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Open Evenings
• Wednesday 18 January 2017, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
• Wednesday 14 June 2017, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Find out about our courses and college and meet our teachers. Register on our website: www.strode-college.ac.uk or turn up on the night.

Higher Education End of Year Showcase
Wednesday 24 May 2017
A celebration of the work produced by our students throughout the year.

All information is correct at time of going to press.
As a higher education student at Strode College you will be joining one of the very best providers of university level education in the country. Our higher education provision has the best possible rating from the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA May 2012) and we were rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted in 2014.

Quality teaching and support
In particular the QAA found that:
• the support provided by our tutors and student services ensures that all individual needs are met;
• academic and pastoral support makes a valuable contribution to students’ performance;
• the high quality of staff scholarship enhances the quality of learning; and
• assessment feedback helps students to develop and achieve learning outcomes.

Valuing individuals
Our higher education programmes are successful because we value all students as individuals. Our smaller class sizes and high-quality teaching mean that you will get more personalised attention and support. You will be part of a vibrant and supportive group and this will make your experience enjoyable and successful.

Career-focused higher education
Our courses are modern and relevant to growth industries in the region. By studying at Strode you will improve your career prospects and your chance of gaining employment within the South West. Our courses also provide opportunities for personal development and you will gain memorable life experiences.

Fantastic facilities
Our new Higher Education and Skills Centre houses classrooms, seminar rooms, quiet study areas and a common room where you can meet other students to work or relax. We have excellent facilities across college including superb learning materials and a virtual learning resource that is used extensively on all courses.

Local and affordable
University level education can be expensive. Our tuition fees are substantially lower than most universities, and, if you live locally you can stay at home while you study, save on costs and remain close to family and friends.

I’m delighted that you want to find out more about our courses, our college and our approach to learning. I look forward to seeing you at Strode College next year.

With best wishes.

James Staniforth, Principal
Higher Education at Strode College

Our higher education courses
We offer a range of university level programmes including a BA (Hons) Degree alongside vocationally based Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and Certificates (HNCs), higher level professional qualifications and Higher Apprenticeships. We also offer pre-degree courses for those who would like to study at a higher level in the future, but have not gained the relevant qualifications.

In partnership with Plymouth University
Our Degree and Foundation Degrees are delivered in partnership with Plymouth University which is one of the leading universities in the UK. By delivering these high quality courses locally we can help reduce your travel and time costs.

Plymouth is a dynamic and distinctive university that strives for the highest quality in all that it does. It is a top 50* research institution with genuine clusters of world class research across areas as diverse as marine science and engineering, medicine, robotics and psychology - all supported by investment in leading facilities.

With more than 26,000 students benefitting from a Plymouth education, the University has a strong track record in teaching excellence and has one of the highest numbers of National Teaching Fellows of any UK university.

A twice winner of The Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, Plymouth is the first modern university in the UK to launch its own medical and dental school and the first university in the world to be awarded the Social Enterprise Mark.

As a partner college student on a Plymouth University course, you have the same status as those studying on the University’s campus. Please see page 29 for details of the facilities available.

Graduation
All students who successfully complete a higher education course at Strode will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements at the Strode College annual Higher Education Graduation Ceremony.

* Research Fortnight Research Power League Table 2014
Types of course

**Honours Degree**
In 2014 we gained approval from Plymouth University to deliver a full Honours Degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology. This is testament to the high-quality teaching enjoyed by our students, and the national standing and expertise of our tutors.

If you successfully complete your Foundation Degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology, you will be able to top-up your qualification to the full Honours Degree at Strode College. Students who have followed similar programmes at other institutions can also join Strode College to complete their studies and obtain an Honours Degree.

**Foundation Degrees**
Our Foundation Degrees are delivered in partnership with Plymouth University. Many students progress to complete their BA (Hons) Degree at Strode or Plymouth University; they may go on to postgraduate study. Others use this qualification to proceed directly into employment.

Foundation Degrees are vocationally-based qualifications designed to integrate academic study and work-based learning. They provide an outstanding opportunity to present yourself to an employer and to learn the most up-to-date business or sector methods. They are designed for those who are, or who wish to be, working at the higher technical or associate professional level. They are a key part of the government’s strategy to increase the proportion of the working population holding a Level 4 or 5 qualification. They can form part of a Higher Apprenticeship (see page 19).

Foundation Degrees can be studied full-time - two days at college each week for two years, or part-time over four years, depending on the course. You can also study individual modules.

**HNDs**
Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are semi-vocational/semi-professional qualifications designed to increase knowledge and skills based experience. They provide specialist learning that reflects the requirements of professional organisations and meets the National Occupational Standards for each sector or industry. HNDs are recognised internationally by employers as providing learners with the key concepts and practical skills for direct progressions to, or within, employment.

Our HNDs are Level 5 qualifications and are awarded by the national awarding body Edexcel (Pearson). They can be used to gain entry into universities at an advanced level and are considered equivalent to the second year of a three year university Honours Degree course. Many universities will take students who have completed their HND onto the third year of a degree course. This is often called a ‘top-up’ year. It also means that after three years, a student could have both the HND and an Honours Degree.

HNDs are usually studied full-time, in two to three academic years and can also be studied part-time over four years.

**HNCs**
A Higher National Certificate (HNC) is a higher education qualification equivalent to the first year of an honours degree. Like HNDs, they also provide specialist knowledge and skills based experience.

Our Engineering HNC can be studied part-time over two years. Our Computing and Systems Development HNC can be studied over one or two years.

**Higher Apprenticeships**
Apprenticeships combine work based training and academic study. Higher Apprenticeships must be supported by an employer. There are a number of Higher Apprenticeship frameworks available leading to a wide range of options for higher level training and study. This may include Foundation Degrees which can lead to a full Degree, HNDs/HNCs or higher level career progression.

**Professional qualifications**
We offer higher level professional qualifications for people who are already working in the fields of counselling or teaching and who want to expand their knowledge and skills to enhance their career options. Our level 4 Certificates and Level 5 Diplomas are taught part-time. For our full range of adult qualification courses please see our website or our Courses for Adults brochure.

**Access to Higher Education and Art & Design Pre-Degree Diploma**
Pre-degree courses are well established and successful qualifications that are accepted by universities for entrance to appropriate Honours Degrees. They provide you with specific academic knowledge and skills to prepare for higher education and university and they are designed to help you determine the direction of your studies. Our students have a high success rate in achieving university places.

These courses are intensive and demanding. You will be expected to work independently and attend regularly. There is a strong element of study skills and skills development, supported by a close course group, with a high degree of tutorial support. You may also have the opportunity to study further qualifications. You are continually assessed throughout these courses.

Highest possible rating from the Quality Assurance Agency, May 2012

UK Quality Assured

Reviewed 2012
History, Heritage and Archaeology

History and heritage are central to the leisure and tourist industries that are so important in the South West of England. If you are interested in the past and want to study to progress your career or personal interests, Somerset and the South West provide many opportunities to investigate different aspects of this fascinating subject.

