OPEN EVENINGS

- Tuesday 17 October 2017, 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- Thursday 16 November 2017, 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- Tuesday 16 January 2018, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Wednesday 13 June 2018, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Find out about our courses and college and meet our lecturers. Register on our website: www.strode-college.ac.uk or turn up on the night.

HIGHER EDUCATION END OF YEAR SHOWCASE

Wednesday 23 May 2018

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 was awarded the highest possible rating in a recent quality review; we outperformed many major universities across the country in 2017, achieving a Silver award in the Teaching Excellence Framework; and we are an Ofsted ‘outstanding’ college.

Teaching excellence
The Teaching Excellence Framework highlighted the following as particular strengths in our higher education provision.
• Our students achieve excellent outcomes with high proportions progressing to employment or further study.
• Work-based learning is integral to our courses, including regular contact with employers and careers guidance linked to professional practice.
• There are opportunities for students to extend their understanding and engagement through events, visits and extra activities.
• Our students are highly engaged and committed learners.
• Teaching excellence is encouraged and supported with high quality professional development opportunities for our lecturers.
• Our purpose-built Higher Education and Skills Centre is highly valued by students.

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 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.

Katy Quinn, Principal

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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 Apprenticeships and higher level professional qualifications. 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 the University of Plymouth

Our Degree and Foundation Degrees are delivered in partnership with the University of Plymouth 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.

The University is renowned for high quality, internationally-leading education, research and innovation.

With a mission to Advance Knowledge and Transform Lives, Plymouth is a *top 50 research university with clusters of world class research across a wide range of disciplines including marine science and engineering, medicine, robotics and psychology. A twice winner of the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher Education, the University continues to grow in stature and reputation. It has a strong track record for teaching and learning excellence, and has one of the highest numbers of National Teaching Fellows of any UK university. With 21,000 students, and a further 17,000 studying for a Plymouth degree at partner institutions in the UK and around the world, and over 100,000 alumni pursuing their chosen careers globally, it has a growing global presence.

As a partner college student on a University of Plymouth course, you can access services and facilities from the University and its Students’ Union. Please see page 29 for details.

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
Our Honours Degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology is delivered in partnership with the University of Plymouth. This is testament to the high-quality teaching enjoyed by our students, and the national standing and expertise of our lecturers.

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 on a one-year course which has an outstanding record of student achievement. 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 the University of Plymouth. They equate to the first two years of a full degree course and many students progress to complete their BA (Hons) Degree at Strode or the 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.

Higher National Diplomas
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 progression 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. As with Foundation Degrees, 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.

Higher National Certificates
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 HNC courses can be studied full-time in one year or part-time over 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 standards 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 request our Adult Courses 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.
DEGREES

HISTORY, HERITAGE & 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.

“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 programme I’ve gained from a wide range of experiences, developed good vocational skills and acquired academic knowledge.”

RYAN STRONG
History, Heritage and Archaeology - BA (Hons) Degree

Ryan gained a 2:1 for his Degree. He is now working for his family’s company ‘Dorset Nectar Cider’ and planning to study for a Masters in Archaeology in the future.
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, Dublin and Normandy. 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 work very closely with local employers and organisations in the heritage sector. They contribute to the programme and also participate 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 Somerset Rural Life Museum, Wells Museum, the Somerset Heritage Centre and the Museum of Somerset.

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 the University of Plymouth.
HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHAEOLOGY
Level 6 BA (Hons) Degree

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

Modules may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course provision and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

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, Nuremberg and Normandy.

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
We work very closely with local employers and organisations in the heritage sector. They contribute to the programme and also participate fully 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 Somerset Rural Life Museum, 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 the University of Plymouth.

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.
“The main thing I love about Strode College is the teaching - the quality really is second to none. It’s such a fantastic place and nothing is too much trouble for the teachers. What I’ve achieved since I’ve been at Strode is phenomenal, and it’s all down to the amazing teaching and support. It was my lucky day when I decided to study at Strode.”

CLAIRE GORE

History, Heritage and Archaeology - BA (Hons) Degree

Claire completed her degree with a First Class Honours and is now studying for a Masters degree in Medieval History at King’s College, London.
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.

“This is an amazing way to get a higher education and gain work experience. It’s a full-time university degree, but I’m only in college two days a week, so I can work around my studies. I’m employed at Clarks and doing related work experience which will be help me in the future. This is a general business degree which could take me into many fields. I’m planning to do a top-up year at the University of Plymouth to get a full degree, and then a Masters in Consumer Law. The facilities at Strode are outstanding and I particularly like the smaller classes, which leads to higher quality lecturing and more support.”

