



myths about studying at college



Myth #1 - College is just like school

Coming to college is very different from school. It is an adult environment where you can wear your own clothes (unless you have a course specific uniform) and call teachers by their first name. College also offers a wider range of subjects and qualifications to study from A Levels, diplomas, apprenticeships, as well as courses at degree level!

Myth #2 - Only people who cannot do A Levels come to college

There are many students that come to college to study their A Levels and many others that choose to do a Diploma in a particular subject. The two-year Level 3 Diploma allows you to really focus on the subject you love and can give you a head start in the workplace with dedicated work experience opportunities.

Myth #3 - Coming to college is more time wasted

Time at college helps you develop many skills that will prepare you for the workplace. Many courses offer placement experience and tutors have first-hand experience of the subjects they teach. An apprenticeship allows for a balance of work and study.

Myth #4 - I can't take any further GCSEs or repeat them to raise your grades

Not true! If your GCSE grades were not quite what you expected you will have the opportunity to re-sit maths and English at college. Your maths and English classes will become part of your individual study plan.

Myth #5 - I cant go to University without A Levels

A Level 3 Diploma is worth up to 420 UCAS points, which is the equivalent to 3 A* A Levels! Recently our students have gone to universities such as Kings College London, University of Birmingham, Central St Martins, Bristol University and the University of Nottingham. We are very proud of our student progression from college to university. Our students are very well prepared when they move to university!

Myth #6 - You do not get support at college

College offers a wide range of support including travel bursaries, in class learning support, counselling, and helping students make the transition from school to college. We are here to help and have a dedicated Student Support team and offer particular support for students with Educational Health Care Plans. We appreciate that students may have different support needs at different times.

Myth #7 - Students at college are poorly behaved

Not true! College is an adult environment and all students are aware of the professional standards of behaviour required to study at college. Any poor behaviour is taken very seriously and dealt with quickly.

Myth #8 - Tutors will have low expectations of me

Tutors have high expectations of their students. Attendance, punctuality, homework and assessment are closely monitored to ensure the best possible results for you. We want all students to achieve and have high aspirations for their future.