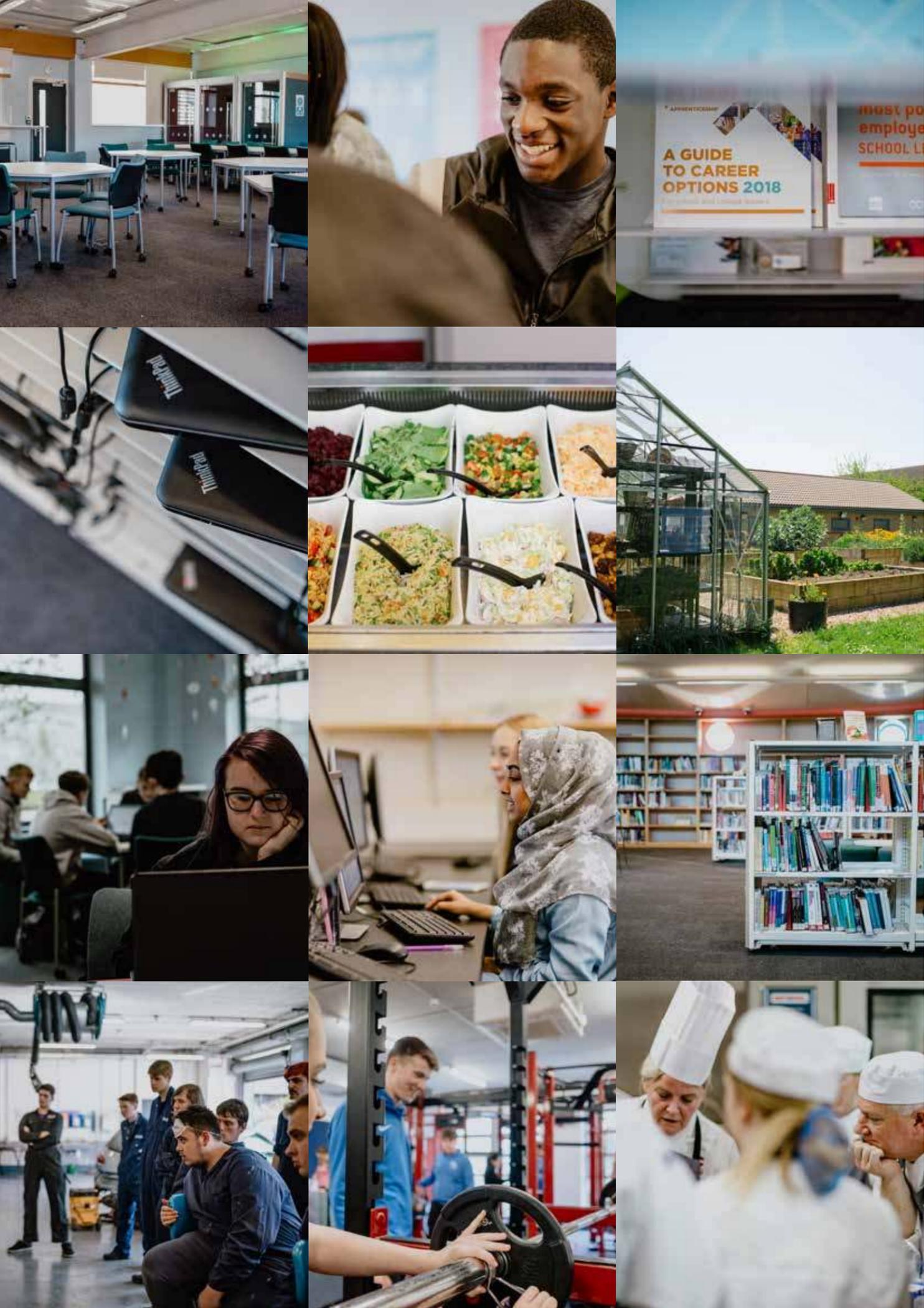


**GUIDE**

**FOR**

**PARENTS  
& CARERS**



# Welcome

Year 11 is an exciting time for young people where they can start planning for their future.



We welcome the opportunity to share with you why Milton Keynes College is the right choice to achieve the qualifications, the technical skills and knowledge that employers and universities are looking for.

Our study programmes are designed to give students a professional specialism as well as support their personal growth. At Milton Keynes College learners gain real-world skills, experience a greater level of independence and meet new friends who share their passions. All of our study programmes include meaningful work experience placements so that students get the chance to test their developing talents and responsibilities.

These are just some of the reasons why 95% of our students progress onto further study or employment. This is supported through our Ofsted Good rating, with the report making particular mention for how we prepare our students for their onward journeys.

Thank you for your interest in Milton Keynes College – we wish your son or daughter every success at the College or whichever path they choose.

