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CATCH22 COLLEGE

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FIND YOUR
FUTURE

About Catch22 College

Find your future

If you are reading this then it's probably because you are starting to think about what you are going to do when you leave school. Or perhaps because you have already left and are thinking about what to do next. If, like thousands of others, you're not sure that a large, traditional college is for you, then we might be just what you are looking for.

We specialise in offering learning and training opportunities for students who, for whatever reason, don't want to stay in a traditional academic environment. We provide our students with a different option – the opportunity to carry on their learning in a smaller, highly supportive environment where the focus is on providing learning and training options to help you gain the skills, qualifications and experiences you need to achieve your goals in life.

We work with you to design a programme that fits with your interests and ambitions. As well as helping you to build your skills in English and maths, you can gain recognised

qualifications in work-focused subjects, in work experience and take part in other activities that will help you to build your confidence so that you are ready to enter the world of work.

Unlike lots of other colleges, you can join us at any point during the year once you've left secondary education. So take a look through our prospectus and see what we offer.



Who we are

Catch22 is a national charity. We exist because we believe that everybody in life needs three basic things to be able to get on in life and to achieve their potential:



People: We believe that everybody needs good people around them who are there to provide support and encouragement to achieve their aims in life. Our college sites are run by teachers and tutors who are passionate about providing this support and encouragement to our students. Not only are achieving good grades important to us, but also how you develop as a person.



Place: We believe that everybody needs a safe place where they can properly focus on making changes to their lives. Our college sites are welcoming, warm and smaller than most other colleges, which means that you get more support and can feel more at ease in your learning environment.



Purpose: We believe that everybody needs a clear sense of where they want to go, and help to get there. We help our students to find this sense of purpose. We develop clear, realistic plans for how our students can achieve their immediate goals. We also go a step further by helping students think about their next steps after college.

Life at the Catch22 College

What you need to know

What could I study?

If you join us, we will work with you to design a tailored learning programme which is matched to your interests and goals for the future.

Our students can pick from a range of learning options from five key areas:



1. FUNCTIONAL SKILLS
(Maths and English)



2. VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
(Work focused)



3. LIFE SKILLS



4. WORK EXPERIENCE



5. PROGRESSION

We work with you to tailor your learning from the four core areas to make up your learning programme and to create a timetable that suits you.

More information on each of the Catch22 Colleges and the options available in each of the five areas can be found in Sections 2 and 3.



How long will my course be and how often will I attend?

We tailor our learning programmes to meet the individual needs and goals of our students. This means the amount of time you spend with us will depend on you and the programme we develop with you.

How big is the college?

Our average class size is around 12 students and we usually have around 30 to 40 students enrolled with us at any one time. We want our students to feel comfortable and fully supported in their studies, and so we keep our numbers lower than most other colleges.

What is the life skills part about?

We want to help our students find their future – we want to help you work out what you want in life, and then to set you on a path to achieving it. This means more than just getting you some qualifications, it's also about helping you to build your confidence and to realise that you have the power to achieve your goals.

We do this by providing you with access to a range of additional activities and support that will help you in your future. For instance, you could take part in community projects with fellow students to help you practice your skills in team-working and managing projects, or in extra learning sessions to help you get better at managing your money, or how to apply and get that perfect job.

Our dedicated Recruitment and Progression Officer will support you during your programme to ensure you stay on track with your learning and help you to access work experience and progression opportunities.

Will it cost me anything?

Our programme is completely free, so it won't cost you or your family a penny. In fact, some students are eligible for bursary payments that can help support your studies.

How do I get on to the programme?

Take a look through the rest of this prospectus to find out more about what we offer in your area. If you think we can help you find your future, then get in touch today to get started. To do this you can either visit www.catch-22.org.uk/Catch22College, or you can call our team in your area by phoning the contact number on the next page.



Why we are different?

Catch 22 College in Bishop Auckland has the ability and facility to offer the vast majority of young people an achievable route back into education and training. We have a unique 'one stop shop' approach, covering educational development, work placement, personal and social skills development and all general help, guidance and advice. We're a small local college with a big heart, where every individual counts and feels a real part of everything we do.

What we can offer you

- Maths and English Functional Skills at Entry Level and Levels 1 and 2.
- Hospitality and Catering at level 1 and 2.
- General Construction Skills, at level 1 and 2.
- Training for the Construction CSCS Card exam (age 18+)
- Employability, Job Search and CV writing skills.
- Work placement experience in a variety of job settings and Enterprise Projects.
- Personal development and the chance to make new friends.

“ Catch 22 College in Bishop Auckland offers all learners, regardless of their starting point, the opportunity to gain qualifications and life skills that will help and support them in the future. We are a small college and we pride ourselves on getting to know each learner well. We take the time to listen so that we can guide and advise our young people and make sure that the course they have opted for is the best one for them. Throughout their time with us our learners have access to small groups where they can get the help they need to achieve. Our aim is to ensure that at the end of their time with us our learners are ready to take the next step whether that be in to employment, more training or to an apprenticeship. Start your journey today and get in touch with us! ”

KIRSTEN DINSDALE - Centre Manager



Get in touch!

If you would like to find out more about Catch22 College: Bishop Auckland or arrange a visit then please contact us on the details below, we look forward to hearing from you.

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 **Apply online:** www.catch-22.org.uk/services/study-programme

 Catch 22 Bishop Auckland



Construction

Summary

If you are interested in a career in construction, as an electrician, plumber, bricklayer or engineer then we can offer you the perfect starting place.