“\textit{I chose to study at Strode because it had good reviews, is close to my home, and History and Archaeology are subjects I’ve always enjoyed. The staff are friendly and the atmosphere and the new higher education facilities are great. On the course I’ve gained from a wide range of experiences, developed good vocational skills and acquired academic knowledge}.”

\textbf{RYAN STRONG}

\textbf{History, Heritage and Archaeology - BA (Hons) Degree}

Ryan gained a 2:1 for his Degree. He is now working in a marketing role for his family’s company ‘Dorset Nectar Cider’ and is planning to study for a Masters in Archaeology next year.
History, Heritage and Archaeology Foundation Degree

Level 4/5 FdA; course code AH5AH

Purpose
This Foundation Degree delivers the relevant practitioner knowledge, skills and critical understanding of history, heritage and archaeology essential for those seeking careers in this sector. It will also appeal to anyone with a general interest in the past, particularly the history, heritage and archaeology of the ‘Wessex’ region.

Enrichment opportunities
Each year we organise a wide range of visits and practical activities to enhance your studies. Previous trips have included Dorchester and Maiden Castle, Salisbury and Old Sarum and local World Heritage sites such as Stonehenge and Avebury. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a residential study trip: in recent years we have visited Pompeii and the Bay of Naples, Bruges, Barcelona, Rome, Nuremburg, and Dublin. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

Practical activities including excavation are arranged at a variety of venues, for example the Somerset Heritage Centre and the Dorset Ancient Technology Centre. Conferences and workshops with visiting speakers are arranged throughout the year. ‘Museology’ is an important element of the course and all students are encouraged to investigate museums and heritage centres through work shadowing or placements.

Employer support
We have an active Employers’ Forum which participates fully in the planning and operation of our courses, ensuring that they are relevant and current. We have strong links with experts and practitioners in the field including the Somerset Archaeology and Natural History Society, the South Somerset Archaeology Research Group, and the curators of local sites and collections including Glastonbury Abbey and the Museum of Rural Life, Wells Museum, the Somerset Heritage Centre and the Museum of Somerset.

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points. Typically you may have gained an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, one AS grade C plus two A Levels at grade B and C or above. However, experience and other qualifications will be taken into consideration. Please discuss this with the Programme Manager.

Age 21 plus entry is considered on an individual basis by the Programme Manager based on experience, enthusiasm and other evidence of aptitude.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
The Foundation Degree can lead to a final year through approved routes to the BA (Hons) History, Heritage and Archaeology Degree at Strode College or the BA (Hons) History Degree at Plymouth University. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability. Former students have progressed to work in a variety of roles including teaching, curation and archaeological practice.

Tuition fee
The full-time fee is £6,750 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’ for part-time fees. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.

Course content
Stage 1, Level 4:
- The Theory and Method of History
- Archaeological Survey and Excavation
- Heritage and the Heritage Industry
- Prehistoric Wessex
- Rebellion and Reformation: English History from c.1450 to 1603
- Professional Practice

Stage 2, Level 5:
- Historical Interpretations: Witch-Hunting in Early Modern Europe
- Historical Reputations (eg Alfred the Great and King John)
- The Analysis, Interpretation and Conservation of Archaeological Evidence
- Agricultural and Industrial Lives: 18th Century and 19th Century Wessex
- Ethno-archaeology and Experimental Archaeology
- Personal Investigation

Assessment
You will be assessed through coursework, including an extended project - the Personal Investigation - and presentations. There are no formal examinations. The awarding body is Plymouth University.
History, Heritage and Archaeology
BA (Hons) Degree

Level 6 BA (Hons); course code AH6HAH

Purpose
This BA (Hons) Degree ‘top-up’ is for students who have completed the Level 5 Foundation Degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology at Strode College and want to continue their studies to gain the full Level 6 Degree.Suitably qualified students from elsewhere with a background in History and/or Heritage and/or Archaeology are also eligible for a place on this programme.

Length of study
You can study the BA (Hons) Degree ‘top-up’ programme full-time in just one year, attending college two days each week or part-time over two years. You can also study individual modules. Taught sessions are spread over thirty weeks, divided into two semesters. Reading weeks and holidays coincide with local schools and colleges.

Course content
- Body and Soul in Peril: The Medieval World c.1000-1430
- Contemporary Heritage Projects
- Archaeology and Landscapes
- Legendary Britain (eg King Arthur and Robin Hood)
- Dissertation

Enrichment opportunities
Each year we organise a wide range of visits and activities to build on your previous studies and experience and further enhance your knowledge and skills. Previous trips include: Salisbury, Andover and Danebury; local World Heritage sites such as Stonehenge and the historic city of Bath; and education activity centres such as Somerset Heritage Centre and the Dorset Ancient Technology Centre. You will also have the opportunity to join a residential study trip: previous trips include Pompeii, Bruges, Barcelona, Rome and Nuremberg.

Excavation opportunities are provided in association with professional archaeologists and archaeological organisations. You will have opportunities to be active in the organisation of history, heritage and archaeology conferences and workshops. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

Employer support
Our Employers’ Forum plays a significant role in planning and operating this course to ensure it is relevant and current. We have strong links with experts and practitioners in the field including the Somerset Archaeology and Natural History Society, the South Somerset Archaeology Research Group, and the curators of local sites and collections including Glastonbury Abbey and the Museum of Rural Life, Wells Museum, the Somerset Heritage Centre and the Museum of Somerset.

Assessment
You will be assessed through coursework, including a dissertation and presentations. There are no formal examinations. The awarding body is Plymouth University.

Entry requirements
Level 5 qualification(s) in History and/or Heritage and/or Archaeology, or equivalent. This is a recognised direct progression route for students who have successfully completed the Foundation Degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
This Degree is skills based, with an emphasis on transferability and, therefore, provides foundations for students aspiring to develop their careers in heritage related work locally, nationally and internationally. It is also an excellent foundation for further academic study in such areas as heritage management, field archaeology, and teaching. Students with BA (Hons) humanities subject degrees, such as this, find careers in a vast range of public and private sectors including business, law, the civil service, journalism, and the caring professions.

Tuition fee
The full-time fee is £6,750 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’ for part-time fees. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.
“I was a full-time mum and I chose to take a degree to increase my career opportunities. Strode is local to me and I was really interested in the History, Heritage and Archaeology course. The teachers and support staff are dedicated and go the extra mile. I have gained confidence in my abilities and have a new way of looking at things. I have also made some fantastic friends. This has completely changed my life and I feel that I have more opportunities than ever before.”

KERI VIGARS
History, Heritage and Archaeology - BA (Hons) Degree
Keri completed her degree with a First Class Honours and is now studying for an MA in Heritage Management at Bath Spa University.
Management (Business)

Developing advanced business management skills will significantly enhance your employment opportunities in a diverse range of companies operating in the region and nationally. With higher level skills in people management, organisational operation, as well as a detailed knowledge of marketing and finance; you will have a great head start in the business world.