## The Transition from School to College

Most of our students find the move from school to college an insightful and exciting journey. The main difference between school and college is the learning environment. The College provides live learning environments where students are encouraged to engage with practical learning outside the classroom. These include our award-winning restaurant, The Brasserie, our Ofsted Good rated Early Years Nursery and The Graduate, our professional hair & beauty salon.

The College welcomes all school leavers and aims to make the transition into college life as smooth as possible. Students who have been offered a place to study with us are invited to a Discovery Day after their GCSE's have finished. This gives them an opportunity to experience a typical day on their course, meet future tutors and classmates.

Once term has started in September, our Freshers' Fair truly welcomes students to college, with hints and tips on how to make the most of their time with us.

**"BECAUSE OF THEIR LEARNING, STUDENTS BECOME MORE CONFIDENT, SELF-ASSURED AND READY FOR EMPLOYMENT."**

2017 OFSTED REPORT



## College Life

Being a student at Milton Keynes College is not all about work and studying. The College has a thriving student community and a great choice of sports activities, volunteering opportunities and events to develop a range of personal skills.

There are a host of ways for students to make an impact on college life. For example, College Voice is the umbrella name for our group of students made up of Course Representatives, College Council Representatives, Student Ambassadors and Student Governors.

Success is celebrated at our annual Student of the Year Awards and graduation ceremonies.

### Health & Wellbeing

Whether a student has just arrived or is nearing the end of their learning journey at college, our student support teams are on hand to offer guidance with emotional and wellbeing matters.

When they start with us, students will be provided with a handbook, shown where to find information through our online hub and signposted to our Student Services team so that they can always get support when needed.

Milton Keynes College is committed to a culture that is fully inclusive, embracing difference, challenging prejudice and insisting on the fair treatment of all. The College welcomes students from all backgrounds and communities.

### Financial Support

Students who are aged 16-18 on the day they start college will not pay any fees towards their studies. Fees may be applicable to those students who are over 19 years old.

There are a range of financial support options available to learners that are awarded on the basis of need. Students may be eligible for help towards financing their studies, travel costs, meals and associated course costs such as books or equipment.

Don't let money worries be a barrier – you can always consult us to find out more details about the support available before applying.

Contact our Bursary and Student Funds Support Coaches on **01908 684364 / 01908 637326** or email [bursary@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@mkcollege.ac.uk)

### Learning Support

Whether students have learning difficulties, disabilities or need additional support with their studies, our dedicated Student Development & Support Team have a variety of resources and assistance options available.

To discuss individual needs and find out more about what's on offer, call **01908 684119** or email [ineedsupport@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:ineedsupport@mkcollege.ac.uk)

# College

### Careers & Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG)

Impartial careers and study programme guidance is available from our Careers & IAG Support Coaches to help our students to plan their next steps after college.

Contact them on **01908 684456** or [careersteam@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:careersteam@mkcollege.ac.uk)

### Getting to College

Our campuses are easily accessible by bus with discounts available through Arriva or MK Council. There is no parking available to students on campus apart from in exceptional circumstances. Bike lockers are available for a year with a deposit payment of £15, £10 of which will be returned at the end of the year.

For more information on how to get to us, visit [mkcollege.ac.uk/travel](http://mkcollege.ac.uk/travel)

