

Delivering learning safely onsite and online.

SCHOOL LEAVER

CHOICES AT B&FC



A parent's/guardian's guide to B&FC's range of technical and professional qualifications for school leavers starting September 2021.

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**"THE COLLEGE JUST HAD BETTER FACILITIES AND
A BIGGER SELECTION OF WHAT YOU COULD DO."**

Electrical and Electronic Engineering Level 3 Triple Diploma



→ Fulfilling students' degree and career ambitions.

DISCOVER EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS

You and your child are invited to chat live with an industry specialist about the different subject choices, take a virtual look around and get advice about finance and extra support.

Our virtual events are planned for 26 May, 30 June and 21 July, all on a Wednesday from 4 to 6pm.

We'll also be exploring a different subject/career area at each event. Find out more and sign up at

BLACKPOOL.AC.UK/EVENTS

*→ Join the B+FC
Community safely online.*



WHAT WE OFFER



Industry-standard facilities



FULL-TIME STUDY PROGRAMMES

Full-time students follow a personalised study programme designed to develop the all-round skills and qualities needed for university and employment. Personal development, employability skills, digital skills, a planned industry placement, regular progress meetings, career planning, and English and maths at the appropriate level are all included.

T Levels

T Levels are a new technical qualification aimed at delivering career-specific skills and experience for progressing to university, highly skilled employment or a higher/degree apprenticeship. From 2021, B&FC will be offering eight T Level routes – read more about these later in this guide.

Level 3 Triple Diplomas

Our Level 3 Triple Diplomas are the equivalent to studying three A Levels. They carry the maximum 168 UCAS points but unlike A Levels they are more assignment based with significant emphasis on industry experience. Depending on your child's GCSE results, they might need to start off on a level 1 or 2 course.

Level 2 and 3 Diplomas

Our Level 2 and 3 Diplomas allow students to develop employment-focused knowledge and skills in a variety of career areas. These highly practical programmes feature an industry placement, English and maths development and the opportunity to progress to a higher level or even onto an apprenticeship.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprentice is employed while working towards a nationally-recognised qualification. They develop their skills mostly through on-the-job training, with around 20% of their time spent doing 'off-the-job' training, usually at college. Ideally, apprentices need to have a suitable position before they can start but we can support your child to find an appropriate role.

A WINNING CV AND PERSONAL STATEMENT

Stand out from the crowd



The world is more competitive than ever so it's important to have all the skills and qualities employers and universities are looking for.

B&FC isn't just a place to study. We offer an exciting learning adventure with the chance to gain the relevant attributes and experience needed to compete for the best higher education institutions, industry placements and job openings.

- + Planned industry placement
- + Real-life assignments
- + Industry trips and talks
- + Students' Union
- + Competitions
- + Charity work and volunteering
- + Team sports, clubs and societies

Good times and new challenges when we can!

Go to our website to see our full course listing: blackpool.ac.uk/leavers

ALL THE SUPPORT THEY NEED

Right from the start, our friendly staff and advisers provide expert information, advice and guidance to give your child the best learning experience possible.

We offer...

- + FREE or 30% off 24/7 Blackpool Transport travel pass
- + FREE healthy breakfast
- + FREE lunch for eligible students
- + Specialist learning support
- + Personal progress tutor for every student
- + FREE careers service
- + Up to £1200 Guaranteed Bursary for those in care or receiving certain benefits



FREE College bus

DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE WITH OUR FREE COLLEGE BUS

Travelling via Poulton? Travelling by train? Bus only goes as far as Norcross roundabout?

Our FREE circular bus service takes the leg work out of your child's journey.

- + Links up with routes in Poulton-le-Fylde
- + Picks up from Poulton Railway Station
- + Picks up from Norcross Roundabout so no need to walk up Norcross Lane

Picks up at ALL Blackpool Transport stops between Tithebarn Street and Bispham Campus Mon-Fri from 8 to 9.30am and 4 to 5.30pm. For up-to-date times and pick-up points go to:

blackpool.ac.uk/campus/bispham

STUDYING SAFELY

Whatever the future looks like, please be assured our robust learning, teaching and support strategy will allow your child to realise their full potential.