“After studying for an Extended Diploma in Public Services at Strode, I decided to get some life experience so I got a job and bought a house. When I saw this new degree I decided it was perfect for me as it fits well with my job as an assistant manager at a well-known fast food restaurant chain. It will help me to progress in my current job and will also create other career opportunities - I’m also considering teaching. At Strode the teachers are respectful, friendly and very helpful and the facilities are great.”

CHARLOTTE GRIFFIN
Management (Business) - Foundation Degree
Charlotte plans to progress her career in management and is also considering teaching.
Management (Business) Foundation Degree

Level 4/5 FdA; course code BH5MBH

Purpose
On this Foundation Degree you will acquire the knowledge and skills to establish a career in management. In the second year you will specialise in Business or Public Sector Management. Local and regional businesses are keen to recruit qualified and talented entrepreneurial people with business management skills to work in their organisations. This course is also suitable if you want to gain a degree-level qualification with a view to specialising in a particular field in the future.

This new course with a business focus has evolved from our original Foundation Degree in ‘Managing in the Public Sector Services’. It has been developed in close collaboration with industry experts, local employers and Plymouth University.

Length of study
You can study this course full-time over two years, attending college two days each week or part-time over four years. You can also study individual modules.

Course content
Year 1, Level 4:
- Organisational Behaviour
- Managing People
- Law and the Legal System
- Professional Practice
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Financial and Resources Management

Year 2, Level 5:
- Independent Research Project
- Business Accounting
- International Perspectives to Management
- Marketing Principles and Practice
- Entrepreneurial Thought and Innovation

Elective Modules:
- Economics for Business, or
- Applied Criminology and Public Safety

Enrichment opportunities
You will have opportunities to visit and engage with a variety of local and regional businesses and to participate in relevant trips in the UK and abroad. Previous students have visited the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court in London and many have participated in our international ski trip to develop valuable management skills including team building, leadership and effective communication. Students on the programme will also be offered the chance to take part in a two-week management and business project based in Paris as part of the ‘International Perspectives to Management’ module. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

Employer support
- Somerset Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd
- Old Mill Accountants & Financial Planners
- Framptons Ltd
- Mendip District Council

Potential work placements will enable you to explore practical and ethical issues in relation to management and leadership.

Assessment
This course is assessed by coursework including a work placement. The awarding body is Plymouth University.

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points. Typically you may have gained an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, one AS grade C plus two A Levels at grade B and C or above. However, experience and other qualifications will be taken into consideration. Please discuss this with the Programme Manager.

Age 21 plus entry is considered on an individual basis by the Programme Manager based on experience, enthusiasm and other evidence of aptitude.

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Progression
Progression onto the final year(s) of a related degree at Plymouth University may be possible on successful completion of the course; please check with the Programme Manager. Courses include: BA (Hons) Business (1 year), BSc (Hons) International Supply Chain and Procurement Management (1 year), BA (Hons) Human Resource Management (1 year), BSc (Hons) Management Practice (2 years distance-learning). Management, Politics and Public Services Degrees are available at other universities. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

On completion of the course, you could be part of our entrepreneurial skills development initiative where you would have allocated office spaces and facilities on our campus, which you could use to kickstart your unique business ideas.

Tuition fee
The full-time fee is £6,750 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’ for part-time fees. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.
Management (Public Sector)

The public sector continues to be a major employer in the South West and it is a primary objective of regional policy to develop the management skills of those working within it. As well as gaining the competences required to manage in a public sector setting, you will significantly increase your awareness of the social and political elements that impact directly on our public services.

“I studied an Extended Diploma in Public Services at Strode and wanted to continue my studies here. I like the smaller classes which mean you receive more support from the teachers. Also, when you compare the costs with going to university, there are big savings to be made. On this course I have learnt how to properly research and apply new theories to the workplace.”

STEVEN DOWDEN
Management (Public Sector) - Foundation Degree
Steve completed his Foundation Degree with a Merit and is now in his top up year at Plymouth University. He then plans to study for an MA in Philosophy.
Purpose
On this Foundation Degree you will acquire the knowledge and skills to establish a career in management. In the second year you will specialise in either Public Sector or Business Management. The public sector encompasses regional and local government, uniformed services, health services and a range of governmental bodies. As this course covers areas such as law, sociology, psychology, finance and media, it is also suitable if you want to specialise in a particular field in the future.

This course has replaced our Foundation Degree in ‘Managing in the Public Sector Services’. It has been redesigned and developed in close collaboration with the regional development project for public service education and development, key employers and Plymouth University.

Length of study
You can study this course full-time over two years, attending college two days each week or part-time over four years. You can also study individual modules.

Course content
Year 1, Level 4:
• Organisational Behaviour
• Managing People
• Law and the Legal System
• Professional Practice
• Introduction to Research Methods
• Financial and Resources Management

Year 2, Level 5:
• Independent Research Project
• International Perspectives to Management
• Media and Public Awareness
• Applied Psychology
• Society, Government and Global Politics

Elective Modules:
• Applied Criminology and Public Safety, or
• Economics for Business

Enrichment opportunities
For careers in the uniformed services it is important to maintain good levels of health and fitness; you will have free membership to the College gym and fitness centre.

You will have opportunities to join trips in the UK and abroad. Previous students have visited the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court in London and many have participated in our international ski trip to develop valuable management skills including team building, leadership and effective communication. Students on the programme will also be offered the chance to take part in a two-week management and business project based in Paris as part of the ‘International Perspectives to Management’ module. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

Employer support
• Avon and Somerset Constabulary
• Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
• HM Prison Service
• West Country Ambulance Trust
• Royal Marines, Army
• Somerset Emergency Planning Unit
• Somerset Witness Support Service
• Mendip District Council

Potential work placements at: Mendip District Council, Somerset Witness Support Service, Special Constabulary and the Territorial Army.

Assessment
This course is assessed by coursework including a work placement. The awarding body is Plymouth University.

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points. Typically you may have gained an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, one AS grade C plus two A Levels at grade B and C or above. However, experience and other qualifications will be taken into consideration. Please discuss this with the Programme Manager.

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Progression
Progression onto the final year of a related degree at Plymouth University may be possible on successful completion of the course; please check with the Programme Manager. Courses include: BSc (Hons) Public Services (Policing) or the BA (Hons) Human Resource Management. Management, Politics, Public Services and associated degrees are available at other universities. Please note that there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability.

Previous students have progressed to a variety of careers including the Police Force, the Royal Marines, private security and business ownership.

Tuition fee
The full-time fee is £6,750 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’ for part-time fees. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.
Psychology

The diversity of expertise provided by a Psychology degree is an ideal preparation for many rewarding and successful careers. You will develop a broad range of skills and this will open up many opportunities for employment and personal interest.

“Psychology is a really interesting subject; you can apply it to everyday life and also learn about yourself. I love the subject so much, and studying Psychology A level at Strode showed me that I had the ability to further my knowledge. Strode College is in a lovely location and has amazing facilities. The staff are excellent, keen to help and they made sure that I was ready for the degree.”

