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SPECIALIST COLLEGE

Course Guide

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HAIR, BARBERING & BEAUTY
TRAINING

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SPECIALIST TRAINING

Want to see The Academy for yourself?

Come along to one of our open events during the year to see all our facilities, find out more about our courses and get a feel for life at The Academy college. Book onto an open event.



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Welcome from Lindsay Burr MBE Academy Director

Welcome to The Academy, I am so pleased to introduce you to our hair, beauty and barbering course guide – and show the brilliant further education opportunities that are available to help you along the next steps on your career path. As a previous salon owner and employer I understand the employer's needs and our students leave The Academy ready for work in the Hair, Beauty and Barbering industry.

This course guide will show you how we do things here at The Academy – not only the courses and qualifications available to you, but also showing you the opportunities we offer here, how we work with salons and placements, our facilities, competitions and industry experiences beyond the classroom, and the support available to you.

Want to find out more? Flick through these pages, or make sure to come along to one of our open events and see more.

**I look forward to welcoming you here at
The Academy!**

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Course Entry Requirements

There is a course for everyone here at The Academy. Need help getting there? Don't worry, if you haven't achieved a grade 4/C in these core subjects, and you're interested in this exciting industry we can help you with GCSE re-sits or functional skills.

Why choose us

What's on offer at The Academy

Learning at The Academy is way more than just what you learn in the classroom. During your time studying with us, there are plenty of opportunities and experiences on offer to make your time with us memorable...

Life at The Academy

As well as real salon training spaces, we have a whole host of other facilities and opportunities for you to experience with The Academy...





Financial support

We don't want any of our students to worry about financial pressures during their time with us at The Academy.

We can help you with:

- Discretionary bursary
- Vulnerable people's bursary
- Childcare support
- Free or subsidised travel

Many of our students often need some financial help whilst studying, and we are here to help you with that. By speaking to our team before you enrol, you'll be able to find out what is available for you. If you have any questions or need more info, get in touch – our team will be more than happy to help and answer any questions you have. 01723 373138.

Transport

Help for getting to college.

For all students who are eligible to access a bursary we are able to offer free travel, using local transport service, providing you live 2.5 miles or more away.

To be eligible for a bursary, students must have an annual household income of less than £39,000 and be training on one of our courses.

Support

Your mental health and wellbeing are important to us. If you need support, you can speak to your tutor. All of our team are on hand to help when you need it most.

Our Courses

Hair, Beauty & Barbering

Do you have a passion to make people look and feel amazing? If so, our hair, beauty and barbering courses could be for you. Covering all aspects of hairdressing, barbering and beauty therapy – our courses are perfect to transform your creative skills and talents into a rewarding career.

The hair, beauty and barbering industry is worth billions here in the UK alone, so it's a great option for your future career. Check out our range of courses, or book onto an open day to see our salon for yourself.

Future Careers:

- Self-employed Barber, Beauty therapist, Stylist
- Special effects make-up artist
- Educator
- Spa Therapist
- Freelancer

Barbering – Level 2 VRQ Certificate

Great way to learn those gents barbering and grooming techniques

What Will The Course Involve?

You will cover the range of essential practical skills and knowledge which will help you get a job in the barbering industry:

- ▲ Working in the hair/barbering industry
- ▲ Follow health and safety in the salon/barbers
- ▲ Client consultation for services
- ▲ Shampoo condition hair and scalp and scalp massage
- ▲ Promote products and services to clients
- ▲ Cut facial hair
- ▲ Styling men's hair
- ▲ Salon reception duties



Find out more

Entry Requirements

- ▲ A keen interest in barbering and want to work with people.
- ▲ You must meet deadlines and be committed to your course.
- ▲ GCSE maths and English grade 4+/C grade is preferred. If you do not hold a grade 4 or C in English and/or maths you will be required to study Functional Skills as part of the course.
- ▲ You will attend/ be offered a work experience placement; you will take part in enrichment activities including competitions and additional courses.

Equipment

- ▲ You will need a kit which we will explain at interview.

Assessment

- ▲ Practical assessment on clients and online tests
- ▲ You will complete some assignments and may need to sit online exams for Functional Skills.

General Comments

- ▲ You must have professional values and behaviours and have excellent attendance.

What Will The Course Lead To?

Progress to Barbering – Level 2 VRQ Diploma

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- ▲ Promote products and services to clients
- ▲ Cut men's hair and cut facial hair
- ▲ Colour and lighten hair and Styling men's hair
- ▲ Create an image based on a theme in the hair sector
- ▲ Salon reception duties



Find out more

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What Will The Course Lead To?

You may develop your skills more with a Level 3 qualification or an Apprenticeship or you could study hairdressing or beauty therapy. Another option is to work on cruise liners or further qualifications could lead to teaching/assessing and onto a degree or self employment.

Our Courses

Level 2 Beauty Therapy VRQ Certificate

What Will The Course Involve?

Work in the industry

- ▲ Following Health & Safety in the salon
- ▲ Facials including skincare cleansing, facial massage, mask application etc.
- ▲ Manicure and pedicure cuticle work, masks, massage, varnishing including French



Entry Requirements

- ▲ A keen interest in beauty therapy and want to work with people.
- ▲ You must meet deadlines and be committed to your course.
- ▲ GCSE maths and English grade 4+ /C grade is preferred. If you do not hold a grade 4 or C in English and/or maths you will be required to study Functional Skills as part of the course.
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What Will The Course Lead To?

You may progress to a Level 2 Beauty Therapy VRQ Diploma.



Find out more

Level 2 Beauty Therapy VRQ Diploma

What Will The Course Involve?

