

Ready,
Respectful,
Potential

MINI GUIDE

WHAT WE OFFER

2023-24



Welcome to the 2023/24 Lakes College Mini Guide...



This handy guide gives an overview of the range of different opportunities available at Lakes College. **We have more than 200 courses and apprenticeships available**, as well as our T Levels which are equivalent to three A Levels.

Applying for a course is **quick and easy** through our website, and our online course listings give you more detailed information such as entry requirements, any course fees, and what careers the completion of courses can lead to.

Welcome from our Principal, Chris Nattress “”



We are proud to be a top class, vibrant technical college providing excellent opportunities for learning, qualifications, skills and career development at the very heart of our community. The breadth and depth of what we are able to offer is vast and this mini guide is packed full of information to help you decide on the right pathway for you.

Here at Lakes College we strive to ensure every one of our thousands of learners at all levels of study fulfil their potential; this guide will hopefully be the start of you doing just that. **We look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic campus soon.**

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We will be holding a **Summer Open Day** - check the date and find out more about our Open Events here:



SCAN ME!

**OPEN
DAYS**

If you would like to find out more and experience life at Lakes College first-hand, why not come along to one of our open events?

Wednesday, December 7th 2022
Wednesday, March 1st 2023

10 REASONS

to choose **Lakes College**

We focus on **CAREERS** not just qualifications!

1



Over 200 courses and apprenticeships available!

2



Option to study maths and English alongside your course

3



Earn UCAS points (for University) as you study

4



Complete real-life work experience alongside your course

5



Ofsted say we're a **GOOD** college

6



We work with 700+ employers

7



Home to the National College for Nuclear at Lakes College

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New multi-million pound Civil Engineering Training Centre

9



Real alternatives to A Levels

10



Study in our industry standard workshops

BENEFITS

of being a student **at Lakes College**



Student discount card

Starbucks at college



Dedicated 'MyLakes' App

Discounted gym membership



Real work experience

FREE breakfasts



Careers, job and CV support

OUR CAMPUS

We have **first class** training and educational facilities, including:

- **£7 million** Construction Skills Centre
- Top-of-the-range, industry standard practical workshops
- **Multi-million pound** Civil Engineering Training Centre (opened Oct 2021)
- **Skillshub** Business Centre
- Mock hospital ward
- Digital Accelerator Hub (opening 2023)
- **£1 million** 3G sports pitch
- Student and public *ActivZone* gym
- Fully equipped hair and beauty salon *Distinctions*
- *Graduates* restaurant - open for bookings (see website for more info)
- Modern canteen (fully refurbished summer 2021) serving homemade food and Starbucks drinks
- Regular bus services directly to the college
- Over 450 on site car parking spaces



We're home to the
National College for Nuclear
(NCfN) at Lakes College

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MAP KEY

- N** NCfN
- M** Main Building
- 3G** 3G Sports Pitch
- C** Construction Skills Centre
- CC** Civils Centre
- CP** Car Parks

LIFE at Lakes College

Here at Lakes College, we aim to be life-changing for every single one of our students and apprentices

We are with our learners every step of the way as they take the next steps in their education and chosen career. From a warm welcome when you first walk through our doors, to support with getting to where you want to be in life, we try to make everything about your time at Lakes College as easy as possible.

Our careers experts can help you decide if a course is the right one for you, fine-tune your CV to put you in prime position to secure a job or apprenticeship, and develop all the skills you need to be ready for the world of work.

We can help you with interview tips and advice, university applications and UCAS, as well as supporting you in pursuing volunteering and job opportunities to enrich your experience.

After you apply for a course, you will have a one-to-one interview with one of our Careers Advisors, and you will have regular follow-up meetings during your course to discuss your future options.

We know not everyone knows what they want to be in life straight away, and we are here to help you make big decisions about your next steps as they come.



With our refurbished café (including Starbucks), Learning Resource Centre and common room, you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet new people and make friends for life.

You can also download our **MyLakes app** to interact with your classmates and tutors, as well as finding out about exciting opportunities at the college.

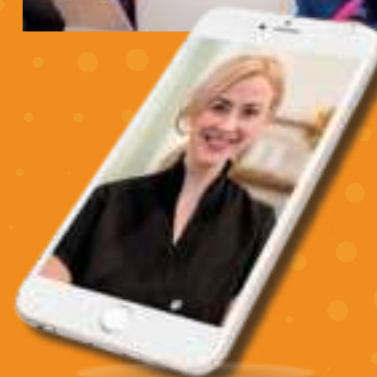
We firmly believe in helping all our students get to where they want to be in life.

Catherine Wilson, Careers, Recruitment and Admissions Manager

As a college student, you'll also have the option of getting your hands on a student discount card which will give you exclusive discounts on lots of national brands for things such as clothes, travel, music and eating out.

We have a multi-faith and contemplation room, designed to be a quiet space for reflection, contemplation, or prayer.

Many of our courses involve working in real-life environments. Our Graduates Restaurant, Distinctions hair and beauty salon, motor vehicle workshops, mock hospital wards, Civil Engineering Training Centre, nuclear labs, and Construction Skills Centre are all fitted to industry standards and provide invaluable experience to prepare you for your career. Our tutors and lecturers are also experts in the fields in which they teach.



SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) LEARNING AT LAKES COLLEGE

At Lakes College, we are committed to ensuring that all learners reach their potential and achieve success in an inclusive and ambitious environment.

