

**WANT A COURSE
THAT PREPARES 
YOU FOR **T** LEVEL?**



THE **T LEVEL 
FOUNDATION 
YEAR **

**STUDENT AND 
PARENT GUIDE 
**

**WHAT TO DO 
NEXT TO GET 
T LEVEL READY**



What are T Levels?

T Levels are full-time, 2-year Level 3 qualifications. Equivalent in size to 3 A levels, a T Level will give you a head start, whether that's into skilled employment, or higher education.

On a T Level, 80% of the course takes place in the classroom learning practical skills; you will spend the other 20% on an Industry Placement that lasts for at least 45 days. This is to give you valuable experience in the workplace.

There are now over 20 T Level subjects to choose from. Each allows you to learn about your chosen sector, as well as including options that enable you to specialise in the subject areas you are interested in pursuing as a career, and an industry placement.

What can you do after your T Level and Industry Placement?

You could progress directly into skilled employment or an apprenticeship, or a higher technical qualification (HTQ). If you want to go to university, you will gain UCAS tariff points on successful completion of your T Level and Industry Placement, to enable you to secure a university place.

Whichever pathway you choose, T Levels will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for a successful future.

What is the T Level Foundation Year?

The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year, Level 2 study programme, designed as the first year of a 3-year T Level for those who would benefit from the additional support and preparation the programme provides.

What students say:

"The T Level Foundation Year has been fantastic, I have learned so much, there have been so many great opportunities. It has definitely developed my skills... I am really excited for the T Level next year."

Tyrone, Digital, City College Norwich – now on T Level

"I was really happy to do the T Level Foundation Year in Education and Early Years because it's given me that extra bit of experience for the T Level because I want to do primary school teaching. It helped me prepare for T level which otherwise would have been a huge jump for me, but doing the programme has kind of chilled me into the expectations of the T Level coursework."

Hollie, TLFY Education & Early Years, Ferndown Upper School - now on T Level

What can you expect from a T Level Foundation Year study programme?

It's purposefully designed to support progression onto your chosen T Level subject, helping you develop knowledge, skills and behaviours across five key areas:

INDUSTRY RELEVANT SKILLS

Subject content: Study content and materials that's been designed with employers to prepare you for your chosen T Level subject.

Small projects: Get to do project work based on authentic real-life industry scenarios.

Career opportunities: Learn about the different T Levels to help you decide the best path for you.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS FOR THE WORKPLACE

Practical skills: Develop hands-on skills and skills employers value, like communication, project and teamwork.

Employer involvement: Get opportunities to meet employers and get experience of the workplace.

POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS

Personal development: Learn how to set goals and plan how to achieve them and get regular feedback to help you stay on track.

Confidence and resilience strategies: Build your confidence and self-belief to help you cope with challenges and stay positive.

Enrichment activities: Participate in activities that broaden your experience like volunteering or social projects.

What students say:

"One of the skills I have learned on my T Level Foundation Year is problem solving and that has really helped me in the workplace, but I have been able to refine that in class. I'm a lot better at my general knowledge, especially in a garage or in a workshop, and my maths has definitely improved."

James – TLFY Engineering & Manufacturing, HSDC - now on T Level

"The thing that I am looking forward to the most on T Level is the placement. In the T Level Foundation Year I feel like it is preparing me for that as I'm learning skills along the way that I didn't know that I would need beforehand like good communication skills and presenting skills."

Faatimah - TLFY Education & Early Years, City of Stoke-on-Trent College - now on T Level

SKILLS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDY

Effective study strategies: Learn how to plan your study schedule and manage your time by setting clear, achievable goals to stay focused.

Hands-on experience: practice what you learn by working on projects and with others in teams.

ENGLISH, MATHS AND DIGITAL SKILLS

Qualification goals: Build on or work towards a GCSE grade 4 or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and/or maths if you do not already have this.

Find out using this QR code where T Levels can take you with these [Occupational Maps](#).



What parents say:

"I can really see how the T Level Foundation Year has really helped my niece Faatimah in terms of her confidence and maturity, her calm outlook, dealing with stressful situations, I think she has really developed and I think this course has been instrumental in that."

Nazam Ulhaque

"The moment the penny dropped for Megan when she was doing her T Level Foundation Year was when she was doing her work placement at a primary school. She literally came out absolutely buzzing after the day, told me everything that she did from start to finish, and couldn't wait to go back and do it again. That for her, was the moment that she knew she wanted to work with children."

