



**T LEVELS**  
**GUIDE FOR**  
**PARENTS**

# A PARENTS GUIDE TO T LEVELS: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

- ↑ 2 YEAR PROGRAMME
- ↑ EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS
- ↑ MINIMUM 315 HOURS (APPROX 45 DAYS) INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

T Levels are a new two year technical programme that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement. After completing the course students can progress directly into work or further study.

The Manchester College is delighted to have been selected to deliver this new technical qualification from September 2021 onwards, offering our students a new and exciting path for them to start to their journey to industry excellence.

**From September 2022 The Manchester College will be offering T Levels in our Industry Excellence Academy in six subject areas, with a total of fifteen courses to choose from:**

<b>Business and Administration</b>	Business Management and Administration
<b>Construction</b>	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
	On-site Construction (Carpentry and Joinery)
	Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation)
<b>Digital</b>	Digital, Production, Design and Development in partnership with Silverchip
	Digital Business Services in partnership with Lloyds Banking Group
	Digital Support Services in partnership with IDT
<b>Education and Childcare</b>	Education and Childcare (Early Years Educator)
	Education and Childcare (Assisting Teaching)
<b>Engineering and Manufacturing</b>	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
	Maintenance Installation and Repair
	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
<b>Health and Healthcare Science</b>	Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)
	Healthcare Science (Assisting Healthcare Science) in partnership with The University of Manchester
	Science (Laboratory Science) in partnership with The University of Manchester

These subject areas have been chosen not only to give a wide variety of choice to our students but also to align with anticipated high demand skill areas for Greater Manchester and the wider North West region in the coming years.

## WHO CAN STUDY A T LEVEL?

T Levels can be studied by any young person aged 16-18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

**If your young person is interested in taking a T Level they will need to achieve the below entry requirements.**

Subject Area	Entry requirements for T Levels
<b>Business and Administration</b>	Applicants must have 5 GCSE's including Grade 4 and above in English and maths, and a previous qualification in Business is desirable. You'll take part in an interview as part of the application process
<b>Construction</b>	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above and this must include English and maths at Grade 6 or above and science at Grade 5 or above. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process and attend our summer school.
<b>Digital</b>	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 and above in English and maths, while a previous qualification in digital is desirable. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process and attend our summer school.
<b>Education and Childcare</b>	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 and above in English and maths. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process and attend our summer school.
<b>Engineering and Manufacturing</b>	Applicants must have 5 GCSE's including Grade 6 and above in English and maths, and a Grade 5 or above in Science.
	For our T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Vehicles), applicants must possess a GCSE Grade 4 in either Maths or English with the other at GCSE Grade 3 and, preferably, a Science GCSE at Grade 4. All applicants will also take part in an interview as part of the application process and attend our summer school.
<b>Health and Healthcare Science</b>	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 and above in English, maths and science. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process and attend our summer school.

If they don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a one-year Transition Programme, which will then allow them to move on to a T Level the following year and gain a qualification at the same time\*. Additionally they may still be accepted on a T Level if they successfully complete the Summer School programme and interview regardless of achieved grades.

## TRANSITION PROGRAMMES

We offer the following T Level Transition Programmes as part of our Industry Excellence Academy

<b>Business and Administration</b>	Business Management and Finance
<b>Construction</b>	Design and Surveying (Built Environment)
	On-site Construction (Carpentry and Joinery)
	Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation)
<b>Digital</b>	Cyber Skills for the Digital Age in partnership with T Level employers
<b>Education and Childcare</b>	Education and Childcare (Early Years Practitioner)
<b>Engineering and Manufacturing</b>	Engineering and Manufacturing
	Vehicle Fitting Principles sponsored by Wynns
<b>Health and Healthcare Science</b>	Health and Science
	Science

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Both T Levels and Transition Programmes require completion of our Summer School programme as an entry requirement. Summer School is an introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Levels and T Level Transition Programmes where students can meet their teachers and experience what online learning at The Manchester College is like. Students will take part in a project based learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A T LEVEL AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If your young person opts to take a T Level they will spend 20% of their time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

This is reversed for an apprenticeship where they would typically spend 80% of their time in employment and 20% in the classroom.

