



The City of Liverpool College – Pathways from Entry to Level 3

About the College

- Locations: Central campuses including the Learning Exchange and Arts Centre.
- Age group: Mainly 16–18, plus supported options up to 24/25 for those with SEND/EHCP.
- Support: Inclusive environment with embedded support for English, Maths, and SEND learners.

Pathways to Employability (SEND Focus)

- Entry Level 2 & Entry Level 3 Certificates in Pathways Employability Skills—full-time, for learners aged 16–25 with learning difficulties/disabilities.
- Focus: Social, practical, and vocational skills to prepare for supported internships or college progression.

Level 1 Courses

These build basic vocational skills and prepare for Level 2 programs:

- Digital & Computing Technologies – City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma
 - Business First Diploma – BTEC Level 1/Level 2
 - Hairdressing & Media Make-Up – VTCT Level 1
 - Construction Multi-Skills – Level 1 Diploma
- ...and more including Photography, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Sport Foundation, Teaching Assistants, Culinary Skills Introduction.

Progression to Level 2 & Level 3

After Level 1, learners can move onto Level 2 and Level 3 across various areas:

Example Level 2 courses:

- Business & Customer Service – AAT, NCFE qualifications
- Travel & Tourism, Uniformed Public Services, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Culinary Skills
- IT & Digital – Digital Tech Diploma, Data Protection, Cyber Security foundations

Example Level 3 courses:

- Extended Diplomas: Travel & Tourism, Professional Chefs, Bakery & Cake Decoration, Digital Games, Fashion, Media Production, Uniformed Services
- Technicals: Cyber Security Certificate, Sport Foundation Diploma, Performing & Production Arts Diploma



Course Levels & Qualifications Summary

Level	Courses & Qualifications
Entry Level 2–3	Pathways Employability Skills (Entry 2 & Entry 3 Certificates)
Level 1	Diplomas in Digital Tech, Hair & Make-Up, Construction, Sport, Motor Mechanics
Level 2	Diplomas in Business, Hospitality, Travel, Beauty, IT, Public Services, etc.
Level 3	Extended Diplomas & Certificates in Chefs, Media, Fashion, Cyber Security, Sport, Arts

Why It Works for You

- Structured progression: Start with entry-level, advance through vocational tiers.
- Real-world skills: Industry-recognised certificates and hands-on learning.
- SEND-friendly: Extra support for those with additional needs, including employability routes.
- Career-focused: Courses structured to lead into jobs, apprenticeships, or higher-level study.

Take Your Next Step

1. Looking to build confidence or skills? Start with Entry Level 2/3 Pathways.
2. Ready to go deeper? Choose a Level 1 area you enjoy.
3. Aim high for Level 2/3, where you can specialise in careers like Chefs, Cyber, Media, or Health.
4. Explore blended routes, apprenticeships, or Level 4+ options once you complete Level 3.

How to Apply

- Visit the website to view full course details, entry requirements, and upcoming open events.
- Speak with college careers staff or your school adviser—they'll help you find the right level and course.