The support offered at Lakes College is largely within mainstream classrooms, to ensure that all learners can access inclusive learning at an appropriate level. Learners' needs cover everything from reading, writing, spelling, and numeracy, to understanding, communication, self-esteem and confidence, as well as behaviour, hearing impairments, visual impairments, and co-ordination and mobility.



Most support within mainstream classrooms is provided by Learning Support Assistants, who work closely with course tutors. The curriculum may be altered slightly for these learners.

Learners who have a learning need or disability can be supported on their chosen programmes of study in a variety of different ways.

These can include:

- reduced class sizes
- qualified and experienced learning support workers
- additional 'catch-up' time outside of lessons
- support for social, emotional and mental health which includes a college counsellor and pastoral support
- support for those with specific learning difficulties
- software and assistive technology
- quiet spaces when feeling overwhelmed
- liaison with relevant professionals to ensure personalised provision can be put into place to promote independence and preparation for adulthood and employment

Staff use a three wave approach to teaching learners which begins with 'quality first' teaching, then targeted support, followed by enhanced additional provision.



Teaching and support staff work closely to ensure strategies and provision are appropriate and learners follow a challenging differentiated programme of study.

As a result, learners are given every opportunity to follow their chosen career pathway. They are involved in setting targets for themselves and for those learners with an Education Health and Care Plan they are involved in the review of their plans and meetings for this.

We have tailored Foundation in Learning courses to meet the needs of some of our high needs learners.

Lakes College has a firm belief that good links and communication with parents is key to helping a learner succeed. Parents' evenings are held twice a year, parents can also visit the college with learners before starting in September as part of a transitional visit.

To find out more, scan here:



STUDENT WELFARE

Lakes College is a caring and welcoming college. Each course area has its own Progress and Welfare Coach, who can provide support in many ways.

All learners receive weekly tutorials with their Progress and Welfare Coach in which they learn skills such as employability, communication, and how to be self-sufficient. Coaches get to know their students well and can provide support, advice, and encouragement.

We have a firm belief that good links and communication with parents is key to helping a learner succeed. Parents' evenings are held twice a year, allowing our teaching staff to share updates and answer any questions parents and learners may have regarding their course or progress.



SAFEGUARDING & PREVENT

Lakes College is committed to the principles and practices of safeguarding the protection of children who are under the age of 18 years, all learners and vulnerable adults.

Our commitment to safeguarding and welfare

All staff at Lakes College embrace the collective responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all learners, swiftly addressing and acting upon all cases of harassment, abuse, neglect, and risk to personal safety of any young person or vulnerable adult.

Lakes College is dedicated to working together with all external partner agencies and organisations to safeguard its community, which includes all learners, full or part-time, staff, volunteers, and visitors.

The commitment to safeguard and protect children extends collectively to everyone in the college and all activities, adopting a fully inclusive, focused, safety-conscious, preventative approach. Learners are fully supported and have access to a trained counsellor who is there to listen and help them if they are struggling.

The college policies, procedures and processes provide a framework for designated staff members that have responsibility for safeguarding and child protection, and the Prevent Duty within the college to swiftly deal with any potential risk or harm to individuals.

The college actively promotes Fundamental British Values through our own values and The College Prevent Strategy creating an inclusive, safe culture for all.

If you have any concerns about the college or a safeguarding issue to report anonymously, we have a 'Whisper' reporting system in place which allows you to share these with our team.

You can find out more about Safeguarding and Prevent at Lakes College by scanning the QR Code here:



SCAN ME!

MYLAKES APP

Find everything at your fingertips with the **MyLakes** app.



Search your timetable, chat with friends, classmates and tutors, report absences, find out what's happening in college, the list is endless!

We listened to our students when we asked how to make their college experience easier and more interactive, and introduced the **MyLakes** app!



The **MyLakes** app is *very organised* and makes my time at college *easier*, as it helps me find things such as my timetable and get help from tutors. It benefits me as I have access to all of college's information.

Emily Grove, Level 3 Policing



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SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

Our website is the go-to place for everything Lakes College!

It is updated regularly with news and information, and you'll also find details about all our courses, impressive facilities, and important policies and procedures.

Lakes College is active on several social media platforms – **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn**, **TikTok**, and **Twitter** – we love sharing good news from within our campus on our platforms!



LIKE or FOLLOW
LAKES COLLEGE
on any of these social channels!



GET SOCIAL!

TYPES OF COURSES



FULL-TIME

You will spend the majority of your time in college, gaining a full qualification over the course of one year (some courses may be longer, and with some courses you may spend less time in college each week). If you don't already have a pass in your maths and English GCSEs, you'll study to top up these key skills alongside your vocational study. Students also complete at least 37 hours of work experience each year.

PART-TIME

Our part-time courses are great if you're looking to fit study around a part-time job or other commitments. The courses will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and qualifications to get your dream job.

T LEVELS

These new, two-year courses are equivalent to three A Levels. They bring classroom learning and an extended industry placement with an employer together. These qualifications are ideal if you've finished your GCSEs and want a more hands-on course, specialising in an area where you gain knowledge and experience to go straight into employment, an apprenticeship, or higher education.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Earn while you learn through a Lakes College apprenticeship. You'll spend the vast majority of your time with your employer 'working on the job', only coming into college for one day a week – if at all, as some of our programmes are entirely workplace-based where our assessors will come and visit you. We work with more than 700 employers and advertise all vacancies on our website.

HIGHER EDUCATION

We offer a range of HNCs (Higher National Certificates), HNDs (Higher National Diplomas), Foundation Degrees, Honours Degrees, and Higher/Degree apprenticeships (Levels 4, 5 and 6) which are the equivalent to university courses. You don't need to leave West Cumbria to study higher education – you can do it on your doorstep!