KRISTAL RUSSELL
Psychology - Foundation Degree

When she completes her course, Krystal plans to study a Masters Degree in Psychology at Plymouth University and eventually to become a Child Developmental Psychologist.
Psychology Foundation Degree

Level 4/5 FdSc; course code AH5PYH

Purpose
This exciting Foundation Degree, delivered in partnership with Plymouth University, builds on the outstanding performance of our Psychology A Level which ranks among the best in the country for student progress due to the expertise of our highly qualified tutors.

With a focus on human interaction and thought processes, studying Psychology offers opportunities in diverse roles required by many businesses, including personnel, marketing and resources management, as well as more traditional careers in the health and personal care sectors. Psychology students are also sought by technology companies wanting to understand the way we engage with each other in society.

Many Psychology students are inspired to continue their studies to a higher level. This Foundation Degree will ensure that you are fully prepared to progress further to a full Honours Degree or later, to a Masters Degree to gain official recognition from the British Psychological Society.

Length of study
You may study this course full-time over two years, attending college two days each week, or part-time over four years. You can also study individual modules.

Course content
Likely areas of study are set out below.

Year 1, Level 4:
- Successful Study for Degree Level Psychology
- Introductory Psychology: Research Methods, History and Philosophies of Psychology
- Developmental Psychology and Psychology of Learning
- Introduction to Psychological Research Methods
- Biological and Cognitive Psychology
- Social Psychology and Individual Differences

Year 2, Level 5:
- Research Methods
- Contemporary Topics in Biological and Cognitive Psychology
- Contemporary Topics in Developmental Psychology and the Psychology of Learning
- Applied Topics in Health and Positive Psychology
- Conducting Psychological Research
- Contemporary Topics in Social Psychology and Clinical Psychology

Enrichment opportunities
There will be opportunities to take part in activities and visits that enhance your understanding of Psychology and develop your skills in particular aspects of everyday practice, including opportunities to engage with professionals working in different fields of Psychology. Costs for trips are additional to course fees. Advice on work placements and career guidance will be available.

Employer support
The Psychology programme has been developed in consultation with a variety of local businesses reflecting the wide range of employment opportunities available. From small organisations offering counselling and personal support to human resources departments in major companies; from care homes to clinical provision in large hospitals. Ongoing partnerships with employers have been developed to provide opportunities to enhance your studies through visits, talks and project work.

Assessment
The course is assessed by a combination of coursework and examination. The awarding body is Plymouth University.

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points and GCSE English and Maths grade C. Typically you may have gained

Tuition fee
The full-time fee is £6,750 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’ for part-time fees. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.
Computing

The rapid and continued development of computing and IT has led to it becoming an integral part of every sector of society. As a result, there is a high, worldwide demand for IT professionals and a very wide range of interesting and highly paid career opportunities for those with high level IT skills.

“Computing is something I have always been interested in - especially databases. It is constantly evolving and there is always something to learn. I love the idea of being a part of the next generation of technical designers and seeing how far technology can really go. Strode has a friendly atmosphere and a great learning environment. The teachers are always willing to go the extra mile to support you, and the lessons are interesting and fun, with many trips across the year.”

GEMMA HARRIS
Computing and Systems Development - HND

When she completes the HND, Gemma will study another year to top up to a full degree and is planning to become a Database Designer.
Computing and Systems Development
HND and HNC

Level 4 HNC; course code BC4CPH
Level 5 HND; course code BH5CPH

Purpose
These courses provide a good grounding for entry into a wide variety of IT careers and sectors such as business, industry, education and the mass media. They can also lead onto continued higher education. Possible careers include: web designer and developer, data analyst, counter games designer, network manager, computer programmer, graphic designer, software engineer, network engineer and many management roles in a range of industries.

Length of study
The HND is a two year full-time course with teaching sessions usually timetabled over two consecutive days. This gives maximum flexibility for undertaking work experience placements and maintaining employment commitments. The HNC can be completed in a single year of full-time study over two consecutive days or part-time over two years, usually on one day a week.

Course content
Year 1 (HND and HNC)
- Business Skills for e-Commerce
- Computer Systems
- Employability and Professional Development
- Networking Technologies
- Website Design
- Database Design Concepts
- Human Computer Interaction
- Object Oriented Programming

Year 2 (HND)
- Data Analysis and Design
- Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation
- Web Applications Development
- Computer Games Design and Development
- Programming in Java
- IT Security Management
- Digital Forensics
- Work Based Experience

Enrichment opportunities
You will have the opportunity to take part in an overseas residential visit. Previous destinations have included CERN and other sites in Switzerland and various sites in Germany. Costs for trips are additional to course fees. There will also be opportunities to gain relevant IT related work experience.

Assessment
You will be assessed using a variety of methods including: the creation of fully tested functioning software; formal written reports; practical tasks; the evaluation of case studies; presentations and in-class tests both written and online. The awarding body is Edexcel (Pearson).

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points and preferably GCSE Maths grade C. Typically you may have gained an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, one AS grade C plus two A Levels grade B and C or above. However, experience and other qualifications will be taken into consideration. Please discuss this with the Programme Manager.

Progression
Completion of the HNC will allow you to progress to the HND. Those who complete the HND will be able to progress to a BSc (Hons) in Computing or IT at university.

Both the HNC and HND are highly respected qualifications within the many industries and business environments which require staff with high level IT and computing skills and will allow you to take up professional roles in employment.

Higher Apprenticeships
A successful Higher Apprenticeship scheme involving the HNC/HND Computing and Systems Development programme has been developed with the international security and aerospace company Thales that has a major presence locally. Students following this course are now gaining valuable experience and building exciting careers with the company (see p18-19).

Tuition fee
Full-time HND and HNC fee £6,750 per year and part-time HNC £3,375 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.
Engineering

Engineering is a wide and rapidly developing industry covering many general and specialist engineering disciplines. Engineers are involved in many aspects of everyday life; studying engineering opens the doors to a wide range of jobs within engineering related industries.

“I would definitely recommend studying a Higher Education course at Strode. It’s local, friendly, and you get a unique learning experience and high quality teaching – all for less than it would cost you to go away to university. I like the one-to-one support the teachers give you at Strode and I have learnt leadership skills and team work – as well as Electronics.”

LYNDON GOLDFING
Engineering - HND
Lyndon completed his HND with a Distinction and is now studying a top-up degree in Electronic Engineering at the University of the West of England Bristol.
Purpose
The introduction of advanced technologies and new materials has created many interesting opportunities for the modern engineer. Whether you wish to develop a career in design, materials, maintenance or production, these courses will help you.

The HND is tailored to meet the increasing demand for engineers who are qualified in electrical and electronic engineering. It should appeal to you if you are interested in computer aided design, electrical and electronic engineering.

The HNC will focus on the education and training of operations and maintenance engineers and technicians. You may already be employed at a professional level in a variety of technical work, such as: operations and maintenance system design; manufacture, maintenance and technical services; mechatronic or instrumentation and control engineering work.

Length of study
You can study the HND full-time over two years, attending college two days each week. If you are employed you can study the HND part-time over four years, gaining the HNC in the first two years. You can study the HNC part-time over two years studying alongside the HND students.