CHLOE PITMAN
Management (Business) - Foundation Degree
Working part-time at Clarks International and formerly gained a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services at Strode College.
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 has evolved from a previous Foundation Degree run successfully at Strode College for over a decade to make it fully relevant to the modern commercial world and give it a greater business focus. It has been developed in close collaboration with industry experts, local employers and the University of Plymouth.

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

Modules may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course content and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

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 course 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 the University of Plymouth.

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, two A Levels at grade C or above or two at grade D plus one at grade E. 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
Progression onto the final year(s) of a related degree at the University of Plymouth 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.

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 course.
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 chose to study at Strode because of the teachers - they are passionate, willing to help and so enthusiastic. The course worked well as a progression after my Extended Diploma in Public Services; it really helped me understand the requirements of being a police officer and gave me the skills and confidence I needed for the job. It’s fantastic being able to study an HE course close to home, which has obvious financial benefits, and the atmosphere here is great too. The classes are small and intimate, but you’re also able to experience university life at Plymouth.”

SAM GRIFFITHS
Management (Public Sector) - Foundation Degree
Sam gained his Foundation Degree and the University of Plymouth Academic Partnerships Prize. He completed his top-up year at the University of Plymouth to gain his full degree. He is now a Police Officer for Avon and Somerset Police.
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 the University of Plymouth.

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

Modules may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course content and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

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 course 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.

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, two A Levels at grade C or above or two at grade D plus one at grade E. 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
Progression onto the final year of a related degree at the University of Plymouth or its partners may be possible on successful completion of the course; please check with the Programme Manager. Courses include: BSc (Hons) Public Services (Policing), BA (Hons) Human Resource Management, BSc (Hons) Public Services, BSc (Hons) Community and Public Services Management or BSc (Hons) Emergency Sector Management and Interoperability. Management, Politics, Public Services and associated degrees are also available at other universities.

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 course.
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 that span both sciences and the arts and this will open up many opportunities for employment and personal interest.

“I want a career in education, possibly teaching, and Psychology is an interesting and varied subject that is relevant to so many careers. The Foundation Degree is varied and structured and you learn in a wonderful environment with excellent facilities and full support. Strode is familiar to me and it is also local so I can get a higher education without moving away from my home, work, family and friends. The course is flexible, so I am able to continue to work part-time, which is really beneficial. In the future I am planning to complete a top-up year at the University of Plymouth to gain a full Psychology degree before studying a PGCE in order to begin a career in teaching, or I may combine the two and study Educational Psychology.”

LYDIA DOREY
Psychology - Foundation Degree

Lydia is currently on the second year of the Psychology Foundation Degree and plans to top-up to a full degree at the University of Plymouth.
Purpose
This exciting Foundation Degree, delivered in partnership with the University of Plymouth, 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 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
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

Modules may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course content and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

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 course 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 the University of Plymouth.

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 an Extended/National Diploma (merit, pass, pass or above); AS and/or A Levels for example, two A Levels at grade C or above or two at grade D plus one at grade E. 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
Successful completion of the Foundation Degree offers various employment opportunities but can also lead on to a range of further study options. A one year top-up course at the University of Plymouth will provide a BSc (Hons) Psychological Studies and good performance in this programme could give access to the University’s Masters programme. The MSc Psychology course at the University of Plymouth is a clear progression route for this programme and can be achieved in a combined total of four years. It is also one of the ways in which students may reach eligibility for Graduate Basis Chartered Membership with the British Psychological Society. After completing their Foundation Degree at Strode College, several study pathways in Psychology at Plymouth are open to graduates of the Foundation Degree and full details of these are available on our website.

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 course.
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.

“I decided to study the Computing HND at Strode because it is more vocational and practical than a traditional university degree and I learn better through hands-on learning. I’ve always been interested in computing and this helps me to stay motivated. Staying at Strode to study was also really convenient for me as it meant there was no disruption to my life; I was able to keep my part-time job, to stay living locally and I knew the staff and facilities really well - this was all a big help. The teaching at Strode is high quality, the lessons and assignments were engaging, and the atmosphere is relaxed with plenty of support if you want it.”

JAMES CRISP
Computing - HND
James gained the HND in Computing after completing his A Levels at Strode. He is currently studying a top-up year at the University of the West of England in Bristol, to achieve a BSc Degree in IT Systems Development.
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, computer 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

Units may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course content and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

Enrichment opportunities
There will be opportunities to engage with employers and to gain relevant IT-related work experience. You may also have the chance to take part in an overseas residential programme, with previous international visits having included CERN and other sites in Switzerland and Germany. Costs for trips are additional to course fees.