WE ALSO OFFER:

- Flexible Learning
- Specialist Training Qualifications
- Short Courses
- Professional Qualifications



Course levels available at Lakes College

LEVEL 1

Equivalent to GCSE - grades 3, 2, 1 or grades D, E, F, G

LEVEL 2

Equivalent to GCSE - grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 or grades A, A, B, C:*

- Intermediate Apprenticeship
- O Level - grade A, B or C

LEVEL 3

Equivalent to A Level/AS Levels:

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- T Level

LEVEL 4

Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE):

- Higher Apprenticeship
- Higher National Certificate (HNC)

LEVEL 5

Equivalent to Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE):

- Foundation Degree
- Higher National Diploma (HND)

LEVEL 6

Equivalent to Degree level study

- Degree with honours - for example Bachelor of Arts (BA) honours, Bachelor of Science (BSc) honours
- Ordinary Degree without honours



APPRENTICESHIPS



An apprenticeship is the perfect way to earn while you learn – and hundreds of local and national employers choose Lakes College to train their apprentices.

Offering hands-on training with a trusted employer, an apprenticeship sets you up with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours you need across a huge range of areas including engineering, nuclear, health and education.

You'll spend most of your time with your employer, with no more than one day in college each week, and our expert advisers are always on hand to provide advice and guidance.

We offer immediate start apprenticeships year-round via our website, all you need is a CV to apply!

To find out more about apprenticeships and to see our current vacancies, scan the QR code:



We work with more than 700 employers including:

Allerdale Waste Services // Atkins // B&K Mayson Contracting Services // Bellcare // Bethshan Nursing Home // Bleasdale & Co Solicitors // C Marrs Bricklayers // Copeland Borough Council // Costain Group PLC // Cyclife // Delkia // DMA Safety Management // Dobies Cumbria Properties // Eaglesfield Paddle C of E Primary School // Energus // Energy Coast West Cumbria // Forth Engineering // Fulcrum Films // Furness Childcare // GT Tyres Cumbria // Highland Farms // Innovia // Jacobs Clean Energy // James Walker & Co // KAEFER // Kier // Low Level Waste Repository // McMenon Engineering Services // Mitchell Dryers (Kingmoor) // Mitie // Morgan Sindall Construction and Infrastructure // National Nuclear Laboratory // PPS Electrical // R.A.F. General Engineering // Responsive // R H Irving Construction // Risedale Estates // Sealy // Sellafield Ltd // Shepley Engineers // St Begh's Roman Catholic Junior School // Story Contracting // Tattersall Bailey // TEAM, Inc. // Telford Automobiles // The Cumberland // The Kings Arms Inn // Thomas Armstrong (Holdings) // TIS Cumbria // TSP Engineering // Tweddle Fabrications Limited // United Living // University of Cumbria // Westcroft House Surgery // West Cumbria Business Cluster // West House // William King Brickwork Solutions



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

TL > Lakes College will be offering T Levels in many subject areas in 2023.

These new qualifications are equivalent to 3 A Levels!

What are T Levels?

T Levels are a two-year qualification that will give you a head start towards the future you want.

As well as learning in the classroom, you'll also spend a lot of time working with a local employer on an industry placement.

Who are T Levels for?

T Levels are ideal if you have finished your GCSEs and want the knowledge and experience to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship, or higher education.

You'll spend 80 per cent of your time in the classroom and 20 per cent on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills companies look for.

We are offering T Level transitional programmes in some areas, which are designed for those who do not have the required entry criteria to study the full T Level. Once the one-year course is complete, you then have the option to go on to study a full T Level course.

T Level in Construction

You will choose to study one of the following pathways:

- Design, Surveying and Planning

T Level in Digital

- Digital Support
- Transition Programme in Digital

T Level in Education and Childcare

T Level in Health (Nurse Cadets)

- Transition Programme in Health
- T Level in Health (Nurse Cadets)

T Level in Science

- Laboratory Science

T Level in Engineering

- Mechatronics
- Manufacturing Technologies

T Level in Business

- Transition Programme in Business and Administration
- T Level in Business

We may increase our T Level offering throughout the year, find our most up to date courses at www.lcwc.ac.uk/t-levels/



STEP UP
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL

WORK EXPERIENCE & INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Everyone at Lakes College takes pride in supporting and representing the community. Our students and staff take part in a wide variety of fundraisers and charity events during the year.

All full-time students at Lakes College are required to complete a certain number of work experience hours each year.

The expectation for most courses is 37 hours but some courses may require you to complete more. The format of the work experience will vary based on what works best for the course and employer. A placement could take place over a week or be spread over a number of weeks.

Some courses, such as certain childhood studies, health and social care, and T Level courses, include specific weekly placement hours for the duration of the course, but students will be informed if this applies to them.

The benefits of work experience include:

- Real-world experience
- Development of employability skills
- Applying theoretical knowledge to practical applications
- Increased confidence and improved communication skills
- Building relevant industry contacts



FUNDING SUPPORT

Course fees vary depending on the level of qualification you would like to study, along with your personal circumstances...