Course content
For the HND you will study all modules set out below. For the HNC you will study eight modules from the HND programme including core modules.

- Analytical Methods for Engineers (core)
- Engineering Science (core)
- Project Design, Implementation and Evaluation (core)
- Mechanical Principles
- Advanced Computer-aided Design Techniques (CAD)
- Electrical and Electronic Principles
- Materials Engineering
- Strengths of Materials
- Electrical and Electronic Measurement and Testing
- Advanced Mathematics for Engineering
- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Computer-aided Machining
- Electrical, Electronic and Digital Principles
- Engineering Design
- Combinational and Sequential Logic
- Application of Machine Tools

Enrichment opportunities
You will have opportunities to visit employers and organisations in the UK to enhance your studies, plus an international visit. Students have previously visited the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva and Berlin. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

Assessment
Your work will be assessed in various ways including: written reports, presentations, case studies, individual/group projects and reflective statements. The awarding body is Edexcel (Pearson).

Entry requirements
At age 18, the usual entry requirement is 64 UCAS points to include either Further Maths or AS Maths. Typically you may have gained an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, one AS grade C plus two A Levels grade B and C or above. However, experience and other qualifications will be taken into consideration. Please discuss this with the Programme Manager.

Age 21 plus entry is considered on an individual basis by the Programme Manager based on experience, enthusiasm and other evidence of aptitude.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
Completion of the HNC can lead to the HND. The HND programme can lead to a BSc (Hons) or BEng Degree at university, subject to entry requirements.

The programme will provide you with knowledge, understanding and professional skills that you can take into your future career or current role. You can expect to move on in your vocational field into senior level roles.

Tuition fee
The full-time HND fee is £6,750 per year and part-time HNC £3,375 per year. See page 30 ‘Finances’. Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.

You may be eligible for a student loan, or your employer may wish to support you on this programme.
Higher Apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with studying towards a higher level qualification. They enable you to develop the knowledge and skills needed for your job and business sector and they provide great opportunities for career progression.

“Having gained an IT Extended Diploma at Strode I decided that an Apprenticeship would be beneficial for my future career. As an apprentice I enjoy being able to experience things in the workplace first-hand while I earn and learn. I like Strode College for many reasons: the teachers are really helpful and knowledgeable and the IT facilities are up to date. This gives me the best possible opportunity to learn within the ever-changing IT environment.”

HARRY BURR

IT, Software, Web and Telecoms Professionals Higher Apprenticeship including HNC in Computing and Systems Development

Harry is working at Downside School while completing his Apprenticeship and he is planning a career as an IT Technician.
Purpose
Apprentices are often motivated young people who have the potential to become managers of the future. Higher Apprenticeships can often provide a foundation from which young people can progress within a company, particularly where the Apprenticeship frameworks are aligned to a company’s management development programme.

On a Higher Apprenticeship, training is in the workplace ensuring that the knowledge apprentices receive is up-to-date and the practical skills they acquire are specific to the organisation’s business.

The standard expected of those entering these high quality, work based development schemes is extremely demanding and therefore it is essential that the selection process is both rigorous and effective. At the same time Higher Apprenticeships have been specifically designed to give more people the opportunity to raise their skills to industry standard or degree level.

Length of study
A Higher Apprenticeship usually takes two years to complete.

Apprenticeship areas
A number of Higher Apprenticeship frameworks are available. We will work with employers to deliver Higher Apprenticeships in Accounting, Adult Health and Social Care, Business Administration, Childcare, IT, Management and other sectors according to demand. The content will cover a range of technical and management skills and be based on NVQ or other existing qualifications.

Where a Foundation Degree is included in the Apprenticeship framework the content will focus on vocational and professional competencies and work-based projects.

A successful Higher Apprenticeship scheme involving the HNC/HND Computing and Systems Development programme has been developed with the international security and aerospace company Thales that has a major presence locally. Students following this course are now gaining valuable experience and building exciting careers with the company.

Assessment
Assessment will be through observation in your workplace and knowledge will be assessed through assignments or a portfolio of evidence and tests.

Who can apply?
• Students direct from schools or colleges with A Levels or equivalent educational attainment including Level 3 Extended Diplomas, International Baccalaureate, or relevant Level 3 IT-related technical certificates, as well as those already in employment with similar qualifications.
• Advanced apprentices wishing to progress further.
• Employees who have worked in the industry for a number of years and demonstrated to their employer that they have a reasonable expectation of achieving the stated outcomes.
• Those who have the specified entry requirements as stated on the particular Apprenticeship framework.

Higher Apprenticeships must be supported by an employer.

Progression
Completing a Higher Apprenticeship can lead to a wide range of opportunities. Higher Apprenticeships may include a HNC, HND or a Foundation Degree and it is possible, with the continued support of your employer, to progress to a full Honours Degree. You may also progress to new job roles, such as Management or Technical Specialists.

Course fees
Prices will vary according to individual and employer circumstances. Please enquire for further information. An Apprenticeship Grant for Employers may be available to help towards fees.

Finding an Apprenticeship
If you would like more information about how to find an employer and a Higher Apprenticeship vacancy, please visit the national Apprenticeship vacancy website: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship or contact our Admissions team on 01458 844453.
A career in teaching can be rewarding and fulfilling, with opportunities to contribute both to the academic and personal development of students.

“I decided to study for a teaching qualification at Strode after completing my counselling training here. The teaching course was very thorough both academically and experientially. I was able to work and do a placement, while gaining valuable knowledge such as how to offer a good learning environment and how to engage learners. The facilities at Strode College are great and my teacher was very professional, knowledgeable and dedicated. It was good fun sharing the teacher training journey with the other students in my class.”

MARIANNE MANGHAM
Education and Training - Level 4 Certificate
Marianne works as a counsellor and now also teaches at Strode College.
Education and Training Certificate and Diploma

Level 4 Certificate; course code BC4ET
Level 5 Diploma; course code BD5ETF

Purpose
These courses are designed to provide professional qualifications for teachers in a full-time or part-time role. They will enhance your career opportunities and could lead to further study at an even higher level.

Length of study
For the Level 4 Certificate you will attend college two hours each week for one year. You will also need to complete 30 hours teaching practice over the year.

For the Level 5 Diploma you will attend college three hours each week for one year. You will also to complete at least 100 teaching hours over the year.

Course content
**Level 4 Certificate**
You will study five mandatory units.
• Understanding Roles and Responsibilities
• Planning to Meet Learners Needs
• Delivering Teaching and Learning
• Assessing Learners
• Using Resources

You will also study optional units to be agreed between the group and tutor.

**Level 5 Diploma**
You will study seven mandatory units.
• Teaching in a Subject Specialism
• Roles and Responsibilities
• Wider Professional Practices
• Teaching and Learning Approaches
• Inclusive Learning
• Reflection and Evaluation
• Assessment in Education and Training
• Theories, Principles and Models
• Developing Own Teaching Practice

You will also study optional units to be agreed between the group and tutor.