We can offer you the opportunity to gain and learn new practical skills across a range of construction areas, such as:

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry and joinery
- Plumbing
- Electrical installation
- Plastering

Our courses will also give you the opportunity to use real-life examples related to the trade and to further build on your English and math's skills, as well as giving you more general skills for future employment, such as team-working and project management.

Related Careers and future opportunities

This is the perfect starting point for anybody interested in a career in the building and construction industry. All through your course, we will support you to think about your next steps, be that gaining some work experience, or getting on to an apprenticeship to help you get started in your new career.

Qualifications available



English & Maths

Summary

We want all of our students to feel completely confident in their reading, writing and in their ability to work with numbers. That is why we support our students to work towards a qualification in English or maths, or to further improve on the qualifications they already have.

This isn't just because improving your skills in English and maths will help you to get a job, it's also because it will impact every part of your life.

For example, improving your skills in maths will make it easier for you to manage your money, helping you to make sure you're always getting the best deal on that next big purchase, or that you're charging the right amount for that next big job. Improving your skills in English will make it easier for you to follow your interests in the media, and to manage your life admin.

Options

Functional Skills – Entry Level up to Level 2

If you got below a Grade 3 in your GCSEs for maths or English then we'll help you to build on your existing skills and to gain functional skills qualifications. Depending on your past grades and your level of confidence in these subjects, we can help you achieve Entry Level 1 right up to Level 2, which is equivalent to achieving a grade of between 4 and 9 at GCSE (C to A*) and useful to you in your everyday life.



⁺ If you are not confident in your English and/or maths skills.

GCSE Re-sits

If you already have a GCSE Grade 3 (D) in GCSE maths or English, then we can also offer you the opportunity to have another go and to improve your grade whilst you are with us.

Related Careers

A good level of skills and confidence in English and maths is really important for almost every career, and is the first thing any future employer will want to know about, that's why we make it a key part of every student's learning programme.





Hospitality & Catering

Summary

Are you interested in a career in the hospitality sector but don't know where to start? We have the course for you!

Whether you want to work as a chef, kitchen assistant, housekeeper, waiter/ waitress, hotel receptionist or front of house. We can help you get your first job in hospitality.

There is a wide choice of units. Some of these are

- Cooking
- Food hygiene
- Menu Preparation
- Customer Service within the industry
- Food service
- Serving Drinks

The course will give you the opportunity to use practical skills to learn about many aspects of the industry. At the same time you will develop skills any future employer will want to see, like effective communication and time management.

Related Careers and future opportunities

We can help you to think about next steps whilst you're working towards your qualification, whether that's work experience, a traineeship or an apprenticeship. We will support you into a work placement in an area of your choice to give you the chance to explore the different career pathways that are available.

Qualifications available

LEVEL 1 + 2
AWARD

Introduction to
Hospitality Industry

LEVEL 1 + 2
CERTIFICATE

Certificate Introduction
to Hospitality Industry

LEVEL 1 + 2
DIPLOMA

Introduction to
Hospitality Industry



Employability Skills

Summary

This course will support you in:

- Producing a great CV
- How to apply for jobs
- Achieving success in job interviews
- Skills and qualities for the workplace
- Health and safety at work
- Preparing for work or for work experience
- Problem solving at work
- Managing your money
- English and maths in the workplace

Related Careers and future opportunities

This will provide you with the essential skills required to gain employment, apprenticeships or further education.





Life Skills & Wellbeing

Summary

Our programmes and courses will teach you the skills, knowledge and behaviours to help you to progress on your chosen career path. These practical skills will be invaluable throughout your lifetime and help you to access even more opportunities.

Topics could include:

- Money Management
- Healthy Living and Hygiene
- Travel Advice and Support
- Cooking

Our courses will also cover topics that will support your wellbeing.

This could include:

- Alcohol & Drug Awareness
- Healthy Eating & Lifestyles
- Mental Health
- Sexual Health & Relationships

We also have guest speakers in each of our Catch22 Colleges to increase awareness of local issues within the community and educate our learners. This might include talks on diversity, online safety and many more



Essential Digital Skills E3-L1

Summary

Digital skills is important in many industries.

Topics could include:

- Business Administration
- Support Desks
- Retail/ Leisure Centers
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality
- Education
- Construction & Landbase
- Self -Employed

Our Digital skills course will help you to gain an understanding of the industry and develop all the skills you need to progress into employment, Apprenticeship or further education, this course covers a wide range of units, including:

- Apply digital skills in personal and business situations
- Understand how to maintain safety and security when using data and devices find and use information
- Use digital resources to facilitate own learning and career progression
- Communicate socially and professionally using technology
- Use word processing software to create straightforward text and document



What people say about us...

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PARENT: I would recommend Catch22 to other people as I feel that it has helped my son with his confidence. Since leaving he has now been able to apply for a few jobs with different companies and felt okay about it.

REECE, 19: Catch22 really help and support me with my learning.

PARENT: I would just like to thank Catch22 for all their support with my son. He has gained so much more confidence as a person to the point he has been able to get a part time job at our local Costa. He is more out there now and able to interact with everyone a lot better and I believe the way he is now, is down to the fact Catch22 at Bishop have helped and supported him all these years and I don't know how to thank you all enough for that.

DANNY, 17: Catch22 has a laid back and chilled feeling and is a fun environment to learn and had helped me with my qualifications loads, I cannot wait to return in September so they can help me progress.

AERON, 18: Catch22 helped me progress in my learning and I am happy to return this year to continue with my learning there.





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