Onsite or online, our expert tutors and support staff are dedicated to providing the best learning experience possible. We're following all government advice, with appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures in place to ensure a safe working environment for everyone.



Onsite and online

Got any questions? Why not ask an expert at a virtual open event? Sign up to attend at blackpool.ac.uk/events

SUBJECT CHOICES

We work with over 1,800 employers, who support course design and delivery, and provide industry placements.

AUTOMOTIVE AND MOTORSPORT

The North West is the UK's second biggest region for automotive manufacture. Opportunities also exist in service and repair or even working for a motorsport team.

Career routes:

- + Vehicle Technician
- + Motor Vehicle Fitter
- + Motorsport Engineer

Employer partners:



BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

Lancashire's thriving financial and professional services sector supports more than 5,000 businesses, from accountants through to large business process outsourcing organisations.

Career routes:

- + Business Manager
- + Accountant
- + Project Manager

Employer partners:



CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

The Fylde Coast is renowned for its expertise in the catering and hospitality industry. We deliver the skills, knowledge and experience needed for when the economy springs back to life.

Career routes:

- + Head Chef
- + Craft Baker
- + Hospitality Supervisor

Employer partners:



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

The childcare sector supports rewarding careers in nurseries, children's centres and primary schools with additional study and training facilitating the move into management or teaching.

Career routes:

- + Early Years Practitioner
- + Support Worker
- + Early Years Teacher

Employer partners:



COMPUTING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The North West is home to an increasing number of technology companies, with opportunities also available in organisations across all industries using IT.

Career routes:

- + Games Programmer
- + Software Developer
- + Web developer

Employer partners:



CONSTRUCTION

Lancashire's thriving construction industry is driven by major commercial and residential developments, supported by leading employers as well as thousands of small companies.

Career routes:

- + Project Manager
- + Quantity Surveyor
- + Joiner

Employer partners:



CREATIVE ARTS, DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY

In 2019, approximately 5.3 million jobs in the Creative Arts sectors accounted for 16% of all UK jobs. Lancashire alone has 4,500 creative and digital businesses.

Career routes:

- + Graphic Designer
- + Art Director
- + Photographer

Employer partners:



ENGINEERING

Lancashire is one of the UK's leading areas for advanced manufacturing and engineering. A current skills shortage means there are excellent career opportunities available.

Career routes:

- + Electrical Engineer
- + Manufacturing Engineer
- + Aerospace Engineer

Employer partners:



HAIR, BEAUTY AND RELATED THERAPIES

The hair and beauty industry is experiencing a growth period and exciting opportunities exist with major salons and spas, in product retail and in the film/TV industries.

Career routes:

- + Hairdresser
- + Beauty Therapist
- + Nail Technician

Employer partners:



HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

Health and social care is Lancashire's largest employment sector, employing 16% of the workforce. A rising demand for services is creating a range of employment opportunities.

Career routes:

- + Nurse
- + Paramedic
- + Midwife

Employer partners:



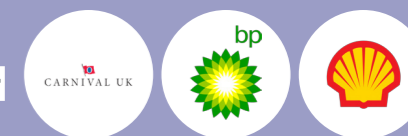
MARITIME AND NAUTICAL

The maritime sector offers a range of exciting careers both at sea and ashore, with generous benefits and starting salaries as high as £34,000.

Career routes:

- + Merchant Navy Deck Officer
- + Merchant Navy Engineering Officer
- + Electro-Technical Officer

Employer partners:



MEDIA PRODUCTION, FILM AND TELEVISION

The North West offers increasing opportunities in this field, with key clusters such as MediaCityUK home to 755 companies specialising in technology, media and telecoms activity.

Career routes:

- + AV Equipment Operator
- + Online Content Producer
- + Camera Operator/Editor

Employer partners:



PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC

We equip tomorrow's talent with the skills, knowledge and experience needed for when the music and entertainment industry springs back to life.

Career routes:

- + Actor
- + Musician
- + Director

Employer partners:



PUBLIC SERVICES (UNIFORMED)

There are more jobs available in public services than any other career path in the North West, with good salaries, progression and job security the norm.