Assessment
Assessment is through teaching observations, short presentations and assignments for all units. The awarding body is City & Guilds.

Entry requirements
Both courses require subject specialist knowledge and qualifications. All applicants may be subject to initial assessment of Maths, English and ICT.

An interview is required with the Programme Manager. You will need to secure appropriate teaching practice (if not already employed in teaching).

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
Successful completion of the Level 4 Certificate can lead to the Level 5 Diploma. Students who continue to perform well and are awarded the Level 5 Diploma will be able within a five year period of obtaining the qualification to gain full Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status (QTLS), be registered with the Institute for learning and work in a full-time teaching role. They might also progress on further to other Higher Education qualifications, such as a Master’s Degree.

Overall the achievements of our students are outstanding. Previous Level 5 Diploma students have now achieved their Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status (QTLS) and are in full-time teaching posts.

Tuition fees*
**Level 4 Certificate:**
Full fee £1,417

**Advanced Learner Loan**
If you are aged 19 and above you may be eligible to receive an Advanced Learner Loan to support the Level 4 Certificate; the maximum loan amount is the full fee. See page 30 ‘Finances’.

**Level 5 Diploma:**
Full fee £1,500

*The fees shown are for 2016 entry; 2017 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.
Counselling

Counselling is a great career choice if you like to help people and encourage them to make positive changes in their lives. Studying at a higher level will extend your knowledge and skills and enhance your opportunities within the profession.

“I found the course challenging but highly stimulating; it was achievable due to the skills, knowledge and experience of my teachers. It has fuelled my motivation to do something which I enjoy and believe in. It has helped develop my confidence and created an opportunity for a new career. Strode College has a respectful and supportive atmosphere and the staff go out of their way to be helpful.”

KAREN ROPER

Karen gained the Therapeutic Counselling Level 4 Diploma and she is now studying Psychotherapeutic Counselling Level 5 Diploma

Karen works as a volunteer counsellor for young people and she has set up an independent practice as a self-employed counsellor.
Therapeutic Counselling Diploma and Psychotherapeutic Counselling Diploma

Purpose
These qualifications are for people who have attained counselling qualifications and want to expand their knowledge and skills to a higher level within this profession. They are particularly useful for those interested in private practice or in progressing to an even higher level of study.

Length of study
For the Level 4 Therapeutic Counselling Diploma you will attend college one day each week for two years. You will also be required to complete a minimum of 100 hours placement practice.

For the Level 5 Psychotherapeutic Counselling Diploma you will attend college one day each week for one year. You will also be required to undertake some personal therapy during the course and complete a minimum of 60 hours supervised client work.

Course content
There are seven units to complete for both courses, based on CPCAB’s model of practitioner development and proficiency.

- Working safely, legally and ethically as an independent counsellor.
- Work with complex aspects of the counselling relationship.
- Use theory and research to work with client diversity in independent practice.
- Use a coherent approach to respond to the need of individual clients.
- Work with self awareness as an independent practitioner.
- Use theory, research and skills within a coherent framework for independent counselling practice.
- Monitor and maintain professional effectiveness as a counsellor in independent practice.

Assessment
The Level 4 Diploma is assessed by a portfolio of work, clinical supervision and external exam.

The Level 5 Diploma is assessed by a portfolio of work and an externally assessed Case Review of 3000-3500 words.

The awarding body is CPCAB.

Entry requirements
For entry to the Level 4 Diploma you will need to have gained the Level 2 and Level 3 Counselling qualifications or equivalent.

For entry to the Level 5 Diploma you will need to have gained Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling or equivalent.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
Successful completion of the Level 4 Diploma can lead to the Level 5 Diploma.

The Level 5 Psychotherapeutic Counselling Diploma can form part of the progression route towards higher study in this field, including MA programmes at a range of universities such as the MA programme at Bath Spa University.

Students can expect to progress into careers such as managing counselling services, school counsellor or becoming a self-employed therapist.

Tuition fees*

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| Level 5 Diploma:          | Full Fee £1,575 |

Advanced Learner Loan
If you are aged 19 and above you may be eligible to receive an Advanced Learner Loan to support the full fee. See page 30 ‘Finances’.

The maximum loan amount for the Level 4 Diploma is £4,670 to cover the whole qualification (Year 1 and Year 2). The maximum loan amount for the Level 5 Diploma is £811 towards the qualification.

*The fees shown are for 2016 entry; 2017 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.
“I live locally and know other people who have studied this course at Strode. The support from staff is above and beyond. They are easy to talk to and make the experience enjoyable. I’ve enjoyed the atmosphere and I’ve enjoyed studying with more mature students. The access course is hard work, but I like the fact it is a year course and I have been able to get into university straight away. It also really prepares you for university.”

JORDAN BOBBETT
Access to Higher Education - Diploma
Jordan is now studying Primary Education (ITE) at the University of West England, Bristol.
Access to Higher Education Diploma

Level 3 Diploma; course code CD3HE

Purpose
This nationally recognised qualification is a well established route for gaining access to higher level study such as Degrees and Foundation Degrees, especially if you have little recent experience of education. The course is specifically designed for adults, of all ages, who want to return to learning.

This is a nationally recognised qualification which is designed to prepare you for moving on to higher education. The varied programme suits students with appropriate life experience who may or may not have formal qualifications. It will enable you to study a number of subjects to a level which allows a smooth transition to degree or other higher level course.

Length of study
You will study this course over one year attending college three days each week.

Course content
This diploma is made up of a combination of study skills units and subject specialisms such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology and Sociology.

Assessment
You are assessed rigorously throughout the course. You will be required to present a portfolio that will include evidence such as essays, presentations, reports, tests, exam answers, self and peer assessments.

For each module of study successfully completed you will be awarded three credits. To achieve the Diploma you require 60 credits (20 units). The awarding body for the diploma is ASCENTIS.

Entry requirements
You will need to have, or be working towards, GCSE English and Maths grade C or above. The course is designed to build upon your previous experience, but if you do have some qualifications, these will be enhanced.

In addition to your application form you will need to complete a pre-course test and provide a letter giving your reasons for wanting to follow the Access to Higher Education. This will form an important part of the selection process in which you should demonstrate your understanding of the nature of the course and how you think you would cope with its demands. It might also help to describe what you would eventually hope to study at university as this information will contribute to the interview discussion and be used to determine the most appropriate ‘pathway’ for you to follow.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
Access is designed to take you on to a wide range of higher education courses. Many students are interested in careers such as nursing, teaching or social work, but others progress on to a diverse range of courses, such as psychology, engineering, philosophy, creative writing, modern languages and anthropology.

Previous students have progressed to study Midwifery at Southampton University, Real Estate at Reading University, Anthropology at the University of Central London and Spanish and Arabic at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Tuition fees*
• Free if eligible
• Full fee £3,022

Advanced Learner Loan
If you are aged 19 and above you may be eligible to receive an Advanced Learner Loan to support the full fee; the maximum loan amount is the full fee. See page 30 ‘Finances’.