You may not have to pay tuition fees on certain courses if you meet the criteria below:

- You're aged 16 to 18 years old (except for higher education where fee is payable)
- You work and earn less than £18,525 a year – you could be entitled to a free course if you're studying up to a Level 2 qualification
- You're aged 19 to 23, enrolling on a Level 2/Level 3 course and do not already have a full Level 2/Level 3 qualification or higher
- You're studying one of our free Level 3 courses for jobs

Or you receive one of the following:

- Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit
- Council Tax Benefit (single occupancy doesn't apply)
- Financial support for asylum seekers who have been in the UK for six months or more



We also have a number of funding support options available including:

- Bus passes
- Free school meals
- Loans and bursaries
- Childcare

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Contact our Admissions or Finance team for more information on the options available for you.

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HOW TO APPLY...



APPLY ONLINE AT **WWW.LCWC.AC.UK**



This is the quickest and easiest way to apply – simply browse our online course directory, find the right course for you, and click ‘apply’. You’ll be able to track your application online and find out your progress at the click of a button.



CALL US ON **01946 839 300**

Speak to our Admissions team and find out more information about our courses, book in for an advice and guidance chat, or simply complete an application over the phone.



POP IN AND SEE US!

Our Admissions team are located right next to reception in our main building and are always available for a chat about our courses – whether you can’t decide between two, or you have any questions, we’re here to help – either drop in or call us for an appointment.



1

APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

Once we’ve received your application you’ll receive confirmation from us that we have it and our team are processing it – we’ll check everything’s ok and be in touch if we need any further information at this point.

2

WE’LL INVITE YOU FOR AN INTERVIEW

Our interviews give you the opportunity to chat with one of our tutors about the course you have applied for. We’ll check it’s the right fit for you and explain more about what the course is all about and what you’ll study.

3

WE’LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER

You’ll then receive an official offer of your place on the course.

4

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

5

ENROL AND START YOUR COURSE

Enrolling is officially starting you on your course and the beginning of your studies. For full-time students this will be the last week in August. You’ll have your photo taken for your ID badge and we’ll give you all of the information you need to welcome you to Lakes College!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

MATHS & ENGLISH

Adding the skills employers want to give you the best chance to succeed.

Developing skills in English and maths is an essential ingredient to gaining employment and enhancing life skills.

Having qualifications in English and maths will open up more career opportunities, better educational possibilities, and a rise in salary potential.

If you're aged 16 to 18, studying full-time and do not already hold a GCSE grade 4 or above, English and maths will be at the core of your study programme at Lakes College, alongside your vocational qualification.

Our staff are passionate about getting you to where you want to be in life and helping you to achieve the qualifications you need.

As these subjects could potentially be a limiting factor in your future success and employment opportunities, the college endeavours to make these subjects as engaging, accessible, and relevant to your area of study as possible, no matter what your ability.



In exchange for this we expect your full commitment in terms of attendance, effort, and ambition for achievement.



I do a lot of work with the Centre for Excellence in maths as one of 10 lead trial teachers across the country, developing the concept of mastery in maths. I try to find out a lot of information about my students so that I can break that down and pinpoint any gaps in their learning. I just love teaching and I love teaching maths because I think it's a beautiful subject.

Sarah Graham, Maths Lecturer



ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN, GAME DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY



Thought art just took place in a studio? Think again!

Studying a course in art, graphic design, games design, or photography at Lakes College can open doors in breath-taking and awe-inspiring careers such as photography, fine art, fashion design, game design, marketing, advertising, and the media.

COURSES:

Art and Design Level 1 Diploma

Art and Design Level 2 Diploma

Art and Design Practice (Art or Photography) Level 3 Diploma

Art and Design Practice (Art or Photography) Level 3 Extended Diploma

Creative Media Practice (Graphics or Game Design) Level 3 Diploma

Creative Media Practice (Graphics or Game Design) Level 3 Extended Diploma

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Digital Marketing

FULL TIME, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE

CAREERS: Graphic Designer, Photographer, Curator, Fine Artist, Fashion Designer, Photography Assistant, Artist, Design Consultant, Creative Assistant, Computer Games Designer, Marketing

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I'm really enjoying the Creative Media course, I enjoy the amount of creative freedom we have, as it feels like a personal project rather than something we have been told to do. I really like the college as it's more of a chilled environment in comparison to previous schools.

Tyler Newton, Level 3 Creative Media

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SCAN ME!



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BUSINESS

Conquer the business world...

Whether you're looking to work your way up the corporate ladder, become an entrepreneur at the head of your own enterprise, or you're passionate about a career in HR, finance, or marketing – it all starts here.

COURSES:

Business Transition to T Level

Business T Level

- Team Leadership/Management

APPRENTICESHIPS:

AAT Accounts/Taxation Finance Assistant

AAT Assistant Accountant

AAT Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician

Associate Project Manager

Business Administrator

Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability

Customer Services Practitioner

Customer Services Specialist

Digital Support Technician

Digital Marketing

HR Support

HR Consultant/Partner

Operations/Departmental Manager

Project Controls

Procurement and Supply Assistant

Quality Practitioner

Supply Chain Warehouse Operative

Team Leading/Supervisor

FULL-TIME, APPRENTICESHIPS, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, FLEXIBLE LEARNING, T LEVEL, WORK PLACEMENTS

CAREERS: Admin Assistant, Office Manager, Accountant, Entrepreneur, Project Manager, Marketer, Events Planner, Human Resources, Business Development



I wanted to focus on studying a sole subject that I am thoroughly interested in, instead of three separate subjects like you would with an A Level. I also felt like a T Level would give me a wider breadth of opportunities and experience at different placements compared to what you would with an apprenticeship.

Meera Davies, T Level Business



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[LCWC.AC.UK](https://lwcw.ac.uk)



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CATERING & HOSPITALITY



Whether you dream of running your own hotel or delighting customers with your creations in the kitchen as a chef – we have the right course for you.

