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**Acorn Academy**

**Qualifications**

**Apprenticeships**

**Information  
Technology**

**Health and  
Social Care**

**Catering**

**Sport**

**Construction  
Skills**

**Hair and  
Beauty**

**Skills**

**Training**



# **Prospectus**

**Programme for ages 16-19\***

\*Learners aged 19 must meet eligibility criteria



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I would like to say a big thank you, you never gave up  
on me like many schools and sixth forms have before.  
I gained the qualifications I needed.  
Stacey Louise - The Acorn Academy



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# Welcome to the



## Acorn Academy prospectus

Acorn Academy can provide a range of course options to suit individual needs.

Students enrolled at the Acorn Academy are taught by tutors with industry knowledge and backgrounds. We hope that this experience will give students a head start in achieving their dream job.

For those who want to achieve qualifications to help support their future, we are here to help. Our friendly, helpful tutors will help plan and prepare students for their chosen career path and support their next step, whether that be further education, an Apprenticeship or into employment. We have several training centres across the East Midlands and Derbyshire.

Becoming an Acorn Academy student is about more than gaining qualifications; it's about gaining the confidence and self-esteem to make the right career choices.

This prospectus will provide you with everything that you need to know about the courses available and the facilities at the Acorn Academy. However, if you have any queries then please get in touch. We're happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you,

*R Kayes*

Rachel Kayes  
Acorn Academy Manager



## Course overview

### Induction (duration 3 weeks)

Your Acorn Academy journey will begin with a three week induction period. This will be with a tutor who will help you to plan your future career path and write your Individual Learning Plan.

During your induction you'll learn about what career options are available to you and plan your career path.



### Work experience

As part of your course you'll have the opportunity to attend a paid week of work experience in your chosen industry where you'll gain valuable employment skills.

### Maths and English

During your course you'll be able to work towards the next level of Maths and English.

Individual student support available

Start and end your journey with us!

Level 1 and 2 courses available

Reward days

We also offer Apprenticeships if you want to continue your training with us  
Subject to availability



# Health, welfare and safety

Leaving school and moving on can be a daunting experience. The Acorn Academy encourages a supportive and enjoyable environment for students, where staff are on-hand to offer free and impartial advice to all who need it.

We regularly run workshops providing information on the following subjects:

- Safe sex information and advice
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Healthy eating and support
- Quit smoking advice and support
- One-to-one support
- Managing your personal finances
- Citizenship
- Equal opportunities

*Cheap  
meals!*



# Why choose The Acorn Academy?

## Bonus scheme\*

Get paid an Apprenticeship wage for completing a weeks work experience

£50.00 bonus on completion of your vocational qualification

£25.00 for making a positive progression from the programme

£25.00 for referring a friend to the programme



*All travel  
paid for!*

## Entry requirements

All applicants will have an individual guidance interview to assess their needs and suitability for the course.

Subject to their previous qualifications, students must demonstrate that they're able to progress. You'll need to ensure a good attendance record and be able to meet deadlines.

## Financial support

### All travel costs are paid for

We provide a bursary scheme for learners who are aged 16-19\*\*, enrolled on our courses and meet the right criteria.

To find out if you're eligible for bursary contact us for more information (contact details are on the back of this prospectus).

\*Conditions apply. \*\*Learners aged 19 must meet eligibility criteria



# Construction Skills



## Level one

**Qualification** - Extended Certificate in Construction Skills (City & Guilds)  
**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(Including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills, which will prepare you for a career in the construction industry.

This programme is ideal for people who are not afraid of hard work, enjoy working in a practical environment and are willing to get their hands dirty.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the construction industry
- Develop brickwork and blockwork skills
- Develop painting and decorating skills
- Understand how to prepare surfaces
- Learn about health and safety in the construction industry
- Identify career opportunities within the construction industry
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement\*

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the construction industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- Handyman
- Bricklayer
- Labourer
- Painter and Decorator
- Technician



I have had fun at The Acorn Academy and it has made me more confident.

Jake Gale - The Acorn Academy

## Level two

**Qualification** - Certificate in Skills for Employment in the Construction Industries (Ascentis)  
**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(Including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills, which will prepare you for a career in the construction industry.

This programme is ideal for people who are not afraid of hard work, enjoy working in a practical environment and are willing to get their hands dirty.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the construction industry
- Understand Health, safety and welfare in the construction industry
- Learn how to work safely in a construction environment
- Develop construction methods and techniques
- Complete a one weeks paid work experience

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the construction industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- Handyman
- Bricklayer
- Labourer
- Painter and Decorator
- Technician



# Information Technology

Boost your employability - accredited courses and industry placements

## Level one

**Qualification** - Diploma for IT Users (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn valuable IT skills, which will help prepare you for a career in IT or Business & Administration.

This programme is ideal for people who are organised and have a real interest in furthering their IT skills.

### Course summary

- Develop IT skills and learn how to apply them to a work setting
- Design and create presentations and publications
- Understand and use IT security systems
- Create business documents
- Design and create a webpage
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the IT sector
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| • Administrator | • IT Technician      |
| • Web Designer  | • Call Centre Worker |



I chose The Acorn Academy, because I wanted to get back into education and an ex-learner told me how good it was.

**Jake Gale** - The Acorn Academy

## Level two

**Qualification** - Diploma for IT Users (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn valuable IT skills, which will help prepare you for a career in IT or Business & Administration.

This programme is ideal for people who are organised and have a real interest in furthering their IT skills.