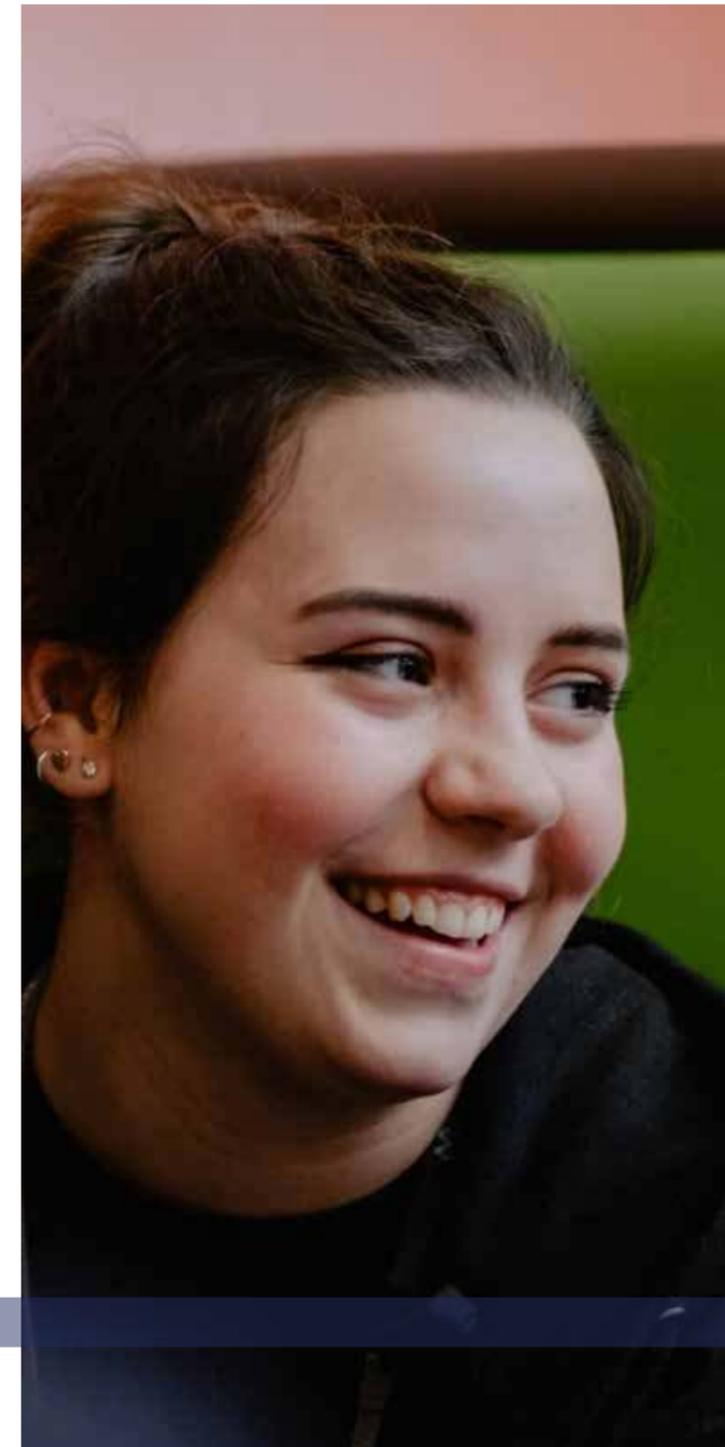


### Working with Parents & Guardians

Milton Keynes College is committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure students get all the support they need.

If you have any questions, need some help or advice, please get in touch with Rebecca Myrie, School & Community Liaison on **01908 684213** or [rebecca.myrie@mkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.myrie@mkcollege.ac.uk)

# Life



# Qualifications Explained



# Open Events

Explore Milton Keynes College for yourself at one of our open events with campus tours, an introduction to the tutors, current students and much more.

## Access Courses

Access courses provide students who are 19+ years the perfect stepping stone to university and are ideal for those without traditional qualifications.

These courses take a year to complete and are offered in a range of subjects such as; business, nursing, social sciences, humanities, healthcare and computer science.

## Higher National Certificate (HNC)

An HNC is equivalent to the first year of university level study and is delivered full-time in 1 year or part-time over 2 years. An HNC can allow progression onto a Higher National Diploma. Our HNC level qualifications cover a range of engineering, artistic and tech-related subjects.

For more information on our Access, HNC, HND and degree courses visit [mkcollege.ac.uk/higher-education](http://mkcollege.ac.uk/higher-education)

## Foundation Degree

Foundation Degrees are equivalent to the first two years of university study. They can be studied either full or part-time and many students choose to top up to a full degree by completing a third year at an awarding university. We are able to help our students undertaking Foundation Degrees in Health & Fitness or Psychology & Criminal Behaviour with support to apply to university.



## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great way to gain qualifications alongside valuable work-based experience while earning a wage.

Apprentices get time for study related to their role during their working hours. This usually means coming into college one day a week.

Apprentices undertake a real job with an employer and gain qualifications that are relevant to their work. The apprenticeship route can mean getting paid to study your degree, without the cost of tuition fees. Find out more at [mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

## DATES 2018

### Saturday 10th November

10am-1pm  
Chaffron Way & Bletchley Campus

### Thursday 15th November

5.30pm-8pm  
Chaffron Way

### Tuesday 20th November

5.30pm-8pm  
Bletchley Campus

## DATES 2019

### Saturday 26th January

10am-1pm  
Chaffron Way & Bletchley Campus

### Tuesday 19th March

5.30pm-8pm  
Chaffron Way & Bletchley Campus

### Tuesday 14th May

5.30pm-8pm  
Chaffron Way & Bletchley Campus

## GCSE RESULTS ADVISORY DAYS

### Thursday 22nd August

9am-7pm  
Chaffron Way Campus

### Friday 23rd August

10am-4pm  
Chaffron Way Campus

### Tuesday 27th August

10am-4pm  
Chaffron Way Campus

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### **CHAFFRON WAY CAMPUS**

Woughton Campus West  
Leadenhall  
Milton Keynes  
MK6 5LP

Tel: **01908 684444**

### **BLETCHLEY CAMPUS**

Sherwood Drive  
Bletchley  
Milton Keynes  
MK3 6DR

Tel: **01908 684444**

### **SILBURY CAMPUS**

200 Silbury Boulevard  
Central Milton Keynes  
MK9 1LT

Tel: **01908 688222**

### **ADMISSIONS**

Tel: **01908 684551**  
info@mkcollege.ac.uk

### **BURSARY & FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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### **LEARNING SUPPORT**

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