Megan's mum

T Level Foundation Year	T Levels	Some example progression options
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	Agriculture, land management and production	Crop production Floristry Land-based engineering Livestock production Ornamental horticulture and landscaping Tree and woodland management and maintenance
	Animal care and management	Keeper and aquarist Animal care and welfare assistant Equine Care and management
Business and Administration	Management and Administration	Business improvement coordinator Team leader Project support
Construction	Design, Surveying and Planning	Civil engineering technician Technical surveyor Building technician Building control officer Town planning assistant Geospatial technician
	Building Services Engineering for Construction	Trades such as: Electrician and Plumber Pipefitter Engineering construction craftworker/technician Engineering maintenance technician Security systems installer Heating and ventilation engineer Refrigeration and air conditioning installer Building services engineer Smart meter installer Domestic appliance service engineer Electrical engineering technician Gas service technician
Creative and Design	Creative and Design	Jewelry maker Ceramics maker Furniture maker Textiles and fashion maker
	Media, Broadcast and Production	Creative media technician Broadcast and media systems technical operator Events and venues technician Creative industries production technician Content creation and production Production assistant - Screen and Audio Creative media technician
Digital	Digital Production, Design and Development	Web developer or designer Computer games developer or tester E-learning developer User experience (UX) designer
	Digital Support Services	Digital infrastructure and IT support technician IT security coordinator
	Digital Business Services	Data analyst – statistician Market research data analyst

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Education and Early Years	Education and Early Years	Nursery worker Teaching assistant Learning mentor Special educational needs teaching assistant Playworker Portage home visitor
Engineering and Manufacturing	Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing	Accident repair technician Maintenance and operation engineering technician
	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing	Mechanical design engineer Manufacturing design engineer
	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control	Engineering technician Machining technician Fabrication technician
Health and Science	Health	Ambulance care assistant Emergency care assistant Healthcare assistant Care worker Palliative care assistant Dental nurse
	Science	Laboratory technician Metrologist Food manufacturing inspector
Legal, Finance and Accounting	Legal services	Legal services assistant
	Finance	Finance controller Underwriter Specialist advisor
	Accounting	Accounts clerk Assistant accountant Corporate recovery analyst
Sales, Marketing and Procurement	Marketing	Marketing assistant Marketing communication manager Marketing communications professional

Search for your local schools and colleges to see what T Level programmes they are delivering using this QR code:



What qualifications will I get on the T Level Foundation Year?

Your local education provider will decide what technical or other qualifications are offered on their programmes, as the specific details of the programme are set by the school or college. As English and maths are crucial employability skills and important for higher level study including T Levels, if you need to continue to study for English and maths, you'll get time and support to do this. Your provider will be able to advise on whether to study for GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications based on your prior attainment.

What will I get to show for completing the T Level Foundation Year course?

Students who complete the course will be eligible to receive a National T Level Foundation Year Level 2 certificate, which is issued by your provider. This sits alongside and complements any other qualifications you may achieve on the programme.

How do I get onto the T Level Foundation Year?

All T Level Foundation Year providers are also T Level providers. If you want to find out more, speak to your school or college, your careers adviser, or your local T Level provider – they will help you decide if the T Level Foundation Year is right for you and what opportunities are available to you.

What tutors say:

"When Hollie started on the T Level Foundation Year, she was quite a shy, quiet young lady; she has really progressed, her confidence, her self-esteem has grown. In fact, her parents have actually said to me that it's the best thing she has ever done."

Julie Hilton, Head of Education & Early Years Courses, Ferndown Upper School

"Jamie is coping well with the T Level, and I believe that having done the T Level Foundation Year first has stood him in good stead for the planning and organisation needed for amount of information they have to take in on a T Level."

Malcolm Buchanan, TLFY and T Level Engineering, HSDC

T Level Foundation Year – Student Experience Videos

Click on the QR Codes to view the videos



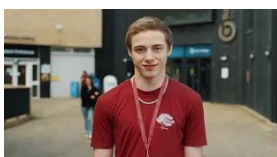
Emily: Animal Care and Management



Kimberley: Creative and Design



Faatimah: Education and Early Years



Thomas: Health and Science



Jamie: Engineering and Manufacturing



Tyrone: Digital



Khia: Legal, Finance and Accounting



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