### Course summary

- Develop IT skills and learn how to apply them to a work setting
- Learn how to improve productivity using IT
- Understand the potential of ITs
- Develop personal and team effectiveness using IT
- Complete a one weeks paid work experience

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2/3 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the IT sector
- Further education at Level 3

### Potential careers

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| • Administrator | • IT Technician      |
| • Web Designer  | • Call Centre Worker |



# Catering

## Level one

**Qualification** - Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills in food preparation and lets you put them to use in our kitchen.

This course is best suited to people who are able to interact with others and enjoy working with food.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the food service industry
- Identify career opportunities within the hospitality industry
- Prepare food and drink and serve to customers
- Gain an understanding of basic food hygiene principles
- Understand the safe practice of using kitchen equipment
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the hospitality industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- Catering Assistant
- Restaurant Manager
- Bar Manager
- Chef
- Housekeeper
- Kitchen Assistant



I enjoyed learning at The Acorn Academy. I learnt a lot, made friends and gained qualifications that will help me in the future.

**Samantha Parker** - The Acorn Academy

## Level two

**Qualification** - Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills in food preparation and lets you put them to use in our kitchen.

This course is best suited to people who are able to interact with others and enjoy working with food.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the food service industry
- Identify career opportunities within the hospitality industry
- Prepare food and drink and serve to customers
- Gain an understanding of how to maintain a safe and hygienic working environment
- Learn how to produce basic vegetable, pasta, rice & fish dishes
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2/3 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the hospitality industry
- Further education at Level 3

### Potential careers

- Catering Assistant
- Restaurant Manager
- Bar Manager
- Chef
- Housekeeper
- Kitchen Assistant



# Sport

## Level one

**Qualification** - Certificate in Sport (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to get you active, introduce you to the world of sport, exercise and fitness and motivate you to become a leader through sport.

This programme is best suited to people who want to lead and participate in sports activities.

### Course summary

- Build an understanding of exercise and fitness
- Challenge yourself to adopt a fitter and healthier lifestyle
- Find out how the body works through exercise
- Develop leadership skills
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the sport and fitness industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- Fitness Instructor
- Leisure Assistant
- Personal Trainer
- Sport and Fitness Nutritionist

Get paid to learn with our bonus scheme



The Acorn Academy is a great place to go. Great lessons and fun days out.

**Zoe Pettipierre**  
The Acorn Academy





# Hair and Beauty

"Thanks to the Beauty Tutor for supporting me through my diploma. I now have my own nail business. I loved every minute of the course."

**Lauren**  
The Acorn Academy former student

## Level one

**Qualification** - Diploma in An Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector (City and Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to equip you with the practical skills needed to work in the hair and beauty sector. Learn professional tips and techniques from our industry-based tutors in areas such as nail art and make up.

This programme is suited to people who have a creative flair and are keen to learn more about hair, beauty and cosmetics.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the hair and beauty industry
- Identify career opportunities in the hair and beauty industry
- Gain work-related skills within the hair and beauty sector
- Learn basic manicure techniques
- Learn basic nail art techniques
- Design and create a hair and beauty image
- Develop knowledge of skin care techniques
- Learn how to apply make up
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the hair and beauty industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- Beauty Therapist
- Nail Technician
- Hairdresser



I enjoyed the Beauty course the most as that's where I gained new friends and I could show my creativity and skills.

**Rosie** - The Acorn Academy

## Level two

**Qualification** - Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services (City and Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to equip you with the practical skills needed to work in the beauty sector. Learn professional tips and techniques from our industry-based tutors in areas such as head massage and make-up.

This programme is suited to people who have a creative flair and are keen to learn more about beauty and cosmetics.

### Course summary

- Gain practical experience within the beauty industry
- Identify career opportunities in the beauty industry
- Gain work-related skills within the beauty sector
- Provide facial scincare
- Provide manicure treatments
- Learn how to shape and colour eyebrows
- Learn how to apply make up
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths and English skills



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2/3 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the beauty industry
- Further education at Level 3

### Potential careers

- Beauty Therapist
- Nail Technician



# Health and Social Care

## Level one

**Qualification** - Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings (City & Guilds)

**Course Length** - 34 weeks

(including 3 week induction and 1 week work placement)

This course is designed to introduce you to the world of health and social care and give you the knowledge and confidence to take the first step towards a career in caring for children and adults. This programme is ideal for those who have a caring nature and are willing to help others.

### Course summary

- Gain an understanding of roles in health and social care
- Learn about principles and values of supporting other people
- Gain knowledge and understanding of essential health and safety
- Learn about the safeguarding of children and adults
- Demonstrate understanding of equality and diversity
- Investigate healthy lifestyles
- Learn how to communicate with children and adults in a working environment
- Complete a one week paid work experience placement

### As well as:

- Develop employability skills
- Receive help with CVs, job applications, preparing for interviews and career planning
- Improve your Maths, English and ICT



### What next?

- Move onto a Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Find employment in the health and social care industry
- Further education at Level 2

### Potential careers

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Childcare Assistant   | • Youth Work               |
| • Residential Carer     | • Nursing                  |
| • Health Care Assistant | • Community Support Worker |
| • Nursery Nurse         |                            |



The Acorn Academy has turned my life around. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be where I am today, leaving with an Apprenticeship.

**Student** - The Acorn Academy







There are plenty of ways to get in touch with The Acorn Academy if you would like to enrol or find out more...

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Text: 07500 603047 with your name and we'll call you back

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