

# UNIVERSITY AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSE GUIDE 2016-2017

## UNIVERSITY COURSES

### Information and Enrolment Events for University courses:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday 31st August 2016   | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 7th September 2016 | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 5th January 2017    | 4.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday 18th April 2017      | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27th June 2017       | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |

| Course  | Venue                 | Duration                      | Hours       | Fee                                 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Foundation Degree in Education*                     | College               | 2 years, part time fast track | 1 Evening   | £3900 per year                      |
| BA (Hons) in Education (Top Up)*                    | College               | 1 year, part time             | 1 Afternoon | £3900                               |
| Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies*       | College               | 3 years, part time            | 1 Evening   | £2600 per year                      |
| BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies (Top Up)*      | College               | 1 year, part time             | 1 Evening   | £3900                               |
| PGCE/Certificate in Education - Teach in Post 16*   | College               | 1 year, full time             | 3 Mornings  | £5800                               |
| PGCE/School Direct - Teach in Primary or Secondary* | College and Placement | 1 year, full time             | 5 Days      | £9000                               |
| Foundation Year Health and Social Care*             | College               | 1 year, full time             | 3 Days      | £5900                               |
| HND Media Production                                | College               | 2 years, full time            | 2 to 3 Days | £5900 per year                      |
| Foundation Year Art                                 | College               | 1 year, full time             | 4 Days      | Aged 16-18 Free<br>Aged 19+ £3600** |

\*\*Please note - all students on the Foundation Year Art course are required to pay a studio fee of £160 for materials.  
\* Awarded by Staffordshire University. All fees published are for 2016/17 and may vary for 2017/18.

## VOCATIONAL COURSES – EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

### Information and Enrolment Events for Vocational courses:

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| Wednesday 31st August 2016   | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 7th September 2016 | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 5th January 2017    | 4.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday 18th April 2017      | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27th June 2017       | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |

| Course   | Venue                        | Duration                                     | Day                   | Time                               | Fee 19+ | Fee if eligible for funding |
|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools         | College                      | 36 weeks                                     | Wednesday or Thursday | 6.00pm-8.00pm<br>12.00pm-2.00pm    | £800    | Free                        |
| Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools | College                      | 36 weeks                                     | Wednesday or Thursday | 6.00pm-8.30pm<br>12.00pm-2.30pm    | £2200   | Free                        |
| Setting up a Child Minding Business  | College                      | 8 sessions                                   | Thursday              | 5.00pm-7.00pm                      | £190    | N/A                         |
| Level 2 Certificate for the Early Years Educator (EYE)                     | College                      | 36 weeks                                     | Thursday              | 12.00pm-2.00pm<br>or 6.30pm-8.30pm | £800    | Free                        |
| Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator (EYE)                         | College                      | 18 months                                    | Thursday              | 12.00pm-2.30pm<br>or 6.30pm-9.00pm | £2880   | Free                        |
| Level 2 Certificate in Playwork  | College                      | 36 weeks                                     | Thursday              | 12.00pm-2.00pm<br>or 6.30pm-8.30pm | £800    | Free                        |
| Level 3 Diploma in Playwork  | College                      | 36 weeks                                     | Thursday              | 12.00pm-2.30pm<br>or 6.30pm-9.00pm | £2880   | Free                        |
| Level 3 Forest School Leader   | College and outdoor location | 7 days in college plus work based portfolio* | Various               | 9.15am-4.00pm                      | £850    | N/A                         |

Please note - all fees under £1000 need to be paid in full at enrolment. Funding may be available - please enquire  
\* please note that the 7 days are not consecutive, please call 0161 666 8215 for dates.