Take a look at the Lake District and it is easy to see why hospitality is at the heart of Cumbria's local economy. With ever-increasing visitors to the Lake District each year, there is a growing range of career opportunities throughout the region, making room for all sorts of ambitions and passions.

COURSES:

- Food Preparation and Cooking Level 1**
- Food Production and Cooking Level 2**
- Hospitality Supervision and Leadership Level 3**
- Professional Cookery Level 3 NVQ Diploma**

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Commis Chef**
- Hospitality Team Member**
- Hospitality Supervisor**
- Senior Production Chef**

FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, INDUSTRY STANDARD KITCHENS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH

CAREERS: Kitchen Assistant, Pastry Chef, Kitchen Manager, Professional Chef, Commis Chef, Sous Chef, Front of House Assistant, Front of House Supervisor, Food Safety Officer, Hotel Manager, Restaurant Manager, Chef de Partie, Concierge, Bar Manager



I really enjoy my time at the college, especially the kitchen and front of house, because it gives me the opportunity to meet new people and expand my confidence. My tutors are helpful and I would suggest that people give catering a try. If you lack confidence then it's a real booster. I had confidence prior to the course but since my time at college it has improved, especially with support from the tutors. I've had the opportunity to attend the Graduation event this year, so the course has had lots to offer over the last two years of studying.

Tyler Binnington, Catering Level 2



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COMPUTING & DIGITAL



Technology is a part of everything.

If you want to build a network for a local company or create the next Triple-A game, then your journey should start here. Our courses and apprenticeships can lead to a broad range of computing careers – and our lecturers are experts in the industry!

COURSES:

- Digital Technology (Networking and Cybersecurity) **Level 2 BTEC Technical Diploma**
- Digital Transition to T Level
- Digital T Level

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Digital Support Technician
- Digital Marketing

FULL-TIME, EARN UCAS POINTS, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS AND ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS:

Business Analyst, IT Support Technician, Digital Specialist, Web Developer, Games Designer, Coding and Networking Technician, Developer, Programmer, Software Developer, Cyber Security



I've absolutely loved my course so far – I couldn't see myself going to sixth form so this was the right choice for me. I'm hopefully going to be looking at an apprenticeship or moving into the world of work once I finish my course.

Adam Baxter, T Level Digital



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CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to build your own house, or be part of a team designing, planning and constructing a bridge, sport stadium, or skyscraper?

The construction industry is currently enjoying a resurgence across the UK, with the biggest areas for growth being civil engineering, housing developments, and the nuclear industry. Whatever trade you choose to study – from plumbing to brickwork, electrical to joinery, and civil engineering – you'll learn all the essential skills you need to build your own career path.

COURSES:

Foundation in Construction – Multi-skills (Carousel) Level 1

GCO Civil Engineering Level 1

Plumbing Level 1 Diploma

Electrical Installations Level 1 Diploma

Brickwork Level 2 Diploma

Painting and Decorating Level 2 Diploma

Joinery Level 2 Diploma

GCO Civil Engineering Level 2 (coming soon)

Plumbing Level 2 Diploma

Electrical Level 2 Diploma

Plastering Level 2 (coming soon)

Electrical Diploma Level 3

Construction T Level

• Design, Surveying and Planning

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Bricklayer

Carpentry and Joinery

Groundworker

Painter and Decorator

Construction and the Built Environment (Digital Engineering Technician)

Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician

Property Maintenance Operative

Project Controls

Installation Electrician and Maintenance Electrician

Steel Fixer

Formworker

Construction Quantity Surveying

Construction Design and Build

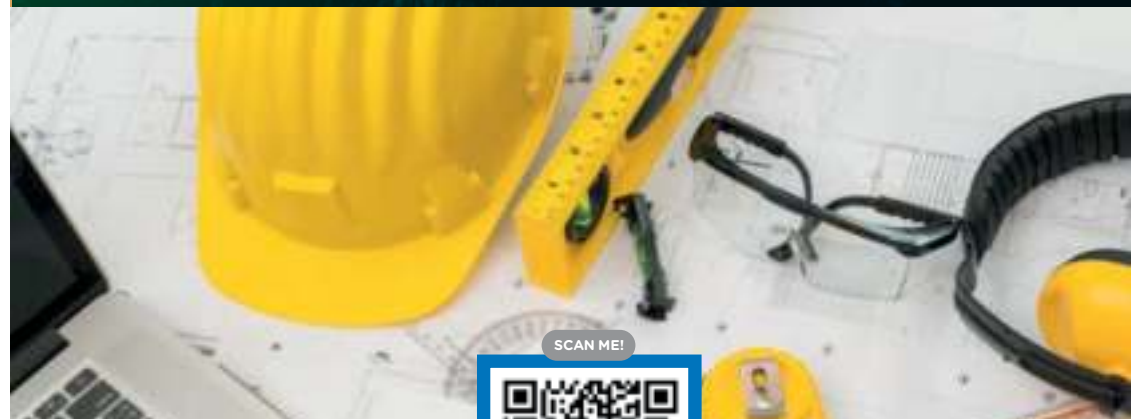
FULL-TIME, INDUSTRY STANDARD WORKSHOPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP MATHS & ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS: Joiner, Plumber, Bricklayer, Painter and Decorator, Carpenter, Electrician, Contractor, Site Manager, Property Developer, Quantity Surveyor, Building Surveyor, Business Owner, Gas Engineer, Facilities, Technician, Civil Engineer, Project Manager



The course is so practical and will set up a lot of different opportunities for the future. The tutors are brilliant and they make sure that everything you learn is manageable. I'm hoping this will set me up for my goal of becoming a gas engineer.

