



# EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE

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## THE COLLEGE OFSTED RATING

We would like to thank all of our employers and apprentices, who were involved in our 2021 Ofsted Inspection, which took place in late November. We are pleased to announce that the college has received a grade 'good' in all eight areas, in which we were inspected. Such areas included quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, education programmes for young people, adult learning programmes, apprenticeships, and provision for learners with high needs. More information can be found via the following [link](#).

## LEVEL 3 GAS ENGINEERING OPERATIVE APPRENTICESHIP

We would like to announce that from **May 2022**, we will be running our first cohort for the Level 3 GAS Engineer Operative Apprenticeship, from our Eastbourne Campus. The apprenticeship is suitable for employees that install and maintain gas appliances in a domestic setting, advising customers on how appliances work and how to use energy more efficiently. You must have English, Maths and Science at Grade 4 or C or higher to be able to study at this level. Typically, the apprenticeship lasts about 18 months. Our first cohort will have eight spaces available. To find out more about the apprenticeship and available funding give us a call on **030 300 39777**.

## ONLINE COURSES

We continue to grow our online course offer and respond to customer's needs. We are now offering a [Level 2 Introducing Care for Children and Young People](#) course and [Level 2 Understanding Cancer Support](#) course. This is a great way for existing staff to upskill, free of charge, studying at a time convenient to themselves, but also a way to gain knowledge to break into a new industry or learn a new skill. A full list can be found following the [link](#).

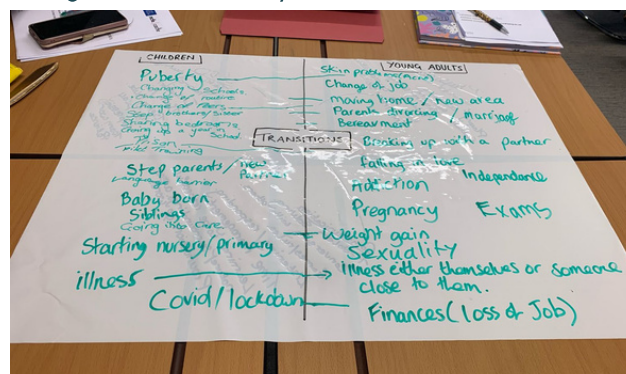


We also offer a full-range, of other [adult courses](#) at the college.

## TEACHING ASSISTANT COURSE

Three weeks ago, 12 ambitious individuals enrolled and successfully completed the **Level 2 Support Work in Schools and Colleges** at Station Plaza Campus. During the three weeks they gained knowledge and understanding regarding support work, Equality & Diversity, transitions, Safeguarding, Communication and the different stages of Child and Young Person Development.

The National Careers Service came in to provide the students with an insight on how to seek vacancies right for them and a guest speaker explained what it was like to work within a college and secondary school.



Many of the group were successful in gaining roles as Midday Supervisor Assistants or Teaching Assistants.

On **25 March 2022**, the college will be running another three-week course. To find out more email [sussexskillsolutions@escg.ac.uk](mailto:sussexskillsolutions@escg.ac.uk).



## DECARBONISATION WITH EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE

East Sussex College will be offering a two-day, Rainwater Harvesting course at its Ore Valley Campus, in Hastings. The purpose is to enable delegates to demonstrate occupational competence required to plan and prepare for, install (including testing and commissioning) and handover of rainwater harvesting and greywater reuse systems. The course primarily covers systems up to 6 m<sup>3</sup> of storage volume but will also have relevance to systems with a storage volume in excess of 6 m<sup>3</sup>.

As this is a pilot course, we will be offering the first ten delegates to book completely free attendance. Currently we are taking booking for **29-30 March** (8.30am-4.30pm) - call **030 300 39777** to book your place.

There will be another course for other delegates in April - again please call **030 30 39777** to reserve a place - dates to be confirmed. This course will help you gain accreditation to the MicroCertification Scheme which is like a kitemark for carbon reduction (a bit like Gas Safe for plumbers now).

Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and lead to discounted courses in the future. We will shortly be announcing other green energy courses, however we always welcome feedback from employers, so if there is a specific course that you would like to see, let us know and we can feed it into our planning.