## FUNCTIONAL SKILLS COURSES

### Information and Enrolment Events for Functional Skills courses:

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| Wednesday 31st August 2016   | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
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| Tuesday 18th April 2017      | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27th June 2017       | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |

| Course                             | Venue   | Duration | Day       | Time           | Fee  | Fee if in receipt of eligible benefits |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------------|------|--|
| Functional English Entry 3/Level 1 | College | 36 weeks | Wednesday | 6.00pm-8.30pm  | Free | Free                                   |
| Functional English Level 2         | College | 36 weeks | Thursday  | 6.00pm-8.30pm  | Free | Free                                   |
| Functional Maths Entry 3/Level 2   | College | 36 weeks | Wednesday | 12.30pm-3.00pm | Free | Free                                   |
| Functional Maths Entry 3/Level 2   | College | 36 weeks | Thursday  | 6.00pm-8.30pm  | Free | Free                                   |

## GCSE COURSES

### Information and Enrolment Events for GCSE courses:

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| Wednesday 31st August 2016   | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 7th September 2016 | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27th June 2017       | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |

| Course  | Venue   | Duration | Day                   | Time           | Fee*  |
|---------|---------|----------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|
| Maths   | College | 31 weeks | Wednesday or Thursday | 6.00pm- 9.00pm | Free* |
| English | College | 28 weeks | Wednesday or Thursday | 6.00pm-9.00pm  | Free* |
| Science | College | 29 weeks | Wednesday or Thursday | 6.00pm-8.30pm  | £380  |

\*GCSE Maths and English are free if you do not already hold a C or above, if you already hold a grade C or above and are wishing to upgrade then the fee is £380.  
Please note - all fees under £1000 need to be paid in full at enrolment. All GCSE courses are free for anyone aged 16-18 years or those in receipt of eligible benefits

## TEACHER TRAINING

## Primary, Secondary and Further Education Teacher Training

Primary and Secondary Teacher Training - applications open October 2016 for 2017 start.  
Further Education Teacher Training - apply now for September 2016 and 2017.

# WELCOME TO ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE HIGHER EDUCATION & SKILLS CENTRE



I am delighted to welcome you to Ashton Sixth Form College's Higher Education and Skills Centre.

Ashton Sixth Form College has a well-deserved and long standing reputation for providing quality education serving the local community. Today, the college has a thriving community of adult and higher education learners completing courses from an ever-widening curriculum. We offer a broad range of provision from introductory courses to Honours Degrees and Post Graduate qualifications.

We are committed to ensuring that our learners receive the very best teaching and support with their studies during their time at Ashton Sixth Form College; our programmes and courses have been designed to fit with your individual needs and the needs of employers.

At all levels, our adult and higher education learners continue to achieve outstanding success and we ensure that their success is recognised and celebrated. We are rightly proud of all our learners and their achievements. If you are looking to enhance your career or further your studies, Ashton Sixth Form College has the right course for you. I look forward to meeting you very soon at one of our forthcoming information and enrolment events.

**Anton McGrath,**  
Principal

“Inspiring!”

## WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION & SKILLS CENTRE AT ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE?

“A fun learning experience!”

“Great courses with fantastic tutors”



Our University Course Guide is available to view on the college website [www.asfc.ac.uk](http://www.asfc.ac.uk) - click on University & Adult.

## MY NAME IS RACHEL BUNTING AND I ENROLLED AT ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE ON THE TEACHER TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHING IN POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

I always planned to complete a PGCE course after I finished my degree. I had completed other courses with Ashton Sixth Form College through Staffordshire University, and always found them to be of a high standard. I liked the idea of working in further education, particularly a sixth form setting.

The course has prepared me well in all aspects of teaching, it also had a strong element focused on employability skills, which has had a great impact on my job prospects; recently leading to three job offers. The experience has also confirmed that I do want to take my career forward and work in Further Education.

I can honestly say I've enjoyed all aspects of the PGCE course, it was incredibly hard work but completely worth it. I made a great group of friends and feel that I have improved as a teacher. I feel well prepared to start my career in the teaching world and have already secured a full time teaching post.

All the tutors were incredibly supportive from the beginning to the end of the course. The sessions were always relevant and packed full of learning materials, most importantly there was time made to reflect as a teacher. We used to refer to this time as “therapy” when in reality our tutors were instilling this skill in us for life, something I will take with me through my career.

**Rachel Bunting**  
PGCE



### Student Support and Advice

The Higher Education and Skills Centre at Ashton Sixth Form College has achieved national standards for information, advice and guidance and provides comprehensive information to assist students, not only with their choice of course but also on potential career paths or the move to university.