Lola Sinclair, Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing



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EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION



Childcare and education can be a rewarding and challenging career.

Open the door to a career shaping a young person’s future, nurturing their talents, and helping them to achieve new experiences and uncover skills. You will be taught by staff who have real life experience in the field, as well as having the opportunity to go out on work placements.

COURSES:

- Health and Early Years Level 1
- Early Years Practitioner Level 2
- Education and Childcare T Level

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Early Years Practitioner
- Early Years Educator
- Teaching Assistant
- Children and Young People & Families within the Community

FULL-TIME, EARN UCAS POINTS, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES

CAREERS: Nursey Nurse, Youth Worker, Nursery Assistant, Childminder, Early Years Practitioner, Playgroup Assistant, Creche Assistant, Pre-school Assistant, Primary School Teacher



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The balance between classroom work and my placement is amazing, and I can take that into the future when choosing between a job, apprenticeship, or going to university as doing this course gives you UCAS points.

Holly Scott, T Level Education and Childcare

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ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE & WELDING



Engineer your future...

From the car we drive, to boiling the kettle – engineering touches about every aspect of our lives. The career paths available in this field are vast; there has never been a more exciting time to join such a diverse and rewarding profession. Our lecturers are experts in the areas they teach, and you'll study in our excellent facilities and workshops.

COURSES:

- Foundation in Engineering Level 1
- Introduction to Vehicle System Maintenance Level 1
- Welding Level 2 Diploma
- Mechanical Engineering Level 2 Diploma
- Motor Vehicle Level 2 Diploma
- Welding Level 3 Diploma
- Engineering Level 3 Diploma
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance Level 3 Diploma
- Engineering and Manufacturing T Level
 - Mechatronics
 - Manufacturing Technologies
- Introduction to Nuclear Level 2 (coming soon)

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Engineering Operative
- Fabrication
- General Welder (Arc processes)
- Engineering Fitter
- Engineering Technician
- Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician
- Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light vehicle)
- Pipe Welder
- Plate Welder
- Project Controls
- Design and Draftsperson
- Advanced Manufacturer

FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, INDUSTRY STANDARD WORKSHOPS, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, T LEVEL

CAREERS: Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Engineering Operative, Welder, Mechanic, Service Technician, Garage Owner, Diagnostic Technician, Motor Vehicle Service Engineer



You're always learning something new. The tutors always look at what you do and don't know and help you fill any gaps. There's a lot of trust there, there's always someone to help you and we aren't treated like children at any point. When I first started I was so nervous but now that I'm settled I've made so many friends.

Lara Blakeway, Level 3 Diploma in Engineering



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HAIR & BEAUTY



Make the world a more beautiful place...

This is where creativity meets customer care. Our courses in hair and beauty can open doors to working for global beauty brands, owning your own salon business, or working on film sets and in the theatre. The opportunities within this field are only as limited as your imagination.

Our courses offer all aspects of hairdressing and beauty therapy - whether you're just starting off in the industry or want to expand your knowledge as a creative professional.

COURSES:

**Introduction to Hair & Beauty Sector
Level 1 Diploma**

Hairdressing Level 1

Beauty Therapy Level 2 Diploma

**Ladies & Gents Hairdressing Level 2
Diploma**

Beauty Therapy Level 3 Diploma

Hairdressing Level 3 Diploma

**FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, INDUSTRY STANDARD SALON, WORK PLACEMENTS,
EXPERIENCE IN COLLEGE SALON, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH**

CAREERS: Hair Stylist, Colourist, Hairdresser, Salon Owner, Nail Technician, Beauty Therapist, Makeup Artist, Special Effects Makeup Artist, Massage Therapist, Brand Rep, Spa Therapist



I'd been doing eyebrows and nails for myself since I was nine and I chose this course because I like making people feel good. Everyone at Lakes College is friendly, the teachers are lovely and so supportive, and you are trusted and treated with respect. I hope this will set me up to work in a high street salon.

Jessica Murdock, Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy



The staff are very supportive and speak to us on our level. They help us work around things and complete tasks. The salon is great - it's like working in a real salon.

Sophie Wordsworth, Level 2 Ladies and Gents Hairdressing



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NURSE CADETS - T LEVEL HEALTH



Interested in nursing and working for the NHS?

Our Nurse Cadet (T Level Health) programme is specifically designed to inspire the next generation of nurses. This course aims to give students a wide range of hands-on experience to set you up for a career in the NHS.

As part of the course, students carry out placements in different hospitals or departments across the NHS in Cumbria. These placements help many of our students choose which area of the health service they have an interest in for further study. Each student is paired up with a healthcare assistant who acts as a buddy to provide support and guidance while on placement.

COURSES:

[Health \(Nurse Cadets\) T Level](#)

[Transition to Health \(Nurse Cadets\)](#)



FULL-TIME, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, DISTANCE LEARNING, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nurse, Care Worker, Support Worker, Line Manager, Health Care Assistant, Care Home Manager, Social Worker, Paramedic, Care Supervisor, Midwife, Mental Health Worker, Community Support/Outreach Officer



I chose the course as I've always known I wanted to help people and be a nurse, but I didn't quite know what area I wanted to go into. Being a Nurse Cadet has allowed me to explore my options, talk to professionals, and helped me to understand what it takes to be a nurse. Applying for the Nurse Cadet programme has definitely been one of my best decisions and I'm thoroughly enjoying the course.

