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# CATCH22 COLLEGE

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# MAIDSTONE



PROSPECTUS

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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](http://www.catch-22.org.uk/Catch22College), or you can call our team in your area by phoning the contact number on the next page.



# What people say about us...

## Why we are different?

The Maidstone College can provide you with a bespoke programme of learning, that you will have the opportunity to design, which meets your requirements and support needs, enabling you to progress to the next step in your educational journey. Your individualised plan outlines realistic and achievable goals so you are confident in your ability to achieve.

Our Centre is an inclusive and friendly learning environment where students are able to feel safe and secure. In small size classes teaching staff are able to support students to a high level and build effective relations with students that further enhance your learning journey.

There is a community element within the Centre that creates an atmosphere where everyone is valued and committed to ensuring their learning experience is successful and memorable.

## What we can offer you

- Functional Skills: Entry 3 – Level 2 Maths and English
- Construction: Entry 3 – Level 1
- Hospitality: Entry 3 – Level 1
- Food Hygiene: Level 2
- Land Based: Level 1
- Hair & Beauty: Level 1
- Work Placement
- Employability Skills
- PSHE



## Get in touch!

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

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“ Having worked with Catch22 for over five years I have been priviledged to witness the impact our supportive environment and engaging curriculum can have on the young people who have attended our provision during this time. I am immensely proud of the staffing team at the College who invest in each individual to ensure they gain qualifications, skills and experience from their time spent on programme. ”

ROMA FERREIRA Centre Manager

**PARENT OF A STUDENT:** Amazingly patient and the staff are able to get the very best from students. As a parent it is stress free knowing your child is at Catch22

**MADISON PEEK:** I think that Catch22 is a great place to learn, I got on a lot better here then I did in mainstream school. I also think they provide a lot more support for after you leave school and for your future.

**BP – VOCATIONAL STUDENT:** I like it at Catch22 because you treat us student's with respect. At school I felt like I was to blame for everything because I'm loud, even though I don't mean to be. Here you tell me to wait a minute but then come back to my point rather than make me feel stupid or be rude by not answering it. It's like you just get it, you understand how I learn and that I can't always help being loud.

**PARENT OF A STUDENT:** It is helpful that the staff have provided personalised contact to ensure parents and students are kept informed and involved as much as possible. It is also helpful that staff are open to discussions regarding the student's progress or any worries that they may have with a view to resolving these as soon as possible"



# 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

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

ENTRY 3  
CERTIFICATE

Construction  
Skills

LEVEL 1  
CERTIFICATE  
AND DIPLOMA

Construction Skills



# 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







# 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



# 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.

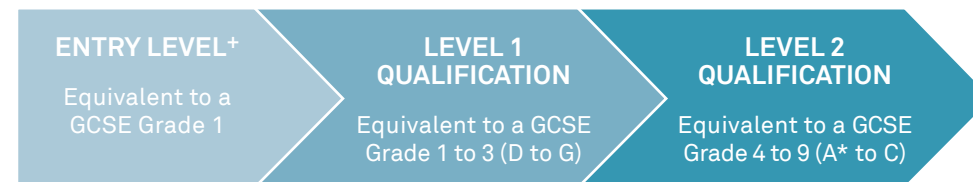
This isn't just because improving your skills in English and maths will help you to get a job, it's also because it will impact every part of your life.

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.

## 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.



# Hair & Beauty

## Summary

If you have an interest and passion in hair, then we have the course for you. It's perfect for anyone who would like to start their journey in the hairdressing Industry.

Units include:

- Finding out what it like to work in the industry
- Organisational Skills
- Demonstrating Hair styles
- Responding to themes
- Looking after the customer

Our courses are also designed to give you a taste of what it's like to work in a real salon environment so that you are ready for your next steps towards getting that dream job.

## Related Careers and future opportunities

This course would provide you with the skills and experiences that will help you to become a salon assistant, or to continue in your training in hairdressing or start an apprenticeship

It will also give you transferable skills to help you effectively start your career, such as customer service skills and project management skills.

## Qualifications available

LEVEL 1

Introduction to  
Hair and Beauty

E3

Introduction to  
Hair and Beauty



# 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

