



POST-16 OPTIONS

With Activate Learning

Banbury and Bicester College – Bracknell and Wokingham College
City of Oxford College – Farnham College – Guildford College
– Merrist Wood College – Reading College – The Leys College



Officially rated
GOOD with
OUTSTANDING
areas by
Ofsted





INTRODUCING ACTIVATE LEARNING

A group of learning organisations, including secondary, further and higher education, workforce training and social enterprise.

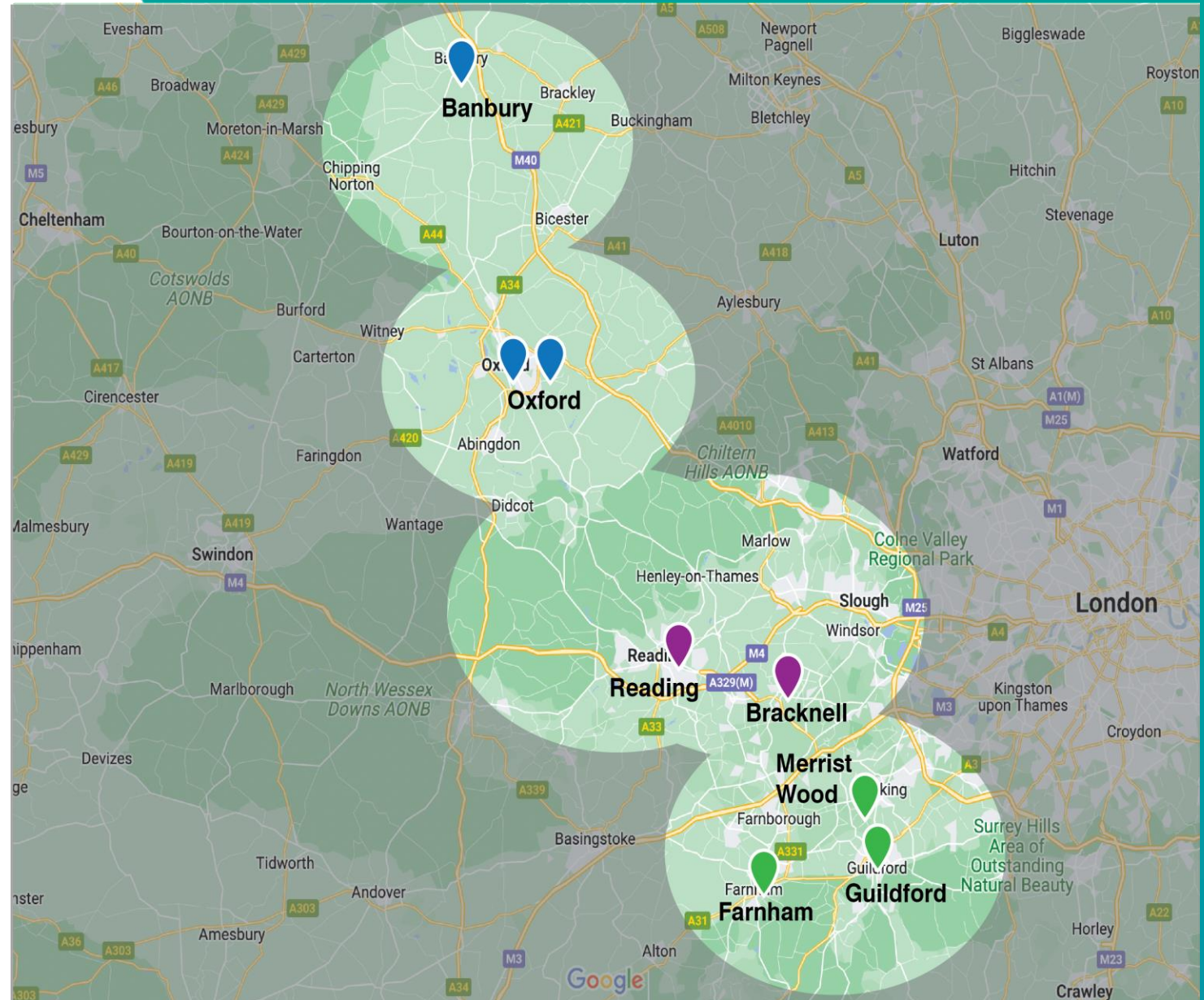
Made up of eight colleges across Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

An award-winning education.