Natalie Davidson, Nurse Cadets Year 2



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HIGHER ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & NUCLEAR (NCfN)



The UK is entering a new stage in its nuclear history. Worldwide investment in new nuclear is set to hit a staggering £930 billion over the next 20 years.

In the 25 years since the UK's last nuclear power station was built, there has been rapid technological advances in nuclear power generation, medicine, and defence. At the same time, the nuclear workforce is ageing. There is an urgent need to build a qualified and experienced skills base capable of meeting the demands of the new nuclear sector, or risk over-reliance on foreign expertise.

COURSES:

Decommissioning & Waste Management

Mechanical Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Electrical Power Systems & Infrastructure

Civil Engineering & Asset Management

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Engineering Bridging Course

Engineering

Quantity Surveying

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Safety, Health & Environment Technician

Laboratory Apprenticeships (Level 3 & Level 5)

Construction Site Supervisor

Construction Quality Surveying Technician

Nuclear Technician

Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships in Nuclear, Electrical, Manufacturing & Civil Engineering



FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS, BLOCK RELEASE COURSES, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nuclear Specialist, Decommissioning and Waste Management, Nuclear Engineer, Engineer, Nuclear Technician, Nuclear Scientist, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer



My favourite part about this course is interacting with tutors who have a great deal of experience in their field, especially in nuclear, and we have a lot of time doing practical work in the labs. The variety of learning is very wide; we've done a lot of group work as well as independent work. I have a lot of support from my friends here as well as my tutors.

Elliott Routledge,

BEng (Hons) Degree Electrical Engineering Apprentice



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SCIENCE



Here at Lakes College, we will help you to develop your aptitude for science.

Studying science can open a world of new discoveries and possibilities, leading to diverse careers in chemistry – such as nuclear or environmental.

You will study the intricacies of this fascinating subject through a combination of academic learning, practical experiments in our state-of-the-art labs, and work placement, leading you to gain the knowledge you need to kick start your dream career.

COURSES:

Science T Level

Applied Chemistry Foundation Degree

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Laboratory Technician (Level 3)

Technician Scientist (Level 5)



FULL-TIME, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, WORK PLACEMENT, APPRENTICESHIPS, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH

CAREERS: Laboratory Scientist, Lab Technician, Pharmacist, Chemist, Nuclear Scientist, Nuclear Technician



The course mixes in a good bit of practical work but there are a lot of industrial aspects. You learn the theory behind a piece of work and then you get the context of how it happens in the real world, so it takes your knowledge from the classroom and places it on the production line or in a lab.

Ethan Harrison, T Level Science



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SOCIAL CARE



Play a significant role in your community

From hospitals to care homes and social services, there is a vast array of institutions, organisations, and businesses within this incredibly rewarding career path. The social care sector is one of the largest in the UK, offering a wide range of different employment opportunities and career paths. With a career in care, you will be playing a key role in your community, while getting a tremendous amount of job satisfaction.

COURSES:

- Health and Early Years Level 1
- Social Care Level 2 Diploma
- Social Care Level 3 Certificate
- Social Care Level 3 Extended Diploma

APPRENTICESHIPS:

- Adult Care Worker
- Lead Adult Care Worker
- Lead Practitioner Adult Care
- Leader in Adult Care

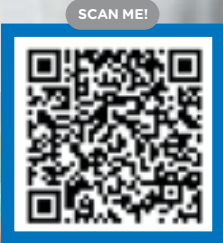
FULL-TIME, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, APPRENTICESHIPS, DISTANCE LEARNING, WORK PLACEMENTS, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Nurse, Care Worker, Support Worker, Line Manager, Health Care Assistant, Care Home Manager, Social Worker, Paramedic, Care Supervisor, Midwife, Mental Health Worker, Community Support/Outreach Officer



I picked the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care because I wanted something that was solely based on the career I wanted. I enjoy how practical the course is and how we get so many amazing opportunities to visit universities and speak to those who can steer us in the right direction. I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who is interested in a career in health and social care. The lecturers are amazing and extremely helpful.

Evie Treble, Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care



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SPORT & FITNESS



If you're interested in making a career out of fitness, why not consider studying sport?

If you have a passion for exercise, a career in sport and fitness could be the one for you. From sports instructor, football coach, or personal trainer, to teaching – the world of sport can offer a huge variety of career opportunities.

COURSES:

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Diploma

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Extended Diploma

FULL-TIME, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, WORK PLACEMENTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, EARN UCAS POINTS

CAREERS: Leisure Assistant, Nutritionist, Outdoor Fitness Assistant, Leisure Centre Manager, Sport Coach, Physiotherapist, Personal Trainer, Fitness Instructor, PE Teacher



I currently play youth football for Durham and the course at Lakes College is flexible in letting me progress as I want to be a professional footballer. I like the practical aspect of the course as well as learning things such as anatomy and physiology, which I find really interesting.

Cassie Donald, Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity



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TEACHING & TEACHER SUPPORT



Do you want to inspire the next generation? Why not consider studying to become a teacher or teaching assistant?

Our teacher and teaching support courses are taught by expert lecturers with experience working within the education sector. We have a wide range of courses to suit all learners. So, whether you're already working in education, or you're just starting out in your career, we have the right course for you. Our courses will allow you to teach within a college, secondary school, or adult education setting.



