Church

Animal Management

After studying Animal Management at NKC Hadlow College, Bradley turned his passion for birds of prey into an exciting career in falconry. He now works as a Falconer for Royal Shaheen in Dubai, training birds for demonstrations and conservation work across the UAE.

“There are so many good memories, whether it be the informal yet engaging teaching style and absorbing lessons, the time spent with friends, to the light-hearted moments chatting with the staff.

My time at NKC Hadlow College not only progressed me academically, but also grew me as a person as well.”

Elouise Dubrow

Equestrian Studies

“NKC Hadlow College is fantastic for the contacts they know in the industry, the field trips to see new perspectives and the equipment we have access to for research.

Embrace your studies, find your passion and seize as many opportunities as you can regardless of if you think you’ll be successful”



How To Apply

So, you've found the perfect course and you're ready to take the next step – great choice!

1

Apply Online

Simply visit **hadlow.ac.uk** to submit your application. Year 11 students in Kent can also apply through the Kent County Council online system – your school will be able to guide you.

2

Application Check

We'll review your form and contact you if we need anything else.

3

Interview Invitation

Once we have processed your application, you'll be invited for an interview to discuss your course options – don't forget to bring your latest school report. Interviews run throughout the year, and we aim to contact you with a date within three weeks of your application.

4

Your Interview

This is your chance to tell us about yourself, and to learn more about us. You may receive an unconditional or conditional offer, or we may suggest a more suitable course.

5

Offer Confirmation

We'll email your offer, well done! Accept it to secure your place, after which we'll send details about accommodation, finance and fees.

6

Enrolment

You'll receive joining instructions over the summer. Enrolment takes place at the end of August. If your exam results are slightly lower than expected, don't worry – we'll work with you to find the right level within your chosen subject.



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NKC Hadlow College

Scan for more information on how to apply.

Student Welfare

WELL-BEING HUB

Student Welfare

For more information on welfare and safeguarding support, scan the QR code to visit our website.

Careers Advice

Our qualified advisers offer year round, confidential guidance on career choices, university routes and job applications.

Counselling

College life can bring challenges, so our confidential, non-judgemental counselling service supports students with emotional wellbeing and personal difficulties when they need to talk.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to a respectful, inclusive environment where no-one receives less favourable treatment, on any grounds including age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origins, creed, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, sex, marital or parental status,political belief or social or economic class. We actively support learners with difficulties or disabilities.

Disability Support

Specialist staff advise on appropriate support so all students can access the full curriculum.

Welfare & Safeguarding Support

We help students settle into college life so that they can thrive, with a range of support services.

Personal Tutors

Every student has a Personal Tutor for academic guidance, target setting and pastoral support.

SEN Support

Our Learning Support Team assists students with EHCP's and other disabilities and learning needs in-cluding exam access arrangements.



Student Financial Support



Money and Finance doesn't have to be a worrying experience. We want your transition into college to be as smooth as possible.

North Kent Colleges Group administers bursary funding to assist with additional course costs for low-income families.

Students aged 16-18 do not pay tuition fees for Further Education courses.

19+ Students who are on a full-time course funded either by the Government of via a19+ Advanced Learner Loan, may also be entitled to assistance with the additional course costs.

Additional costs may be payable, such as kit, uniform, equipment, travel to and from college, trips, free college meals and childcare.

If your household is on a low income, you may be entitled to assistance with a contribution towards these costs.

The bursaries the college administers does not cover tuition fees for 19+ students.

Free College Meals

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on the 31 August 2027 to be eligible to apply for free college meals and must meet the eligibility criteria set by the Government. Students aged 19 – 24 who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) who meet the eligibility criteria are also entitled to Free College Meals.

Residential Accommodation

For students attending Hadlow College who must travel for more than an hour each way and are undertaking a land based course as well as meet the set criteria may also receive a contribution towards the accommodation costs to enable them to reside on campus. Students will need to have been offered a place on a land based course as well as be offered a room within our onsite accommodation.

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How to apply

To apply for any of the college bursaries, please complete and submit the online application form, along with the required evidence. The application form can be found on the website of the college you are applying to.

The bursary portal will open after the Easter break.

Your Journey Towards NKC Hadlow College

September 2026:

1 Explore Options

Start thinking about your next steps. Pick up a School Leavers' Guide or browse courses online.

October–November 2026:

2 Visit & Apply

Come to our open events, meet tutors and students and tour our facilities. You can apply on the day and start receiving monthly VIP email updates.

December 2026 –February 2027:

3 Find Out More

Keep in touch! We're happy to answer any questions. If you missed our open events contact us to book a tour. And if you've already decided to apply, we'll send your interview date and then your offer.

February–March 2027:

4 Another Chance to Visit

More open events, more opportunities to explore NKC Hadlow College and apply on the day!

March–April 2027:

5 Revision Time

Exams are coming up and we've got loads of revision tips on our website. Remember to look after yourself too during this busy time.

May–June 2027:

6 Good Luck

Best of luck in your exams. We can't wait to hear how you get on, and if you need any support we are here for you.



July
2027:

7 Summer Break

Enjoy your summer!

You'll receive your enrolment invitation in August, and we are still here to help over the summer, just get in touch.

August
2027:

8 Results & Enrolment

Got your results? We hope it's what you needed.

But if they're not what you expected or are better than you predicted, don't worry there will be options and we'll help you find the right level for you.

September
2027:

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Welcome

Congratulations, you're officially a NKC Hadlow College student! You'll receive your start date and ID at enrolment and we'll look forward to welcoming you.

Thanks for choosing us and best of luck!



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