

OFFERING  
**THE MOST**  
FOR ADULT  
LEARNERS

**WELCOME**  
TO PRESTON'S COLLEGE

# A WARM WELCOME TO PRESTON'S COLLEGE

I am delighted that you have chosen to study at Preston's College. Rated 'GOOD' by Ofsted, we take great pride in supporting both the local community and all of our learners to achieve the qualifications and outcomes they need, alongside the skills, knowledge and experience that employers and universities seek.

Whether you have made the decision to return to learning after a period away from education, are joining us to advance an already established career through the study of additional qualifications, are pursuing a career change, or have decided to engage with a new hobby on one of our many short courses, we welcome all learners and truly believe, as many of our learners demonstrate, it is never too late to learn!

Our sector specialist staff and industry-standard facilities make the college an exciting and enjoyable place to be. On campus you will find our purpose built i-STEM centre with an advanced manufacturing workshop, multi-functional science laboratories and 3D printing. Our construction facility offers a real work environment, helping you gain the skills needed in the workplace, as well as advanced, technical qualifications. We also have purpose built barbering and beauty salons, professional dance studios and a dedicated Higher Education Zone.

Our tutors are sector specialists who share their knowledge and experience of working in industry with



those they teach. Fully aware of the commitments adult learners make, often studying around employment and other responsibilities, our e-learning solutions also support you in accessing teaching materials 24/7.

You will be aware that there are a variety of ways to fund your chosen course. Depending upon your individual circumstances and the course you wish to study, you may find that you are able to study for free, even if you are in full-time employment. As well as course fee funding, we also offer access to loans and bursaries, ensuring you get the very best out of your time here at Preston's College.

We have built a fantastic reputation for providing confident, skilled adults across a range of sectors, who progress and excel in their chosen careers.

We look forward to welcoming you in September as we support you on your learning journey.

**Dr Lis Smith**  
Principal and Chief Executive Officer

# TERM DATES 2020/21

## AUTUMN TERM (Term 1)

13th August 2020	A Level Results Day
20th August 2020	GCSE Results Day
3rd September 2020	Term 1 begins
3rd September 2020 - 23rd October 2020	Term 1
26th October 2020 - 30th October 2020	Half Term
2nd November 2020 - 17th December 2020	Term 1
18th December 2020 - 1st January 2021	Christmas Break

## SPRING TERM 2020 (Term 2)

4th January 2021	Term 2 begins
4th January 2021 - 12th February 2021	Term 2
15th February 2021 - 19th February 2021	Half Term
22nd February 2021 - 26th March 2021	Term 2
29th March 2021 - 9th April 2021	Easter Break

## SUMMER TERM (Term 3)

12th April 2021	Term 3 begins
12th April 2021 - 28th May 2021	Term 3
3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
31st May 2021 - 4th June 2021	Half Term
7th June 2021 - 25th June 2021	Term 3
25th June 2021	Term Ends

# SUPPORT AT PRESTON'S COLLEGE

**As a learner at Preston's College you will be supported throughout your studies by a highly experienced team of tutors and support staff.**

The tutors teaching you will have industry experience and are dedicated to making you the most employable you can be. If you need any help with your course, the teaching staff will be your first point of contact. They will be able to support you with assignments, coursework and any queries or questions you may have about the programme.

Your tutors will also be able to advise you on the range of progression opportunities available at Preston's College, to further enhance your career and employment prospects.

## Qualified Careers Advisers

If you require more in-depth careers advice, our expert advisers are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and able to provide comprehensive, independent careers advice and guidance. Their aim is to empower you to make your own career and learning choices by providing you with the information, advice and guidance you need to make an informed decision about your next steps.



## Student Services

Our Student Services team are available to support all of our adult learners through the provision of a wealth of information on a variety of topics, including financial support, welfare advice, benefits advice, counselling and mental health support, safeguarding and bursary information. The Student Services team are accessible to all learners and once you are on campus, can be found in the Earnshaw Building.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Student Services team prior to starting your course, you can contact them by telephone or email.

**Call: 01772 225656 or email: [studentservices@preston.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@preston.ac.uk)**

## Preston's College Bursary

Preston's College are able to offer learners access to a number of bursary funds, aimed at supporting individuals with specific financial difficulties that may otherwise prevent access to learning. Eligibility for funding is dependent upon household income, and recent evidence of this must be submitted at the time you complete your bursary application. Bursary applications can be made online and you do not need to wait until your course begins.

Applications are open now for September 2020 and you will need your learner ID number to apply.

Further details on the bursary, along with the bursary application form can be found on the Preston's College website. Please visit: <https://www.preston.ac.uk/support/financial-support/make-an-online-bursary-application/>



## SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability Support) Team

Preston's College adopts an inclusive approach to learning, offering high quality teaching to all, which takes into account individual requirements. Reasonable adjustments are embedded within the classroom, to ensure that those learners with an identified need can fully access the curriculum and the associated assessment processes.

It is recognised that some learners may also need additional support and this will be provided by the Curriculum and Learner Support Team. The focus of support is to remove barriers to learning and develop strategies. Naturally, support needs differ from individual to individual but may include the provision of exam access arrangements, assistive technology, learning support coaches/assistants and communication support workers.