High student success/satisfaction rates.

95% progress to work or higher education.

Recognised by Ofsted as 'Good'





Post-Year 11 options

After GCSEs:

▶ Sixth Form

▶ College (vocational,
T Levels, A Levels, GCSE's)

▶ Apprenticeship



The Activate Learning offer

Full-time study programme:
Vocational - T Level - A Level - GCSE

Apprenticeship:
Activate Apprenticeships

Higher Education:
Access to HE
HNC to Degree level courses





What is college like?

Outstanding facilities

A grown-up environment, but with similar hours and holiday to school.

Firstly, we aim to get you **ready for working life** and that's why we can offer everyone the chance of **work experience** whilst you're studying with us.





READING COLLEGE

- Creative art workshops
- Construction centre
- Forensic science suite and labs
- Garage and engineering workshops
- Hair and beauty salons
- Healthcare Suite
- IT learning zones
- Recording studios and performance spaces – (new theatre 2021)
- Sports Academy
- Training kitchens and restaurant
- The Gym







BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

- Construction workshops
- Electrical installation centre
- Forensic and community room (2021)
- Hair and beauty salons
- Healthcare suite (2021)
- IT suites with CAD workstations
- Media Suite
- Motor vehicle workshops
- Photography and art studios
- Science labs (2021)
- Sport England grade facility and Basketball Academy







Care Skills Training Centre

- Our fully immersive learning space offers a unique insight into careers in clinical health and social care.
- Six-bed simulated hospital ward.
- Fully equipped home care room.





Vocational Courses

Vocational programmes across many pathways from Foundation to Levels 1, 2 and 3

- ▶ Learn in specialist facilities that replicate work environments
- ▶ Opportunities for work experience
- ▶ Designed in partnership with business to maximise relevance
- ▶ Courses covering a wide range of different career pathways
- ▶ Supported Learning Programmes within Lifeskills Faculty designed for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)







Services to the public

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Students are trained to a professional standard where they gain valuable work experience.



THE KITCHEN
AT READING COLLEGE



 **THE SALON**
Reading



READING STUDIO
of Dramatic Art



HARMONY
HAIR & BEAUTY



Vocational Courses

- Beauty Therapy
- Business and Enterprise
- Construction
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Esports
- Foundation Studies
- GCSEs
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Professional Cookery
- IT and Computing
- Media
- Media Makeup
- Motor Vehicle
- Performing and Production Arts
- Plumbing
- Photography
- Visual Arts and Design
- Public Services
- Sports Academies
- Sports Therapy and Exercise
- Science
- Tourism

T LEVELS - What are they?

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

A new qualification that is equivalent to three A Levels:

80% of the course is in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where you'll put these skills into practice.

Designed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so that you will learn everything you need to prepare for the workplace – with more than 300 hours of industry placements.

T Levels give you the option to move onto university or a higher apprenticeship.





T Levels Berkshire September 2026

- ▶ Craft and Design: Textiles and Fashion Maker (Reading College only)
- ▶ Design & Development: Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ▶ Design & Development; Mechanical Engineering
- ▶ Digital: Digital Software Development (Reading College only)
- ▶ Digital: Digital Data Analytics (Bracknell & Wokingham College only)
- ▶ Education and Early Years (Reading College only)
- ▶ Finance: Accounting (Reading College only)
- ▶ Health: Adult Nursing
- ▶ Laboratory Science
- ▶ Legal: Crime, Criminal Justice and Social Welfare (Bracknell & Wokingham College only)
- ▶ Business: Management and Administration
- ▶ Media Broadcast and Production: Content Creation