*The fees shown are for 2016 entry; 2017 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.
“Strode has a very positive environment. The teachers are engaging, supportive and genuinely enthusiastic. The Foundation Diploma gives you the freedom to fully pursue your creative interests.”

JAMIE ROCHFORD
Art and Design Foundation Studies Pre-Degree Diploma

Jamie has completed his Art and Design Foundation Studies Diploma and is currently taking a gap year to travel before applying to study Technical Art and Special Effects at Wimbledon College of Arts, University of the Arts London.
Art and Design Foundation Studies
Pre-Degree Diploma

Level 3 Diploma; course code DD3AF

Purpose
If you aspire to establish a successful career in the creative arts or you want to develop your abilities and establish your own artistic practice, then studying art and design at a higher level will help you to achieve your ambition.

This course is for committed students who have already completed an A Level programme, or who wish to build up a portfolio of work in preparation for a specialist degree or HND in Art and Design.

The main aim is to provide a stimulating environment for you to discover and develop your creative potential towards an appropriate area of study.

Length of study
You will study this course over one year.

Course content
The course is delivered in three stages.

Exploratory Stage
You will explore the potential and limitations of a variety of media and materials. There is a strong emphasis in developing skills in observing and recording, in particular you will learn to recognise the importance and functions of drawing. Regular life-drawing sessions are important at this stage.

Pathway Stage
You will bring together skills in working with media and techniques, your ability to select research methods and processes and to apply your understanding of the creative process to set assignments. You will be encouraged to develop your critical understanding of contemporary, historical and related contexts.

Confirmatory Stage
This stage takes the form of a final major project and end of year show. Here you will move towards specialisation in one of the main areas of study, including fine art, ceramics, graphic design, textiles, printmaking, sculpture and lens based media.

Enrichment opportunities
You will have access to an open studio space and specialist workshops. There will be an overseas study trip to New York or a European city. Other visits to London, Bristol, Oxford are organised where appropriate. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

At the end of the course you will exhibit your work at our End of Year Arts Show, which is open to the public. Follow the Foundation course blog at: www.strodefad.tumblr.com.

Assessment
Formal assessment is carried out at regular intervals. At the end of the course you will mount an exhibition of work.

Entry requirements
You will normally have gained an A Level in an Art and Design subject at grade C or higher, and have achieved 5 GCSE passes at Grade A* - C (new grades 9-4), including Maths or English Language. You will need to provide evidence of quality sketchbooks or project files at your interview.

If you are a mature student, you will be considered on the basis of experience and your portfolio of work to demonstrate that you have reached a level of skill and commitment necessary to benefit from the course.

All applicants will have a personal interview. Please apply directly to Strode College. See page 32 ‘How to apply’.

Progression
This course is designed to help you to make an informed decision about your future in art and design; you will be encouraged to study at degree level. Former students have gained places at specialist arts schools and universities including: Central St Martins, University of the Arts London; Slade School of Art; and the universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Falmouth, Nottingham Trent and Sheffield.

Tuition fees*
Full fee £5,421

Advanced Learner Loan
If you are aged 19 and above you may be eligible to receive an Advanced Learner Loan to support the full fee; the maximum loan amount is the full fee. See page 30 ‘Finances’.

*The fees shown are for 2016 entry; 2017 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.

Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.
Facilities and Finance

Our students enjoy learning in a modern and dynamic environment and they use new technology and specialist equipment to enhance their studies.
Facilities

Investing in our facilities
We have a brand new Higher Education and Skills Centre, including a floor dedicated to our higher education courses and students. This new space houses classrooms, seminar rooms, quiet study areas and a common room where you can meet other students to work or relax. We have invested over £20 million in our college facilities over the past ten years.

Learning Centre
All students are members of the Learning Centre and are welcome to use our facilities to support their studies. We offer a vibrant and comfortable learning environment providing IT facilities with library and AV resources. Our library collection includes academic databases, ebooks, books, dvds and periodicals, and our qualified librarians can help with your research needs. We have zones designated for group work as well as quiet individual study, and offer a late night service three evenings a week.

IT Services
We have over 500 computers available for students to use throughout the college and you are welcome to bring in your own device and connect to the network using our WiFi.

You will be given an email account and storage space both on our network and in the cloud for backing up your work. Our IT Services department can help you with any IT queries.

Careers advice and guidance
Our Careers Adviser, who is located in the Learning Centre, can provide you with advice and guidance about university and career options. There is also a well-stocked library of careers books and brochures.

Plymouth University
Students on a Plymouth University course have the same status as those studying on the University’s campus. You can access online University services, use its library, electronic resources and learning support materials through its web-based student portal (including information and support from its Careers & Employability Service), and receive vacancies via its job website. As a member of its Students’ Union (UPSU) you will have access to sports clubs, societies, the advice service, NUS Extra student discount card, volunteering opportunities, student representation and university sports facilities. Visit www.plymouth.ac.uk for further information.

Nursery
Strode College Day Nursery is an outstanding nursery (Ofsted 2015). It provides a modern and exciting environment for children aged between two and five, including children whose parents are studying or working at Strode, as well as members of the public.

Food and drink
We have four food and drink service areas on campus, using fresh local produce where possible, to provide a range of options to suit different tastes.

Sports facilities
We have outstanding sports facilities which have benefitted from £5 million investment in the last ten years. We have a multi-purpose floodlit all-weather sports pitch; a modern multi-purpose sports hall, incorporating an indoor climbing wall and a state-of-the-art fitness suite; extensive outdoor facilities including tennis courts and cricket nets; and a fully sprung dance and exercise studio. A wide range of sports and fitness classes are available.

Arts and cultural facilities
Strode Theatre and cinema is mid Somerset’s venue for live shows, films and screenings of opera, ballet and plays direct from national and international venues. It is an integral part of Strode College and students are entitled to discounts on tickets for films and some shows.

The main theatre has 343 seats, a foyer and bar with space for visual art exhibitions, a rehearsal room and meeting room. Our new Strode Studio has 64 seats and offers a diverse programme of film, live screenings and performances. The Theatre is a vibrant place, used by the local community as well as students. The Strode Theatre bar is open on performance evenings.

Find out more about the programme and book online at www.strodetheatre.org.uk.
Finance

FEES

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*Equivalent or Lower Qualification.  **Failed module resits with attendance will be charged at a per module fee determined by the Deputy Principal. Please note that if you are progressing to study at Plymouth University after successfully completing a course at the college, the fees for the course you are progressing to will be different from your college course fees. Please check with the University for up-to-date fees for the course you are interested in and also information about University accommodation if required.

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

APL - recognised
Students seeking to enter a programme with specific credit arising from work undertaken on another institution’s programme recognised as equivalent to this university’s programme, a charge of 25% of the normal fee for relevant credits is applicable.

APL - not recognised
Students seeking to enter a programme with specific credit arising from work undertaken on another institution’s programme not recognised by or known to this university, a charge of 50% of the normal fee for relevant credits is applicable.