COURSES:

Post Graduate Certificate of Education

Certificate in Teaching, Learning & Assessment, Intermediate

Certificate in Education

Certificate in Education & Training, Preparatory

FULL-TIME, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, WORK PLACEMENTS, UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, APPRENTICESHIPS

CAREERS: Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, Tutor, Teaching Support, Training Assessor, Apprenticeships Assessor, Instructor

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Lakes College allowed me to study and teach in a safe and supportive environment, especially during Covid-19 while remote learning. The teaching staff are well informed and created an environment where students could share best practice and explore sensitive topics in a constructive and engaging way.

James Ainsworth, PGCE Graduate



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UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES & POLICING



By studying a public service course, you will be a step closer to starting a career in areas including Police, Fire Service, or Armed Forces.

If you have a keen sense of civic duty and a desire to help your community, there is always the option of a career in uniform. On our courses, you will study what happens ‘behind the scenes’, plan for major incidents, explore criminology and its effects on society, all while preparing you for the mental and physical demands of life in uniformed services.

- COURSES:**
- Public Services Level 2 Diploma
 - Uniformed Services Level 3
 - Policing Level 3 Diploma
 - Policing Level 3 Extended Diploma
 - Uniformed Services Level 3 Extended Diploma

FULL-TIME, A LEVEL ALTERNATIVE, EARN UCAS POINTS, TOP UP YOUR MATHS & ENGLISH, WORK PLACEMENT

CAREERS: Firefighter, Police Officer, Army Officer, RAF Officer, Navy Officer, Private in the Armed Forces, Prison Officer, Probation Officer



What I like about the course is that you look at each of the public services, not just the one you’re thinking of going into, so you have a deeper understanding of how they all work together in the real world.

Natasha Ryan, Level 3 Uniformed Services



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Whether you're already working and you would like a formal qualification, or you've decided on a career change and would like to start a new role, our adult skills courses are here to help you.

ENHANCE YOUR PROSPECTS!

Higher education – our university level courses offer you some of the highest qualification levels and give you the opportunity to gain that qualification (along with a formal graduation ceremony) without leaving Cumbria. It's never too late to get your Degree!

Professional qualifications – whether you already work in a professional environment, or you would like to change career, we offer a range of professional accredited qualifications from AAT for accounting, to CIPD for human resources, or APM for project management.

Back to work – perhaps you've taken a career break or are struggling to find a job? Our dedicated employability courses are ideal to get you back into work, you'll learn the essential skills employers look for on a CV and you'll earn a qualification to prove your capabilities.

Core skills – don't let your maths and English skills hold you back, these qualifications aren't just taught in schools. We offer evening classes where you can top up your skills and earn a GCSE in maths or English alongside likeminded people.

Flexible learning – sometimes finding the time to study can be difficult. Our courses give you the flexibility to learn in your own time from home so you can manage your commitments and earn a new qualification without committing the time to come into college.

Apprenticeships – apprenticeships aren't just for teenagers leaving school – if you're already in work then you can complete an apprenticeship with your employer's support.

Specialist training qualifications and courses – from one day workshops, to evening classes and short courses, we offer a wide range of different disciplines from business to social care, and digital skills to electrical and engineering courses.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

DEGREES ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

Have you ever wanted to study a degree without leaving our beautiful part of the world?

Here at Lakes College we believe in creating opportunities for people to enter higher education in West Cumbria.

We offer Foundation and Honours Degrees, Higher National Certificates, and Higher National Diplomas on our campus, and qualifications recognised by national and professional institutes.

We have a wide range of delivery options to fit around life commitments, because we understand that not everyone has the same circumstances or background.

Study a degree-level qualification that has been designed to prepare for employment and progression, learning in a dedicated higher education environment with high-tech resources.

Our class sizes are often smaller than universities which allows for more contact time with our lecturers, some of whom still work within the profession in which they teach.

And our provision is quality checked by QAA – the same body that ensures teaching at universities reach the same high standard.

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CELEBRATIONS

There is always plenty to celebrate at Lakes College!

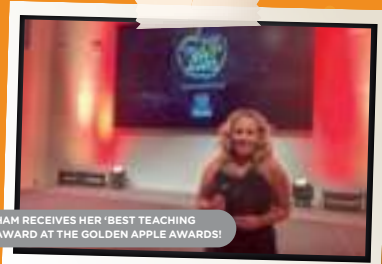


From shouting about our students' success at Lakes College's Further Education and Apprentice Awards, to being recognised at the prestigious Golden Apple Awards which celebrates the best of Cumbria's education community, we are always proud to see our learners and lecturers receive the praise they deserve.

Our awards celebrate the best of our community, whether that be for academic achievements, hard work and dedication, or overcoming adversity.

Previous winners have ranged from refugees who adapted to a new country and language to thrive on our campus, to students who go above and beyond to help their peers while juggling their own studies.

Our staff have also been recognised as some of the best in their field. Recently, engineering lecturer, John Crook received a Bronze Pearson National Teaching Award for everything he does to go the extra mile for his students. Maths lecturer Sarah Graham was also recently named the best teaching professional in the county at the Golden Apple Awards – and it was her students who nominated her!



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The celebrations don't stop there – we also hold an annual graduation ceremony for learners who have completed their higher education studies with us, with the opportunity to dress up in gowns, throw your caps in the air, and enjoy a night dedicated to you that you will never forget.

In addition to all this, we also organise regular events throughout the academic year to showcase the fantastic employers we have links with in Cumbria and beyond, such as the Festival of Work which brings dozens of companies to our first-class facilities in partnership with social-values company All Together Cumbria.



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