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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?

We start at the level you are currently working to, then build knowledge and confidence with small groups and supportive staff.

What we can offer you

- Functional Skills Maths Entry1 to Level2
- Functional Skills English Entry1 to Level2
- GCSE English Resits
- GCSE Maths Resits
- IT User Entry3 to Level2
- Employability
- Wellbeing
- Work Experience



Get in touch!

If you would like to find out more about Catch22 College: Thetford 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

 Catch22 College Thetford

What people say about us...

STUDENT: "I think i'm doing really well here, I feel really comfortable in this environment and I enjoy coming in each day."

PARENT: "Amazing place for young people that struggle with the school environment. Great staff - people that are willing to help your child achieve and make them feel they are worth it"

STUDENT: "I like that we are treated as adults. I'd rather be here than my high school as you get so much more support"

“ At Catch22 College Thetford we prepare learners for their next phase in life: Work, Further Education or Apprenticeships. We do this by building individual learning programmes which support learners to gain the qualifications and skills they need for a successful future. ”

RICHARD SMITH - Centre Manager



Customer Services

Summary

Customer Service is important in many industries and how you communicate, and behavior impacts on the service provided, Customer service roles include:

- Customer Service Employee
- Retail/ Leisure Centers
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality
- Self -Employed

Our Customer Service 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:

- Effective Communication Skills
- Effectively deal with customer queries
- Different types of Communication methods
- Handling telephone calls

It will also teach you the essentials in working as part of a team and project management- skills that will be valued by any employer.

Related Careers and future opportunities

A Customer Service course can lead to a wide range of opportunities and job roles. We can help you gain practical, on-the-job experience through work experience, a traineeship or an apprenticeship. We will support you into the area of your choice and help you to develop your career pathway.

Qualifications available



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.





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.

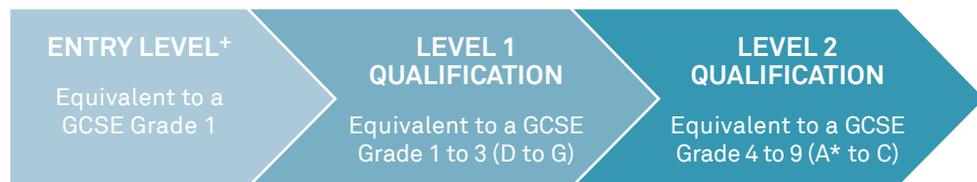
This isn't just because improving your skills in English and maths will help you to get a job, it's also because it will impact every part of your life.

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.



IT User

Summary

If you are interested in a career in IT and don't know where to start, we can offer you the opportunity to develop and learn new skills across a range of IT packages and platforms such as:

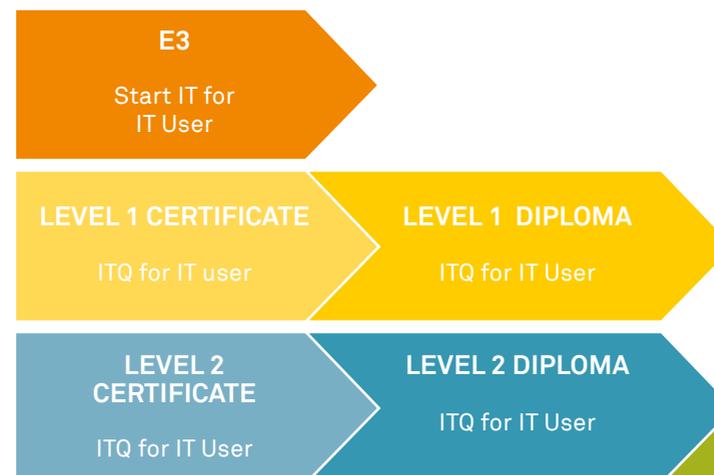
- Improving Productivity
- Collaborative Technologies
- Microsoft
- Security
- Social media

Our courses will also give you the opportunity to develop skills and build on your English and Maths, 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 Business Admin, IT Support, Apps specialist. All through your course, we will support you to think about your next steps, be that gaining some work experience, or getting on an apprenticeship scheme to help you get started in your new career.

QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE





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:

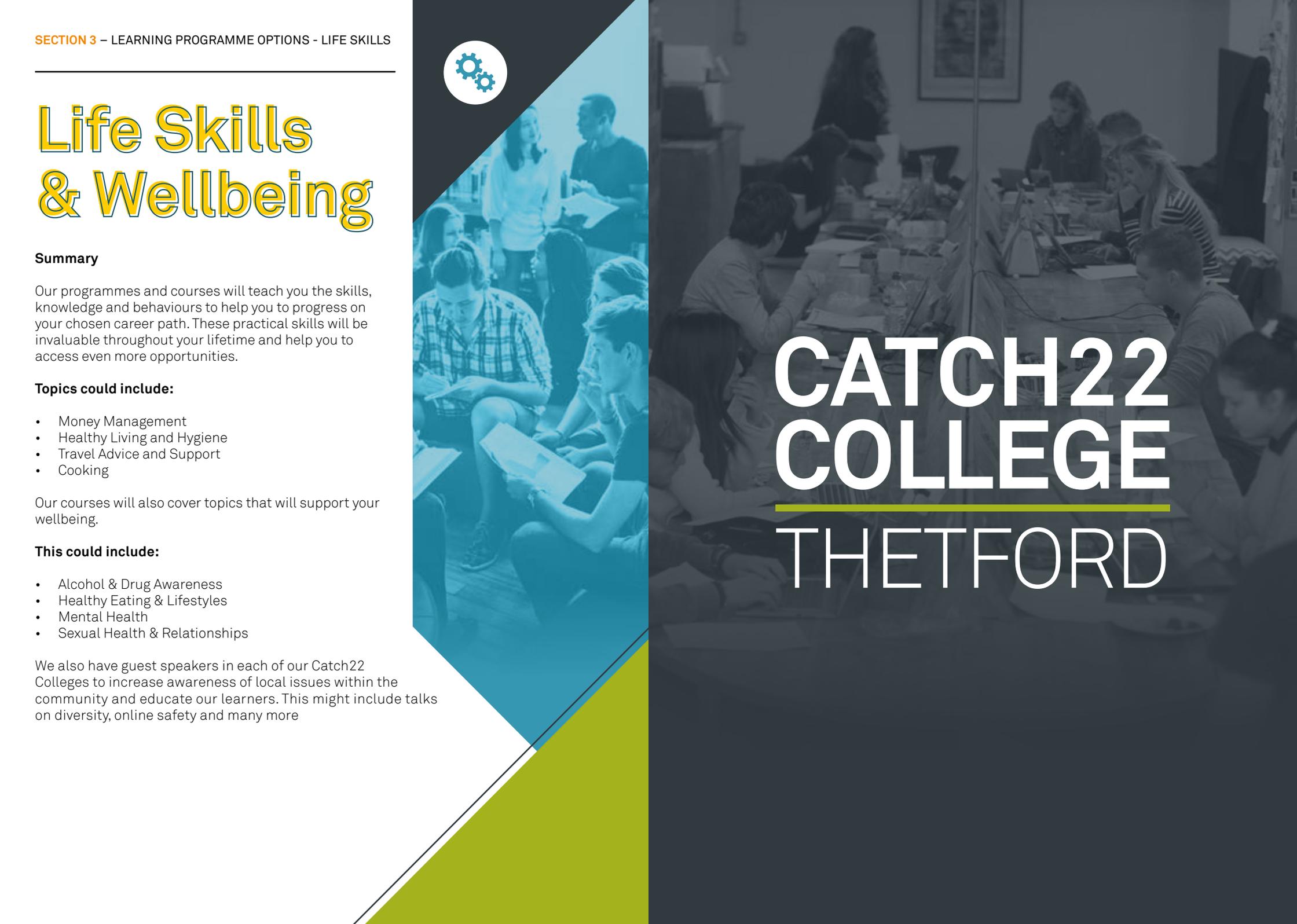
- Money Management
- Healthy Living and Hygiene
- Travel Advice and Support
- Cooking

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



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