At enrolment you will receive one to one information, advice and guidance from our enrollers on the course/s you wish to study and advice on the options for financial support whilst studying.

Our Admissions Team are available by email, telephone or in person by appointment if you wish to speak to someone at any point in the year.

### Experienced and Committed Staff

The Higher Education and Skills Team are all well qualified and many of them continue to be practitioners in their own field of expertise. This means that their skills and experience remain current and that they can supplement their teaching with real life examples.

### A Commitment to Student Progression

The staff aim to equip all students with the skills and knowledge to enable them to progress to the next level of qualification. Our curriculum has been developed to enable students to progress from introductory courses through to Foundation Degrees and beyond.

### Exceptional Support

We take great care to offer and provide support to ensure that each student has the opportunity to successfully achieve their chosen qualification. We make an assessment of your needs, skills and abilities at the start of your course to ensure that we can support you in the best way possible whilst studying with us.

### Excellent Facilities

We take great pride in our facilities at Ashton Sixth Form College. We have modern classrooms equipped to a very high standard and dedicated teaching areas for adult learners. We also have substantial parking facilities, IT suites, a coffee shop and a well stocked library which is open during the evenings so that adult students can benefit from the resources including computer access, up to date books and journals and CD and DVD hire.

The new and modern Learning Commons also has additional computer facilities and access to a dedicated HE study area, located in the Pembroke Suite.

**New courses are being added all the time, for up-to-date course information please call the Admissions Team on 0161 666 8215.**

### Fees

Wherever possible, all the costs related to a course are listed in this guide. If you are paying the full course fees then this will cover the whole cost of your course including tuition and exam fees. You will be able to obtain more information about individual course fees at our Enrolment events.

### Financial Assistance

If you are in receipt of active, income based benefits then you may be eligible for a reduction in your course fees. This only applies to some courses.

You can access free independent financial advice from the money advice service at [moneyadvice.service.org.uk](http://moneyadvice.service.org.uk)

### If you are interested in Maths and English Functional skills

You can complete these courses for free if you have been a UK resident or have been in a European Economic Area (EEA) for the past 3 years.

### If you are interested in a Level 2 course

You may be entitled to free tuition if you are aged 19-23 and have not previously achieved a full level 2 qualification. A full level 2 is the equivalent of five GCSE passes at grade A\*-C, or an NVQ level 2.

### If you are 19-23 and interested in a Level 3 course

You may be entitled to free tuition if you have not previously achieved a full level 3 qualification. A full level 3 qualification is the equivalent of two or more A-Level passes or an NVQ level 3.

### If you are 19 and over and interested in a Level 3 course

You can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to cover the cost of your course. It's easy to apply, your household income isn't taken into account and there's no credit check. For more information log onto [www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans).

**To enrol, please bring with you your passport or birth certificate and National Insurance number. If you are claiming fee remission you will need to bring all documentation with you.**

**You must comply with the Fees Agency residency/settled status criteria requested at enrolment and are not repeating learning already undertaken to achieve a qualification.**

## HOW TO CONTACT US

**By Telephone**  
For more information about any of our courses please telephone **0161 666 8215**.

**By Post**  
You can write to us at:  
Higher Education & Skills  
Ashton Sixth Form College  
Darnton Road  
Ashton under Lyne OL6 9RL

**By Email**  
You can contact us by email at [AdultEd@asfc.ac.uk](mailto:AdultEd@asfc.ac.uk) or [HEadmissions@asfc.ac.uk](mailto:HEadmissions@asfc.ac.uk)

**By Website**  
Visit our website and find out more about our adult courses at [www.asfc.ac.uk](http://www.asfc.ac.uk).

**In Person**  
College staff are available during term time as follows:  
Monday 9.00am–4.00pm  
Tuesday 9.00am–4.00pm  
Wednesday 9.00am–9.00pm  
Thursday 9.00am–9.00pm  
Friday 9.00am–4.00pm



Course information line  
**0161 666 8215**  
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