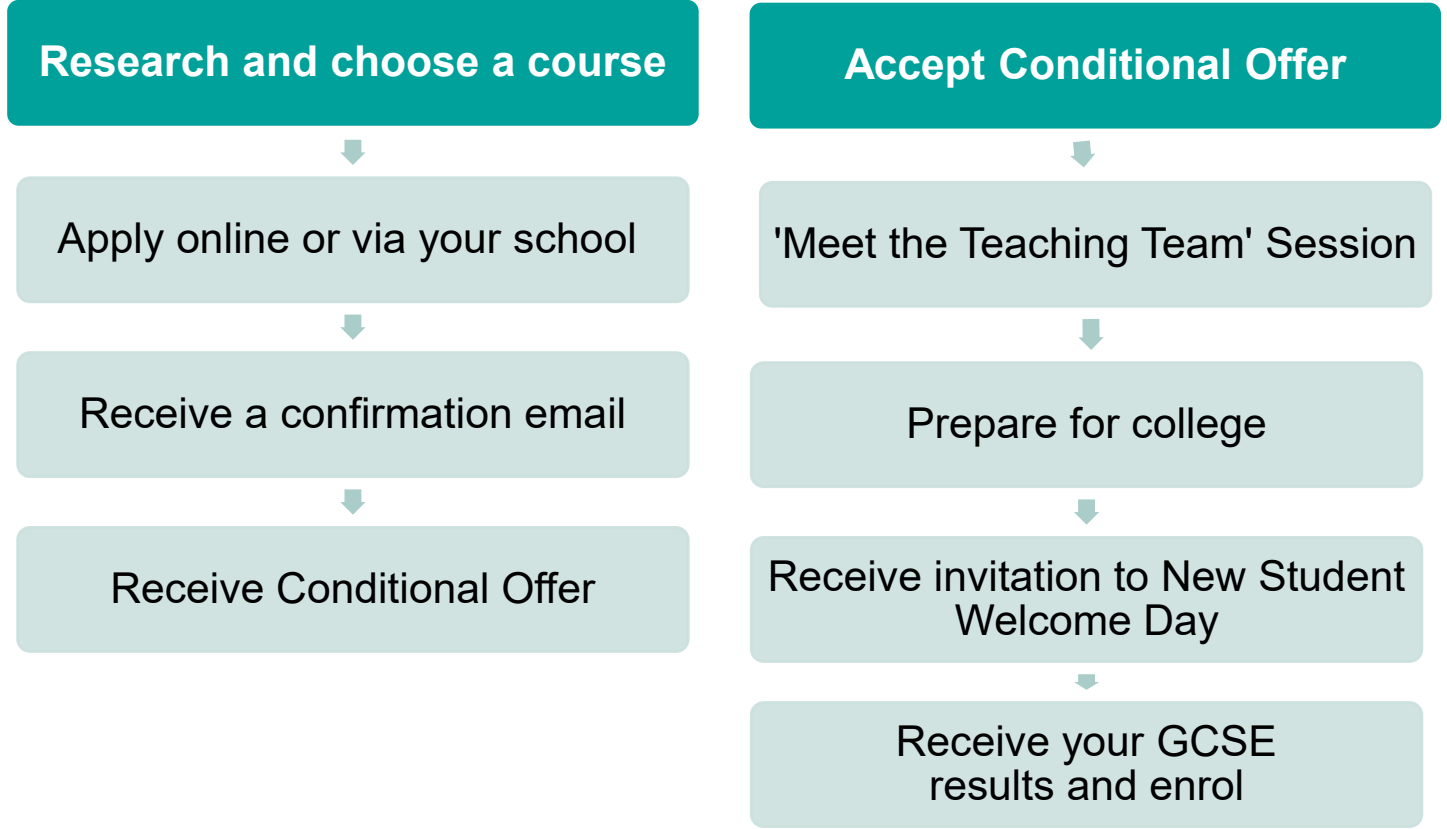
Employer Engagement

- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Masterclasses
- ▶ Interview practice
- ▶ Live projects
- ▶ Talks





Applying to college



**APPLY AT
THE OPEN
EVENT**

**SPACES
FILL UP
QUICK!**

*Early application will reserve a place on your chosen course. Your offer is conditional, so you must meet the grade criteria. If you don't achieve this, there will be the opportunity to consider a lower level or an alternative course.