Accreditation for Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

Students seeking credits for learning that arises from programmes at a level different from that of the programme they wish to enter, with specific credit, or for learning arising from other relevant experience, the charge is 100% of the normal fee for relevant credits.

International Students
For international students to be classed as a home student and be eligible to apply for a student loan, you must be settled and ordinarily resident in the UK for three years before the first day of the academic year.

International students who have been resident in the UK or EEA and/or Switzerland for less than three years should contact our Admissions Team for further details: ftadmissions@strode-college.ac.uk

Visits
Students on our HE courses may be offered optional visits for which an additional payment will be required, as necessary.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Degrees, Foundation Degrees, HNDs and HNCs

Eligibility
All UK and EU nationals who have been ordinarily resident in the European Economic Area or Switzerland for three years before the start of their course, and not previously funded for more than one year, are entitled to apply for a student tuition fee loan. You should be an EU national or a family member of an EU National. For full student support you will have been ordinarily resident in the UK and islands for the five year period before the first day of the academic year. For further information visit www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview.

Full-time students
All eligible full time students are entitled to a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan to help with living costs. Those from lower income households will be eligible for a higher level of maintenance loan.

Part-time students
All eligible part-time students can receive a loan to cover the full cost of tuition fees in the same way as full-time students. There is no help available to cover living costs.

Support available

Tuition Fee Loan
This covers the full cost of your tuition fees, so there is nothing to pay upfront.

Maintenance Loan
This will help with your living costs. The following amounts below are for entry in 2017. These vary depending on your household income. They apply to those aged 25+ years or those living independently of parents for 3+ years. Those under 25 years old will get on average 20% less than the figures indicated. Whilst it is likely that these figures will not change, they have not yet been agreed by parliament so please check the Student Finance England website in January 2017.

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Higher Education Bursary 2017-2018
HE students who study a full time Degree, Foundation Degree or HND/HNC at Strode College for the academic year 2017-2018, may be eligible for a £300 bursary. Full details of the bursary scheme and eligibility criteria can be found on our website: www.strode-college.ac.uk/college-info/finances/higher-education/financial-support or by contacting our HE Administrator on 01458 844404.

Other sources of support
If you believe that you may be eligible for the Childcare Grant, Adult Dependants’ Grant, Parents’ Learning Allowance, Disabled Students’ Allowance and need more information, contact Student Finance England on 0300 1000607.

Repaying your loan
Repayment only begins in the April after the course finishes and only if you are earning over £21,000. Interest above inflation is not charged after this unless your earnings are over £21,000. If your earnings drop below this, repayments stop. Repayments are deducted at source like tax.

How to apply to Student Finance England (SFE)
Apply online from January 2017 onwards at www.gov.uk/student-finance

This information is intended as a guide only. Contact SFE for more details.

Access to Higher Education, Art and Design Foundation Studies Pre-Degree Diploma, Level 4 Education and Training, Level 4 Therapeutic Counselling

Advanced Learner Loan
A loan scheme has been introduced by the government to help learners. An Advanced Learner Loan is easy to apply for, doesn’t take your household income into account and doesn’t involve a credit check.

The minimum loan amount is £300. If you take out a loan you can take out the maximum amount to cover your fee or you can pay all or part of the fee yourself. At enrolment you will be asked to pay the difference between the loan and the full fee.

Learners who take an Advanced Learner Loan for an Access to Higher Education course and then go on to complete a degree will have their loan for the Access course written off.

For further information request our Advanced Learner Loans leaflet or visit the following website: nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

For impartial financial advice visit The Money Advice Service online at: www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk

Repaying your loan
Repayment only begins in the April after the course finishes and only if you are earning over £21,000. If your earnings drop below this, repayments stop. Repayments are deducted at source like tax.

Level 5 Psychotherapeutic Counselling
There is a partial Advanced Learner Loan of £811 available for this course.

Part-time work
Strode College recognises that more and more students are working while studying, mainly to fund their fees and avoid debts.

We will do our best to build timetables which require two days in college so that a part-time job can be accommodated.
How to apply

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<td>Online on our website <a href="http://www.strode-college.ac.uk">www.strode-college.ac.uk</a> or on the Higher Education Application Form (in this prospectus)</td>
<td>Wendy Cavill (HE Administrator): 01458 844404 or email: <a href="mailto:wcavill@strode-college.ac.uk">wcavill@strode-college.ac.uk</a></td>
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<td>Online on our website <a href="http://www.strode-college.ac.uk">www.strode-college.ac.uk</a> or on the Full-Time Application Form</td>
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<td>Online on our website <a href="http://www.strode-college.ac.uk">www.strode-college.ac.uk</a> or on the Adult Courses Part-Time Enrolment Form</td>
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International students
We welcome enquiries from international students, please contact Admissions for more information: 01458 844453 or email ftadmissions@strode-college.ac.uk

Data Protection Act 1998
How we use your personal information
Strode College (the College) collects information about all our students for various administrative, publicity, academic and health & safety reasons. Because of the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your consent before we can do this. Since we cannot operate the College effectively without processing information about you, we will ask you to sign to give your consent to process this data when you apply or enrol.

When you sign, you are giving your consent to Strode College processing personal data contained on the application form, or other data which the College may obtain from you or other people whilst you are a student. You are also agreeing to the processing of such data for any legal purposes connected with your studies or your health and safety whilst on the premises or for any other legitimate reason.

The personal information you provide is passed to the Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). Where necessary it is also shared with the Department for Education, including the Education Funding Agency.

The information is used for the exercise of functions of these government departments and to meet statutory responsibilities, including under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, and to create and maintain a unique learner number (ULN) and a Personal Learning Record (PLR). The information you provide may be shared with other organisations for education, training, employment and well-being related purposes, including for research.

You may be contacted after you have completed your programme of learning to establish whether you have entered employment or gone onto further training or education. You may be contacted by the English European Social Fund (ESF) Managing Authority, or its agents, to carry out research and evaluation to inform the effectiveness of the programme.

Further information about use of and access to your personal data, and details of partner organisations are available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/sfa-privacy-notice. You can opt out of being contacted by the Agency in respect of surveys and research or courses and learning opportunities by ticking the relevant boxes on the Higher Education Application Form.

To see our full Data Protection details, please visit our website www.strode-college.ac.uk or call the College to request a copy of the statement.

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Strode College reserves the right to change any of the listed courses. We also reserve the right to cancel any course. Our Full Terms and Conditions are available on our website at www.strode-college.ac.uk or by calling our Admissions team on 01458 844453.
Travelling to Strode

How to find us

By car
Free car parking, including disabled parking, is available for our students. Strode College is situated just off the A39 in Street, Somerset, near Glastonbury. The campus is a five minute walk from Street town centre.

By bus
It’s easy to get to Strode College by bus. The main bus services are operated by public bus companies who run to a published timetable. Visit our website for information on bus routes or contact ‘Traveline’ on www.travelinesw.com or call: 0871 200 22 33.

By train
The nearest train stations to Strode College are:
• Taunton (45 minute drive)
• Castle Cary (30 minute drive)
• Bridgwater (30 minute drive)
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