If your young person is interested in finding out more about apprenticeships or would like to go down this route, then Total People, our dedicated apprenticeship provider and sister organisation, will be able to help. You can visit [totalpeople.co.uk](http://totalpeople.co.uk) for more information.

## IS A T LEVEL RIGHT FOR MY YOUNG PERSON?

T Levels are suited to students who are moving on from their GCSE studies and want to develop their skills to obtain a qualification that is linked directly to a future career. If your young person is considering a T Level they need to be ready to take the next steps towards employment and commit to a programme that equips them with essential skills to get them ready for industry.

T Levels are also ideal for anyone who would enjoy a practical approach to their studies, including a minimum 45-day industry placement with an employer. All students are allocated a designated weekly lesson to prepare them for their industry placement along with an Employability Partnership named link person who will ensure they are supported prior to starting, and during, their placement.

## WILL UNIVERSITIES ACCEPT STUDENTS THAT HAVE A T LEVEL?

**Yes they will.** While T Levels will prepare students to progress into a career, they can also choose to continue onto University to take a degree. Other options include taking further technical training such as a Higher Apprenticeship, if they don't want to move straight into a job. Upon successful completion of our T Level courses students will be guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester.

## HOW ARE T LEVELS GRADED?

The grading system, and relevant UCAS tariff points, can be seen in the table below

T Level grade	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit	Pass (C or above on the core)	Pass (D or E on the core)
<b>A Level equivalent grade</b>	A* A* A*	AAA	BBB	CCC	DDD
<b>UCAS tariff points</b>	168	144	120	96	72

## T LEVELS AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE: WE ARE INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

The Manchester College has a reputation for delivering exceptional vocational and technical training that helps students on their journey to amazing.

We passionately believe in helping your young person to reach their ultimate goal, focussing on their future employability and developing the technical and professional skills they will need to have a successful career.

Everything we do, from the courses we offer, the advice and support we provide and the industry placements we will help your young person to secure, is about preparing them for industry and helping them to take the steps they need to secure their first job in their dream career.

To help us achieve this we have developed a wide variety of partnerships with employers and businesses. This has not only enabled our students to gain invaluable workplace experience but also shaped our course offerings to ensure that, after completing their courses, our students have all the skills they need to go on to a rewarding and successful career.

This experience means that we are ideally placed to deliver an exceptional technical education and have everything in place to ensure that your young person can excel when they opt to study a T Level in one of our Industry Excellence Academies. Our expert tutors and dedicated employability team will provide real opportunities to develop their skills helping them to stand out from the crowd.

What's more, when your young person chooses to study a T Level at The Manchester College they will be coming to a college that is both rated Good by Ofsted in all areas and is the number one for college achievement in Greater Manchester.

That's why we consistently meet our aspiration to ensure that our students are successful on their journey to amazing.

## THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE T AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on the T Levels or Transition Programmes will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of benefits that includes:

- ↑ £300 PER YEAR BURSARY\*
- ↑ CURRICULUM BASED INCENTIVES
- ↑ FREE BRANDED WORK WEAR
- ↑ OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN COLLEGE-WIDE COMPETITIONS
- ↑ MINIMUM 20% DELIVERY BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS
- ↑ ACCESS TO INDUSTRY STANDARD LAPTOP\* (AS APPROPRIATE)
- ↑ GUARANTEED PROGRESSION TO A HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE AT UCEN MANCHESTER
- ↑ BURSARY INCENTIVE IF PROGRESSING TO UCEN MANCHESTER (T LEVELS)
- ↑ MINIMUM 15 -DAY (TRANSITION PROGRAMMES) OR 45-DAY (T LEVELS) INDUSTRY PLACEMENT
- ↑ DIGITAL UPSKILLING
- ↑ MASTER CLASSES
- ↑ AND MUCH MORE

*\*Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.*

## HOW CAN THEY APPLY?

By visiting [tmc.ac.uk](https://tmc.ac.uk) to apply online to any of the Level 3 T Levels and Level 2 Transition Programmes.

To find out more about T Levels visit our Industry Excellence Academy website: [industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels](https://industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels)





## **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners.

This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT T LEVELS AND OUR WIDE RANGE OF VOCATIONAL COURSES PLEASE VISIT [TMC.AC.UK](https://www.tmc.ac.uk)**