Career routes:

- + Police Officer
- + Army/Naval Officer
- + Firefighter

Employer partners:



SCIENCE

Scientists are among the most highly paid professionals in the North West and over the next decade, R&D investment in life sciences will create 3,200 skilled jobs.

Career routes:

- + Biomedical Scientist
- + Veterinary Nurse
- + Forensic Scientist

Employer partners:



SPORT, LEISURE AND RECREATION

The North West has a vibrant sports heritage, for Premier League football in particular. Consequently, talented physiotherapists, nutritionists and fitness coaches are in high demand.

Career routes:

- + Leisure Manager
- + Exercise Scientist
- + Sports Coach

Employer partners:



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

We deliver the skills, knowledge and experience needed for when Lancashire's visitor economy and Britain's most popular seaside resort - Blackpool - spring back to life.

Career routes:

- + Resort Representative
- + Travel Influencer
- + Air Cabin Crew

Employer partners:



T-LEVELS

THE NEW TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



WHAT ARE THEY?

T Levels are the new 2-year technical qualification, introduced by the government to provide the knowledge and skills employers need to secure the successful future of the UK economy.

Equivalent to doing 3 A Levels, T Levels combine classroom learning and an extended industry placement (45 days minimum) to equip young people to compete for the best university places, higher/degree apprenticeships and highly skilled careers.

The entry requirements are the same as they are for A Levels but because T Levels have been designed with industry, they are career rather than subject based.

WHY CHOOSE A T LEVEL?

- + Designed with more than 200 leading businesses and employers
- + The chance to learn what a real career is like while studying
- + Leads to a nationally-recognised qualification with an overall grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction
- + Worth UCAS points (T Level Distinction* = 3 A Levels at A*)
- + Recognised by universities and other education providers

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Students develop core knowledge of how the construction industry works as well as an understanding of the principles of design and the role of technology and sustainability. They can then specialise in a building services area of their choice.

CAREERS: PLUMBER / HEATING AND VENTILATION ENGINEER / FACILITIES MANAGER – BUILDING SERVICES / ELECTRICIAN / ENGINEERING SITE MANAGER

DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING (CONSTRUCTION)

This T Level explores the design, construction and operation phases of the building lifecycle alongside the role of technology and sustainability. Students learn traditional techniques as well as modern ones such as computer aided design (CAD).

CAREERS: ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER / BUILDING SURVEYOR / CIVIL ENGINEER / ESTATE AGENT / LAND SURVEYOR / QUANTITY SURVEYOR / STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

ONSITE CONSTRUCTION

This T Level provides core knowledge of how the construction industry works, the principles of design and the role of technology and sustainability. Students can specialise in bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating or plastering.

CAREERS: BRICKLAYER / SITE/BENCH CARPENTER / PAINTER AND DECORATOR / PLASTERER / CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGER / QUANTITY SURVEYOR

DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

This T Level develops an understanding of data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning and legal issues. Students also develop specialist skills in understanding user needs and designing and developing digital systems.

CAREERS: SOFTWARE DEVELOPER / GAME DEVELOPER / SOFTWARE TESTER / APPLICATION DEVELOPER / WEB DEVELOPER

DIGITAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Students learn the essentials of all digital roles by understanding data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning and legal issues. They then specialise in digital infrastructure, digital support or network cabling.

CAREERS: NETWORK ENGINEER / NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST / ARCHITECTURE ANALYST / IT SUPPORT ENGINEER / DESKTOP SUPPORT / TECHNICAL ARCHITECT / IT MANAGER

EDUCATION

In Year 1, everyone studies child development and how education works plus important topics like safeguarding and special educational needs. During Year 2, students specialise in either early years education or assisting teaching.

CAREERS: SUPPORT WORKER / EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE PRACTITIONER / NURSERY MANAGER / TEACHING ASSISTANT / EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

HEALTH: ADULT NURSING

Students develop the technical skills and knowledge relating to how the health industry works, human anatomy and disorders of the body, health and wellbeing, and person-centred care in a clinical role. They can specialise in adult nursing.

CAREERS: ADULT NURSE, HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT AND OTHER ALLIED HEALTH ROLES.