- ▲ Anatomy and physiology – the skin, structure of the skin and nails, bones of face
- ▲ Hair removal – warm and hot wax
- ▲ Facials including skincare cleansing, facial massage, mask application etc.
- ▲ Manicure and pedicure cuticle work, masks, massage, varnishing including French
- ▲ Lash and brows – Brow shape, brow and lash tint, lash perm and flare lashes
- ▲ Health and safety and communication with clients
- ▲ Promote products and services to clients

Entry Requirements

- ▲ A keen interest in beauty therapy and want to work with people.
- ▲ You must meet deadlines and be committed to your course.
- ▲ GCSE maths and English grade 4+/C grade is preferred. If you do not hold a grade 4 or C in English and/or maths you will be required to study Functional Skills as part of the course.
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Following your qualification you can go on to study at Apprenticeship:

Level 3 NVQ Beauty Therapy Diploma

Perfect your massage skills from deep tissue to aromatherapy and Indian Head massage.

Level 2 Diploma for Beauty Professionals (Level 2 Apprenticeship)

A Beauty Therapist works independently or as part of a team supported by a manager when completing treatments as a key part of a beauty business.

Wellbeing and Holistic Therapist Level 3 Professional Standard (Apprenticeship)



Find out more

Hairdressing – Level 2 VRQ Certificate

What Will The Course Involve?

Work in the industry

- ▲ Following Health & Safety in the salon
- ▲ Client Consultation
- ▲ Shampoo and condition hair and scalp
- ▲ Colour and lighten hair
- ▲ The Art of Dressing Hair

Entry Requirements

- ▲ A keen interest in hairdressing and want to work with people.
- ▲ You must meet deadlines and be committed to your course.
- ▲ GCSE maths and English grade 4+/C grade is preferred. If you do not hold a grade 4 or C in English and/or maths you will be required to study Functional Skills as part of the course.
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Assessment

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- ▲ You will complete some assignments and may need to sit online exams for Functional Skills.

General Comments

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What Will The Course Lead To?

You may progress to a Level 2 Hairdressing VRQ Diploma.



Find out more

Hairdressing – Level 2 VRQ Diploma

From one length cuts to blow drying perfection this is a great course to start

What Will The Course Involve?

Work in the industry

- ▲ Following Health & Safety in the salon
- ▲ Client Consultation
- ▲ Shampoo and condition hair and scalp
- ▲ Promote products
- ▲ Cut women's hair
- ▲ Colour and lighten hair
- ▲ Perm and neutralise hair
- ▲ The Art of Dressing Hair
- ▲ Create an image
- ▲ Plaiting and twisting

Entry Requirements

- ▲ A keen interest in hairdressing and want to work with people.
- ▲ You must meet deadlines and be committed to your course.
- ▲ GCSE maths and English grade 4+/C grade is preferred. If you do not hold a grade 4 or C in English and/or maths you will be required to study Functional Skills as part of the course.
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Following your qualification you can go on to study at Apprenticeship:

Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (6008-03)

Step up your salon skills with advanced colouring and cutting techniques including colour correction.

Level 3 Diploma for Advanced and Creative Hair Professionals (7004)

Step up your salon skills and knowledge with this Level 3 Apprenticeship.



Find out more

Apprenticeships for:

Barbering L2

Beauty L2 & L3

Hairdressing L2 & L3



As well as our wide range of vocational courses, did you know we offer apprenticeships, too?

Apprenticeships are a great way for you to learn in your chosen area, whilst gaining on-the-job training and real hands-on experience, at the same time.

What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?

▲ Hands-on experience

Gain experience in a real-world, workplace setting - not just the classroom - providing you with expert practical training.

▲ Develop your skills

As a structured training programme, our apprenticeships are designed to equip you with the right skills and knowledge. Whether that's technical skills, or personal and professional skills, our apprenticeships have you covered.

▲ Earn while you learn

Gaining valuable qualifications, and skills, whilst earning on the job, is a huge plus point for apprenticeships.

▲ Career progression

Want to move into a job after your apprenticeship, or gain further and higher education qualifications? No problem. There are plenty of career opportunities available to you.

Here at The Academy, we support lots of students through apprenticeships in hair, beauty and barbering.

Why not come along to an open event to speak to us about whether an apprenticeship is right for you?



Apprenticeships Employers

What's in it for the salon?

Taking on an apprentice from The Academy is a smart investment in the future of your salon. You gain a motivated, up-and-coming team member who is being trained in the latest techniques in hairdressing, barbering, and beauty, bringing fresh ideas and energy into your business. Apprentices can support day-to-day tasks, improve efficiency, and help grow your client capacity while learning your salon's standards and culture from the ground up. It's also a cost-effective way to develop loyal, skilled staff tailored to your business, reducing long-term recruitment costs and staff turnover, while enhancing your reputation as a professional salon committed to nurturing new talent.

How to Apply

Applying for a course at The Academy is very easy...

Step 1

Choose your course

Take a look through this guide or visit our website to look at our courses in more detail.

Still unsure? No worries. Come along to one of our open events - meet our staff, current students and see for yourself what we have to offer.

Step 2

Apply

You've chosen the exciting course for you – now you need to apply via our website. The link is on this page, to make it super easy for you.



Step 3

Welcome to The Academy!

You've chosen your course, you've applied, so what's next? After we've received your application, we'll arrange a short, informal interview and invite you to our taster sessions. We will keep in touch with you so you start to get a feel for what you'll experience with us. Then, once you've accepted your place, look out for your invitation to our Applicant Welcome Days.

Step 4

Enrol

With exams behind you, it's time to enrol onto your course at The Academy. We'll send you an invitation with a time and date, after GCSE results day, to come along and officially enrol onto your new course.





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