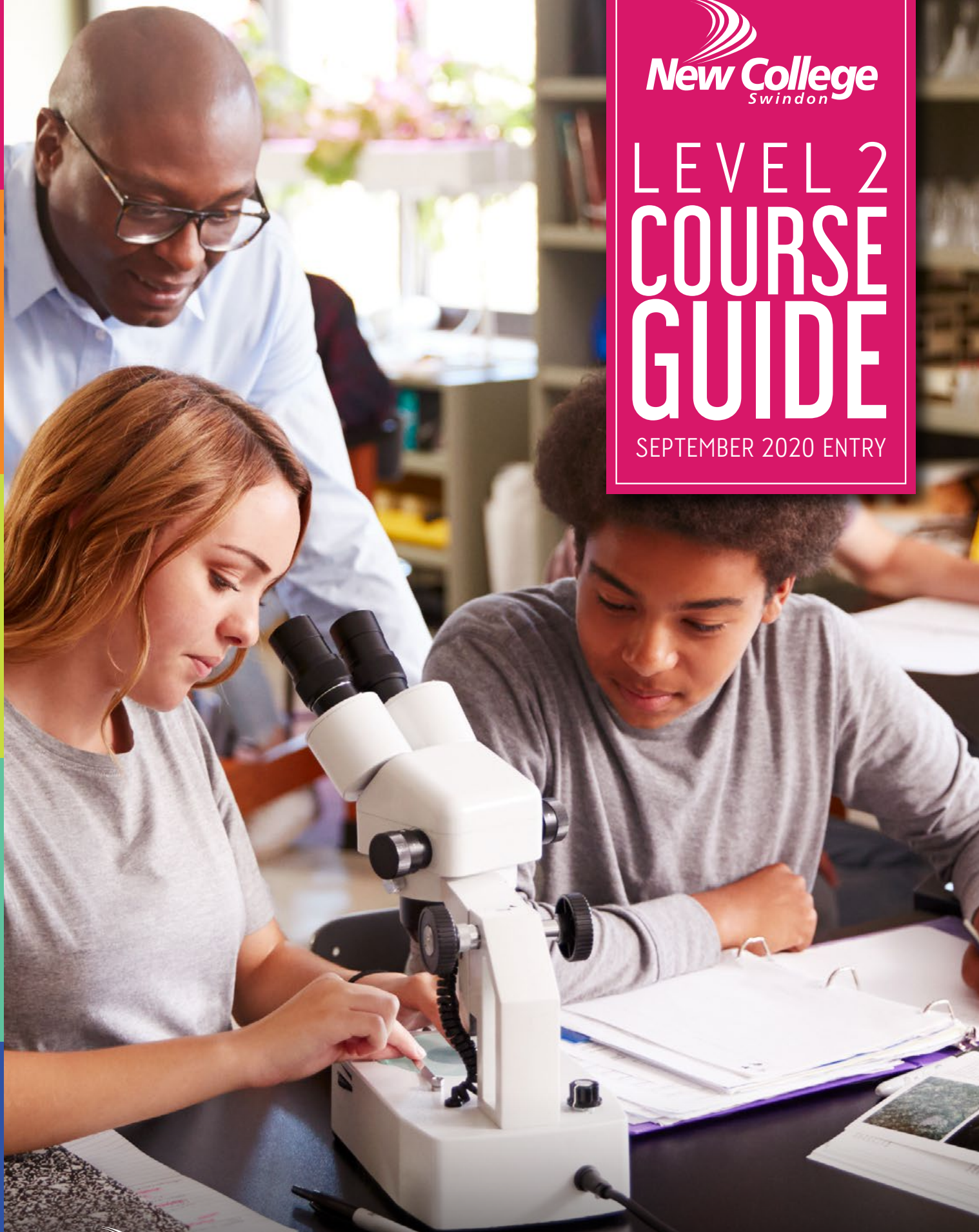




# LEVEL 2 COURSE GUIDE

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# WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL COURSES AT LEVEL 2.

These are designed to help you secure the qualifications and develop the skills, behaviours and knowledge you need to progress on to study at Level 3 and beyond. If you obtained a minimum of three 3/D grades at GCSE, you will be able to undertake one of our Level 2 pathways. If your grades are not high enough to access a Level 2 pathway, we have a range of options at Entry Level and Level 1, which you can discuss with our advisers at either an interview or August Enrolment appointment.

STUDENTS FOLLOW ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LEVEL 2 PATHWAYS:-

## GCSE PATHWAYS



Your GCSE study programme consists of several wraparound components as shown, with your GCSE pathway forming the core learning. You can choose four GCSE subjects, but must include both GCSE English Language and Mathematics if you have not already achieved a grade 4/C in these.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Employability skills are reinforced in lessons and developed via College events such as mentoring and employer visits. In addition, you must undertake a minimum of ten hours work experience across the year. You can either arrange this yourself or seek help from our Employability team to find this.

### ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment options are designed to help develop the skills and qualities to help you succeed — a wide range of options are available.

### TUTORIAL

You will be assigned a Progress Coach who works with you on both a one-to-one basis as well as group delivery to help you to develop personal, social and employability skills.

## VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS



Your Level 2 vocational study programme consists of several wraparound components as shown, with your vocational pathway forming the core learning. You can choose several subjects, but must include both GCSE English Language and Mathematics if you have not already achieved a grade 4/C in these.

### SUPPORTED STUDY/HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION

This component of your GCSE study programme is designed to help you develop those important study skills, such as research, essay writing and presentation skills that will be needed as you progress on to higher level study. Some students opt to take the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) which allows you to develop independent research skills; learn how to synthesise information from a variety of sources and develop the ability to formulate a well-reasoned argument and conclusion. You produce a report, deliver a presentation and keep an online production log.

## GCSE SUBJECTS

Please choose four GCSEs from the following table, ensuring that you meet the specific entry requirements. Please note that our standard Level 2 pathway requirements are a minimum of three grades 3/D at GCSE.

GCSE Subject	Entry requirements
Ancient History	Grade 3/D in English Language (and be re-sitting this course at College) or be on an A-Level programme. A genuine interest and enthusiasm for the study of the ancient past
Biology	Grade 4/C in Core Science, or 3/D in Additional Science/GCSE Biology; grade 3 in Combined Science/GCSE Biology or show that you have the necessary potential in a diagnostic test
Business	4 GCSEs at grade 3/D or above (including English and Maths). Plus an interest in current affairs
Chemistry	Grade 4/C in Core Science, or grade 2/D in Additional Science/GCSE Chemistry, a grade 3 in Combined Science/GCSE Chemistry or show that you have the necessary potential in a diagnostic test
Cert in Digital Music Production*	GCSE equivalent. Four grades at 3/D, although individual cases will be considered
English Language	You should have previously gained a Grade 2 in GCSE English, or a complete Level 1 Functional Skills English award or equivalent. Applicants without these qualifications must consult with the course leader before joining the course
Film Studies	Grade 3/D or above in English Language and an interest in film, both mainstream and non-mainstream
Cert in Financial Education*	Grade 3/D in Maths and in English Language
French	Useful to have done some French before, or if you have learnt/already speak another language. Please meet individually with the course leader at Enrolment
Functional Skills ICT*	Some experience of using a computer is essential
Geography	Grade 3/D in English Language (and be re-sitting at College). Preferably grade 3/D in Maths, or be on an A-Level programme. Previous study of Geography not necessary, but a genuine interest for the study of global topical issues
History	Grade 3/D in English Language (and be re-sitting at College) or be on an A-Level programme. Previous study of History is not required, but some knowledge or interest needed
Mathematics	November resit: Grade 3/D - (Higher - your predicted grade should be a 4/C or better). One year course: Grade 2/3/D ; Higher - grade 5 or better
Media Studies	Grade 3/D or above in English Language and an interest in how media information is designed
Music	A level of skill in music reading (i.e. treble and bass clef), theoretical knowledge and performance equivalent to Grade 2 standard. You will need to pursue instrumental or vocal studies outside class time
Photography	No formal qualifications are required, but a keen interest in photography, commitment, an inquisitive nature and enthusiasm are essential
Physics	Grade 4/C GCSE in Core Science, or a grade 3/D in Additional Science/GCSE Physics, a grade 3 in Combined Science/GCSE Physics or show that you have the necessary potential in a diagnostic test
Psychology	Grade 3/D or above in English Language, Maths and Science
Religious Studies	Grade 3 /D or above in English Language and be working towards Grade 4 or above if not yet achieved. A keen interest in ethical issues and be tolerant of other religions and different points of view
Social Studies (Citizenship)	3 GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, including English Language
Sociology	Grade 3/D or above in English Language. A keen interest in understanding society and social issues and be tolerant of different points of view
Spanish	Useful to have done some Spanish before, or if you have learnt/already speak another language. Please meet individually with the course leader at Enrolment
Statistics	Grade 3/D or above in Maths and a Grade 3/D or above in English

\* These vocational subjects are GCSE equivalent.

# VOCATIONAL COURSES

Please choose a full Level 2 vocational course from the following table, ensuring that you meet the specific entry requirements. Please note that our standard Level 2 pathway requirements are a minimum of three grades 3/D at GCSE.

Level 2 Vocational course	Entry requirements
Art and Design	3 grades at 3/D and a keen interest in Art and Design
Beauty	3 grades at 4/C, including English Language or Maths and a genuine interest in working in the Beauty sector
Business	4 grades at 3/D including English Language and Maths
Early Years Educator	4 grades at 3/D or above and working towards GCSE Maths and English
Hairdressing	4 grades at grade 4/C, including English or Maths and a genuine interest in working in the Hairdressing sector
Health and Social Care	4 grades at 3/D including English Language
Information and Creative Technology	3 grades 3/D or above, including English Language and an interest in Information Technology
Media Make Up	4 grades at 3/ D or above (including English Language and Maths at 3/D)
Media (Film & TV)	4 grades at 3/D or above, including English Language. You will also need to own a 32GB SD Card (Class 10) and a 500GB portable hard drive.
Performing Arts	4 grades at 3/D or above (including GCSE English. Experience in dance is preferred but not essential.
Photography	3 grades at 3/D or above (including an Art Based subject) and a keen interest in Photography
Public Services	4 grades at 3/D or above, including English Language
Sport	4 grades at 3/D or above, including English Language
Travel & Tourism	4 grades at 3/D or above, including English Language



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