Apprenticeships

www.activateapprenticeships.co.uk

- ▶ Through Activate Learning, young people can get in and go far with some of the UK's biggest and brightest companies
- ▶ Activate Learning brings a talent pipeline of over 1000 apprentices, studying across the Activate Learning group
- ▶ Actively working with over 400 companies in the local region and 1000 across the UK





FINDING THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP

- ▶ Our team is here to provide guidance and support — whether that's helping you set up an apprenticeship with your current employer or offering advice and resources to assist you in finding the right apprenticeship opportunities.
- ▶ We advertise vacancies on our website (Activate Apprenticeships Vacancies) where you can also register your interest.
- ▶ Visit the National Apprenticeship Service www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- ▶ Activate Apprenticeships
01865 551015





Earn and Learn

via Activate Apprenticeships



WHO WE WORK WITH



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APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER

Minimum hourly rate: £7.55

– PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CAMPUS

- ▶ **Adult Care Worker L2**
- ▶ **Advanced and Creative Hair Professionals L3**
- ▶ **Bespoke Furniture Making L3**
- ▶ **Bicycle Mechanic L2**
- ▶ **Bricklayer L2**
- ▶ **Business Admin L3**
- ▶ **Carpentry & Joinery L2**
- ▶ **Commis Chef L2**
- ▶ **Cyber Technologist L4**
- ▶ **Data Analyst L4**
- ▶ **Early Years Practitioner L2**
- ▶ **Early Years Educator L3**
- ▶ **Engineering Technician L3**
- ▶ **Equine Groom L2**
- ▶ **Furniture Manufacturer L2**
- ▶ **Hair Professionals L2**
- ▶ **Horticulture Operative L2**
- ▶ **Installation & Maintenance Electrician L3**
- ▶ **IT Technician L3**
- ▶ **Lead Adult Care Worker L3**
- ▶ **Lead Practitioner in Adult Care L4**
- ▶ **Landscape Operative L2**
- ▶ **Maintenance & Operations**
- ▶ **Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician L2**
- ▶ **Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3**
- ▶ **Senior Equine Groom L3**
- ▶ **Software Developer L4**
- ▶ **Teaching and Skills Teacher L5**
- ▶ **Teaching Assistant L3**



ACTIVATE
APPRENTICESHIPS



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

I am interested in becoming an apprentice and I have an apprenticeship employer

I am interested in becoming an apprentice and I don't have an apprenticeship employer





Entry requirements:

Qualification	Entry Requirements
Entry Level	No formal entry requirements
Level 1	Range of GCSEs at grades 3-1
Level 2	Two to four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
Level 3	Four or five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
T Level 3*	Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent
A Level *	Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent

*Please note: this is a guide only as some courses may require specific entry criteria.



Student Support

- > Advice and Guidance, supporting you with your chosen career pathway from the Employment and Careers Team
- > Financial support, childcare and travel bursaries
- > Learning Support, Pastoral Support and student coaches
- > On-site counselling





Travelling to Reading College

Bus: 13, 14, 17 and X4 run directly from Reading Train Station.
5-14 minutes to reach the College.

Buses run to Reading Station from many local areas

Train: The station is 20 minutes walk away from the College –
or a short bus ride, dropping you right outside the college.

Bicycle: Cycle racks are available.

Road: Free student car park on site (parking permit required).



Career Options

Engineering & Construction

Construction
Production
Manager

Civil Engineering
Technician

Mechanical
Engineer

Vehicle Technician

Mechanic

Electrical Engineer

Tradesperson

Academic and Professional Studies

Psychologist

Researcher

Business
Development Manager

Nursery Manager

Pharmacy Technician

Social Worker

Travel Agency
Manager

Lifestyles

Vet

Salon Manager

Esports Business
Development
Manager

Chef

Makeup Artist

Police Officer

Sports Coach

Security Guard

CreaTech

Web designer

Camera Operator

Film/TV Producer

Furniture Designer

Music Producer

Theatre Manager

Actor

Sound Engineer

Cabinet Maker



Come to an

OPEN EVENT



@ Reading
College

Wednesday 4 February, 4.30-7pm

Wednesday 29 April, 4.30-7pm

@ Bracknell and
Wokingham College

Wednesday 11 February, 4.30-7pm

Wednesday 22 April, 4.30-7pm

Register today and
**ACTIVATE YOUR
FUTURE** →

www.activatelearning.ac.uk



Frequently Asked Questions:

- Do I need to book a place on an Open Event?
- How do I know what is the right learning environment for me?
- What if I do not get the grades for my first-choice course? (Back-up Plan)
- Can I apply for more than one course?
- When should I apply?
- What if I change my mind?