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, two A Levels at grade C or above or two at grade D plus one at grade E. 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 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 programme has previously 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 page 18).

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.
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’ve always had an interest in Engineering and how things work. Strode had excellent reviews and it was the logical choice to study here. The quality of teaching is really good and has helped me with my work. The teachers break the learning down very clearly, making it easy to understand.”

OWEN SPENDER
Engineering - HND
Owen gained a Distinction for his HND. He progressed to Bournemouth University where he gained a BSc (Hons) Degree in Engineering and a Masters Degree in Design Engineering. Owen is now designing and building security systems.
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 units set out below. For the HNC you will study eight units from the HND programme including core units.

- 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

Units may be subject to change. For the most accurate information on course content and all other aspects of programme provision please consult the website: www.strode-college.ac.uk.

Enrichment opportunities
You will have opportunities to visit employers and organisations in the UK to enhance your studies and the chance to participate in an international visit might also be available. 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, two A Levels at grade C or above or two at grade D plus one at grade E. 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 are a great alternative to university, offering qualifications up to degree level, no tuition fees and the opportunity to earn while you learn.

Higher Apprentices typically split their time between college and university and the workplace. As with other Apprenticeships, they are employed throughout and the cost of the fees is shared between government and their employer.

“I really enjoyed being an apprentice, it gave me the opportunity to earn and learn, whilst working in a professional environment. The mix of being at college and work helped to give a better understanding of my assignments on the whole. The college has great support and facilities, with anything and everything that you might need help with. I have now completed my Apprenticeship with Thales and they are now helping me to extend my knowledge further by funding the HND in Computing and Systems Development at Strode.”

CALLUM DAVIS - HND in Computing

Callum works at Thales. He has gained the HNC and Thales are now paying for Callum to top up his qualification to HND level.
HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

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 standards 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 standards 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 standard the content will focus on vocational and professional competencies and work-based projects.

Students following this course are now gaining valuable experience and building exciting careers with their 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?
Higher Apprenticeships must be supported by an employer.

• Students direct from schools or colleges with A Levels or equivalent educational attainment including Level 3 Extended Diplomas, 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.

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.

Benefits
• Achieve graduate and postgraduate-level qualifications while learning and earning in a real business.
• New opportunities for career progression, plus higher earning capacity, recognition and status.
• The chance to gain professional accreditation and membership.
• No need to acquire a student loan.

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 844499.
A career in teaching can be rewarding and fulfilling, with opportunities to contribute both to the academic and personal development of students.

“*I have always had such positive experiences at Strode. The college is very welcoming, the staff are really supportive and the resource are effective. I was pleased to learn Strode had a level 5 teaching course available as I was eager to gain a role in teaching as the next step in my career. The knowledge, experience and support of Strode staff has helped me to achieve my qualification and given me the skills and experience I needed to begin my teaching career.*”

**JULIA DUNWELL, Childcare Teacher at Strode College**

After gaining the Level 3 Award in Teaching and Learning, Julia progressed to the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training. She has now gained her teaching qualification and secured a teaching post at Strode.
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 2017 entry; 2018 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 originally studied Level 2 Counselling Skills as an evening class. I enjoyed it, so stayed at Strode and studied to become a qualified counsellor; I have now gained Level 4 and 5 Diplomas. The teachers at Strode are relaxed, inspirational and hugely experienced. They create a supportive environment, incorporating a balanced mix of skills, work and theory, and their passion has kept me engaged.

My work placement led to paid employment as a counsellor in two secondary schools, as well as part-time work supporting young people interested in creating change through campaigning. The Level 5 Diploma has expanded my skills and developed vital knowledge for setting up an independent practice, something I may do in the future. I also plan to work towards my counselling accreditation in 2018 and complete a qualification in play therapy.”

JESSICA PARSONS, Counsellor

Jessica works as a counsellor and manager for Off the Record, a Bath based charity providing counselling to young people. She also works as a Participation Development Worker with young people who campaign on youth issues.
THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

Level 4 Diploma and Level 5 Diploma

LEVEL 4 COURSE CODE CD4CO  LEVEL 5 COURSE CODE CD5TC

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*
Level 4 Diploma:
Year 1 - full fee £2,224
Year 2 - full fee £2,446

Level 5 Diploma:
Full Fee £1,593

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 2017 entry; 2018 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.
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.