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Thank you to all our amazing apprentices and employers that were able to participate in National Apprenticeship Week (**7-13 February 2022**). It was a great chance to celebrate some of our apprenticeship success stories. Take a look at some of our clips below which featured on our [social media channels](#) during the week:

- "[Working in Apprenticeships for Over 10 Years](#)" || Apprenticeships at The Powdermills Hotel
- "[Being Awarded Employer of the Year](#)" || Apprenticeships at The Powdermills Hotel
- "[All our Apprentices Go On to Full-time Employment](#)" || Apprenticeships at East Sussex College
- "[A Good Way to Start Your Own Life](#)" || Apprenticeships at The Powdermills Hotel
- "[It's Amazing Earning Whilst You're Learning](#)" || Apprenticeships at East Sussex College
- "[It Teaches You How to be an Adult](#)" || The Powdermills Hotel
- "[You Can Take your Career Forward](#)" || Apprenticeships at Southcoast Locksmiths
- "[A Cool Approach to Learning](#)" || Apprenticeships at Southcoast Locksmiths
- "[Apprentices at The Powdermills Hotel](#)"
- "[Apprenticeships at East Sussex College Hastings](#)"
- "[Apprenticeships at East Sussex College Eastbourne](#)"
- "[Apprenticeships at Southcoast Locksmiths](#)"
- "[You Will Get Added into the Team](#)" || Apprenticeships at Asletts Decorating & Maintenance
- "[Helping Them Grow and Learn](#)" || Apprenticeships at East Sussex College
- "[I Love Learning on the Job](#)" || Apprenticeships at East Sussex College
- "[Apprenticeships at Asletts Decorating & Maintenance](#)"
- "[A Different Way of Learning](#)" || Apprenticeships at East Sussex College.

If you or your apprentice would like to be featured in future videos and case studies, then please get in touch. Thank you to everyone that participated in the videos.



## THE NATIONAL SKILLS FUND

The National Skills Fund investments will help adults to train and gain the valuable skills they need to improve their job prospects and workplace efficiency. It will support the immediate economic recovery and future skills needs by boosting the supply of skills that employers develop. If an employee is 19+ and doesn't currently hold a level 3 qualification (for example A Level or BTEC), then they can get access to hundreds of fully-funded level 3 courses, for free.

In addition, from April, any adult in England earning under the National Living Wage annually (£18,525) will also be able to access these qualifications for free, regardless of their prior qualification level.

We have many qualifications on offer and would be pleased to answer your questions.

## INTERVIEW ADVICE

We currently have 33 live vacancies, on the National Apprenticeship Service, for apprenticeships at various levels and in various roles. As a team we have found that there are more apprenticeships currently than there are applicants applying for them. As a result, we recommend that as soon as you receive an application from someone of interest, that you interview them quickly. Feedback from applicants is that they are receiving a response to their application, over a month after applying and by that point may have accepted a role elsewhere.

We also always encourage employers to pay a competitive salary. In our experience the saying 'you get what you pay for' is very adept. If you are looking to pay the [National Minimum Apprenticeship Wage](#) then the amount of applications and the quality of applications are likely to be affected.

## SEPTEMBER STARTS

We are currently gearing up to welcome new curriculum-based apprentices, in areas such as Accounting, Construction, Motor Vehicle and many more. A full list of the apprenticeships that we currently offer can be found via the [link](#). We were pleased to enrol around 300 apprentices in September 2021, however spaces were allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We would like to remind employers that if you would like help advertising for an apprentice or have someone that you would like to be enrolled for September

2022, that you get in touch as early as possible, so as to avoid disappointment.

Many of our work-based apprenticeships run continuously throughout the year which means that apprentices can be signed up at any time.

## SUCCESS STORIES

We would like to give a special shout out to Victoria Speight working at Colington Surgery and Ruby Riley working at Hastings Old Town Surgery. Both apprentices are working on completing the Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship. Both apprentices have now completed their diploma and are now working on their End Point Assessment preparation a year ahead of target! Both apprentices are assessed by Sally Sillince, one of the college's Health and Social Care Assessors. Best of luck with the rest of the apprenticeship.

## SAFEGUARDING PHONE NUMBERS

As a reminder we have a Safeguarding Team based at all of our main campuses. If you feel like your apprentice is at immediate risk or danger or harm, then please call the Safeguarding Emergency Number for your apprentice's closest campus and/or where they study. The Safeguarding Team operate **Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm**, term time only. Of course, if it is an issue that requires emergency services, then please contact them accordingly.

Further Safeguarding and Prevent details can be found via the [link](#).

**Eastbourne:** 07980 049312

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