SCIENCE

This T Level provides the essential knowledge and skills to work in science or healthcare, allowing students to specialise in at least one of the following: animal sciences; food sciences; laboratory services; metrology (measurement) sciences.

CAREERS: PATHOLOGY SCIENTIST / PHARMACY TECHNICIAN / FORENSIC SCIENTIST / PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATE / VETERINARY NURSE / ZOOLOGIST

ALL THESE T LEVELS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 2021, WITH THE GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO INTRODUCE MORE T LEVELS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

Your T Level questions answered at one of our virtual open events.



FIND OUT HOW T LEVELS CAN FAST-TRACK YOUR CHILD TO A REWARDING CAREER DOING WHAT THEY LOVE. SIGN UP TO ATTEND AT [BLACKPOOL.AC.UK/EVENTS](https://blackpool.ac.uk/events)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE IS WHERE IT'S AT

At B&FC, every full-time learner has access to a short or extended industry placement to gain valuable experience for their chosen future career.

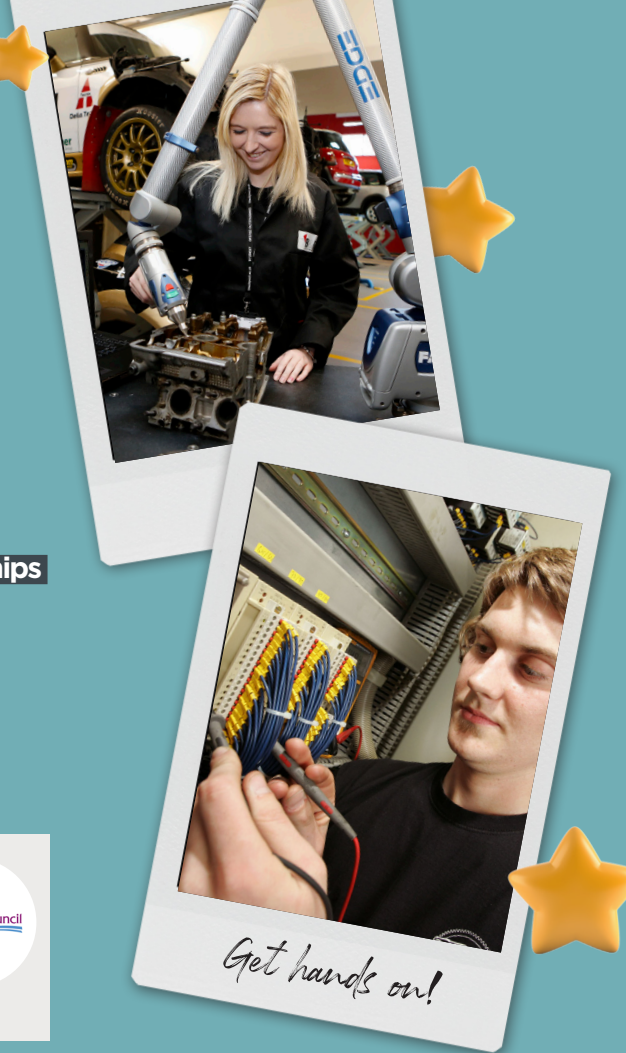
- + Placement matching service with over 350 local employers
- + Support with interview techniques and CV building
- + Can lead to permanent offers of employment and apprenticeships
- + Placements lined up for when the pandemic restrictions ease
- + All employers committed to student safety and wellbeing

Relevant industry experience packs a real punch in applications for university and employment.

"We provide placement students with project work that is relevant and allows the student to use the skills they are being taught on their course."

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REASONS TO CHOOSE B&FC

A safe, vibrant onsite and online learning community.

- + Ofsted Grade 1 Outstanding
- + Ranked in the top 3% of colleges in England for six years running¹
- + A planned relevant industry placement with one of our 1,800 partner employers
- + Industry specialists who keep their knowledge and experience up-to-date
- + High-tech, industry-standard facilities
- + A personal progress tutor to provide ongoing support and guidance
- + A guaranteed place on one of our UK top 10 Lancaster University degrees²
- + Opportunities to develop skills and qualities needed for success



See for yourself at one of our virtual open events

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