“Strode was recommended by friends and work colleagues and it has an incredible Ofsted report and success rates. The teachers are incredibly supportive and many have worked in the field they teach. I chose to study Access to Higher Education because it was an effective way to achieve the UCAS points I needed to move on to university. The course is well planned and the lessons are gripping.”

DANIEL WHITE
Access to Higher Education (Science) - Diploma
Dan is now studying Ecology and Wildlife Conservation at Bournemouth University.
Purpose
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. The course is specifically designed for adults, of all ages, who want to return to learning.

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 AIM.

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, Dietetics at Leeds Metropolitan University, Anthropology at the University of Central London and Spanish and Arabic at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Tuition fees*
• Free if eligible
• Full fee £3,384

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’.

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ART & DESIGN

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.

“I really like the teaching at Strode. The teachers are very approachable and always willing to answer any question, they have been a massive help. There are also a wide range of excellent facilities here. I chose the Art Foundation course because it is a great stepping stone to university. It gives students an extra year to experience different aspects of art before deciding which to go into in the future. I have developed a lot of new skills thanks to the great support from teachers.”

ADAM MARTIN WESTERN
Adam studied Art & Design Pre-Degree Diploma and is now studying Model Making at Bournemouth University.
Purpose
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 full-time 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 on a termly basis. 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 which is viewed by the External Examiner.

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 2017 entry; 2018 tuition fees and Advanced Learner Loan availability are subject to confirmation.

Trips and visits are not mandatory; additional costs will apply.
Investing in our facilities
We have a new Higher Education and Skills Centre, including a floor dedicated to our higher education courses and students. This 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
The future employability of our students is taken very seriously at Strode College and you will receive support throughout your higher education programme, as well as opportunities to engage with potential employers.

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

The University of Plymouth
If you have decided to follow a University of Plymouth course, you will be considered as a partner college student and have access to all online University services. You will be able to 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. You’ll also be entitled to become a member of its Students’ Union (UPSU) with 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.

Students on the Management Public Sector and Business Foundation Degrees have free gym membership as part of their studies; for all other students membership is £35 a year.

Arts and cultural facilities
Strode Theatre is mid-Somerset’s venue for live shows, films and live 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 auditorium is a purpose-built three-tiered theatre with 343 seats and the Studio has fully retractable seating for an audience of 64, offering a flexible space for classes, films and small-scale live shows. There is a foyer and café-bar where there are regularly changing exhibitions, and which is open at lunchtime as well as before and after performances. Strode Theatre is a vibrant arts hub, drawing audiences from all over Somerset, as well as the local community and Strode College’s students and staff.

Find out more about the programme and book online at www.strodetheatre.org.uk.
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. For fees for continuing students please see our website www.strode-college.ac.uk. Please note that if you are progressing to study at the University of Plymouth after successfully completing a course at the college, the fees for the programme you are progressing to will be different from your college course fees. Please check with the University for up-to-date fees for the programme 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.

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
The following are eligible: All UK nationals or those who have ‘settled status’; those funded previously at university level for no more than one year; those from an EU country; those under 18 and have lived in the UK for at least 7 years; those 18 or over and have lived in the UK for at least 20 years (or at least half of your life). Exceptionally, any student who has completed a university level course will still get a fee loan for the Engineering and Computing HNCs. There is no upper age limit for tuition fee loans. More details can be found at https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/who-qualifies.

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 2018.

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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 2018-2019, 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. You can apply online from January 2018 onwards at www.gov.uk/student-finance. This information is intended as a guide only. Contact SFE for more details.

**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.

**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 with the cost of tuition. 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.

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

**Level 5 Psychotherapeutic Counselling**
There is a partial Advanced Learner Loan of £811 available for this course (2017 entry).

**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>Applications should be made directly to Strode College as the UCAS system is not used to access our programmes. 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>
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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 and 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.

After you have enrolled on your chosen course, we are required to pass the personal information you provide to the Department for Education (DfE) via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

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.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency also administers the learner registration service (LRS) which uses your learner information to create and maintain a unique learner number (ULN). Further information about use of and access to your information is available at: Skills Funding Agency: www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice

At no time will your personal information be passed to organisations for marketing or sales purposes.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency and their partners may wish to contact you from time to time in respect of surveys and research to monitor performance, improve quality and plan future provision and to inform you about courses, or learning opportunities relevant to you. You will be given the opportunity to indicate your contact preferences or to opt out of being contacted by these agencies when you actually enrol on your course.

For Degree, HND and HNC students we are also required to share your data with the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). They may use this data to include you in two important HE surveys, the National Students Survey and the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education. You cannot opt out of being included in these surveys except in exceptional circumstances.

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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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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