**To talk through your potential support needs with a member of the team please call 01772 225328 or email [transition@preston.ac.uk](mailto:transition@preston.ac.uk) to book an appointment.**

# FACILITIES AT PRESTON'S COLLEGE

At Preston's College, we have a range of outstanding facilities across all of our courses, including an industry standard Construction Centre, 100 seater theatre and a purpose built i-STEM Centre - home to an array of course specific facilities, including engineering workshops and a subsonic wind tunnel.

The wider campus also has the added benefit of an on-site fitness centre, hairdressing, barbering and beauty salons, all of which are available to learners, at heavily discounted prices! Please see page 9 for additional details.

## Food Outlets

The Preston's College campus offers an array of food and drink choices, including the Food Court - the main destination for all food and drink requirements! Home to a full refectory, serving subsidised hot meals and freshly prepared sandwiches and salads, Snack Attack - a quick, food-to-go option serving healthy choices including jacket potatoes, soup and wraps and the second floor, Balcony Bar offering a more relaxed place to enjoy a panini or pizza. The Food Court also has a variety of hot and cold drinks, as well as an assortment of vending machines.



## Starbucks

From barista-crafted coffees and iced lattes, to bacon sandwiches and waffles, you can enjoy a drink and catch up with others on the course in the subsidised, on-site Starbucks, or pick up your favourite coffee-to-go as you make your way to a class.

If you are studying with us in the evening, we recommend checking individual outlet opening times.



## Food on the Go

Our on-campus shop, 'food on the go', offers everything from sweet treats to hot drinks, alongside paninis, cold snacks and other essentials.

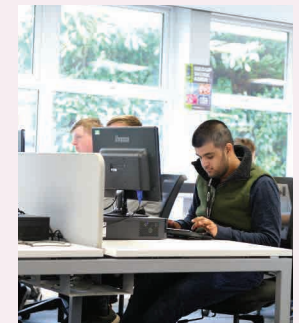
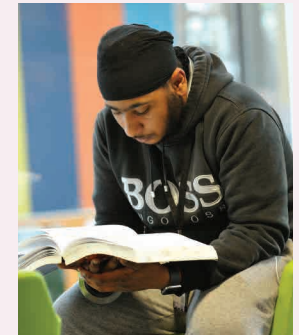
## Learning Zone and Library

The Learning Zone, housed over two floors, provides high quality support for learning outside of the classroom and a variety of individual and group study spaces.

Our learning zone team are always on hand to help you access the resources, services and support needed to develop your own independent study and research skills. The team offer a huge range of workshops on key topics including developing Harvard referencing, assignment writing and critical analysis.

In the Learning Zone, you will also find Nineteen+ facilities; spaces reserved exclusively for our adult learners that provide seating, quick response computers for study and areas where adult learners can eat and drink, whilst studying.

The Learning Zone also offers self-issue kiosks for the borrowing and return of books, with eBooks and e-journals offered on a 24/7 access basis. The area is also home to over 90 PCs, bookable group work rooms and individual study spaces.



## Higher Education Zone

In addition to the above, all adults studying on a Higher Education course with us here at Preston's College will have access to our dedicated Higher Education Zone; home to Higher Education classrooms and study spaces.

# LEARNER LIFE AT PRESTON'S COLLEGE



**Learner life at Preston's College extends well beyond your course.**

**As well as developing the right skills and knowledge for success in your chosen career, we will support in ensuring you get the most out of your time with us.**

This could be through valuable work experience opportunities or participation in a range of enrichment activities, such as The Student Council or Learner Voice groups.

You may also have the opportunity to participate in a range of course related trips and visits, opportunities to work on live briefs and projects for employers and receive real industry insight from a range of engaging guest speakers.

On campus, all learners have the chance to use the gym and leisure facilities. Housed in the Lockwood building, you will find a full fitness suite with Cybex equipment, functional zone, squash courts and a sports centre, should you wish

to join. Home to an array of gym equipment, the highly qualified staff can help you with your short and long-term fitness goals. With members of all ages and fitness levels, we pride ourselves on making the gym a non-intimidating and welcoming place for all of our members.

In addition, if you are looking for a completely new look for less, why not book into the on-site hair, beauty and barbering salons, where Level 2 and Level 3 learners on

hair, barbering and beauty courses offer a variety of treatments, under the careful supervision of highly experienced tutors.

As a Preston's College learner, you can also take advantage of off-site benefits, including the ability to register with UniDays and Student Beans, providing full access to the very latest free and exclusive student discounts and deals!

# TRAVEL

## Learner Parking

Preston's College are able to offer parking to all learners, on dedicated learner and visitor car parks, accessible from St Vincent's Road and Sharoe Green Lane. Parking is offered free of charge, on a first-come, first-serve basis.



## Public Transport

Preston train station is a short, 10 minute walk from the city's bus station and a range of bus services including the 4C, 19A (Royal Preston Hospital), 23 (Sherwood Asda) and the Preston Orbital (88A and 88C) bus routes all serve the College, from the main bus station. There are numerous other bus routes to the College from the surrounding areas, with many learners travelling to us from Chorley, Lancaster and Blackpool. Our Student Services Team can help learners with any travel enquires.



St Vincent's Rd  
Main Entrance



## **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

<b>General Enquiries:</b>	<b>01772 225000</b>
<b>Course Enquiries:</b>	<b>01772 225522 (option 1)</b>
<b>SEND Team:</b>	<b>01772 225328</b>
<b>Student Services:</b>	<b>01772 225656</b>
<b>Sports Centre:</b>	<b>01772 225420</b>
<b>Elements Salon:</b>	<b>01772 225452</b>

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