




16-19 Course Guide  
2011-12



# THE FULL MIX

✓ EMPLOYMENT    ✓ BUSINESS    ✓ UNIVERSITY

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# WHAT IS THE FULL MIX?

The Full Mix is what we at Tower Hamlets College believe it takes for our students to achieve success. Whether you want to go to university, get a job or even start up your own business enterprise. Whatever you choose to do, we will provide you with the right course and the right environment for you to achieve your goals.

Together, we will get you closer to achieving your dreams.

# 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ENROL AT THC

- 1 77% OF OUR STUDENTS WHO APPLIED TO UNIVERSITY GOT IN, 7% ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE.**
- 2 100% ACHIEVEMENT RATES ON A RANGE OF COURSES INCLUDING A LEVELS AND VOCATIONAL BASED QUALIFICATIONS**
- 3 WIDE CHOICE OF ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL COURSES AND OVER 25 A LEVELS TO CHOOSE FROM**
- 4 ONE-TO-ONE FOCUSED TUTORIAL SUPPORT**
- 5 STUDENTS FEEL SAFE, WELCOME, AND ARE TREATED AS ADULTS**

## Where are they now – Class of 2010



### CLIVE SIMON

STUDIED:  
*Catering*

WHERE AM I NOW:  
*Working with Gordon Ramsey's expert team*



### EGLE JANCAUSKAITE

STUDIED:  
*AA Level Accounting (A), Economics (A), Business Studies (A)*

WHERE I AM NOW:  
*Manchester University, Chemical Engineering*



### VALDEMAR MARTINS

STUDIED:  
*BTEC National Diploma in Business*

WHERE I AM NOW:  
*Starting a one-year paid Internship at KPMG in October 2011*



### PETER NGYUEN

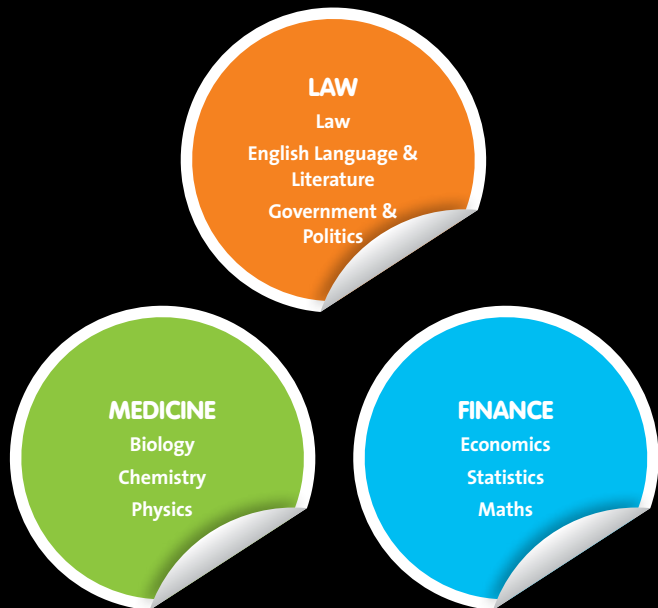
STUDIED:  
*Transitions 2 Work*

WHERE I AM NOW:  
*On a long-term work placement at local art gallery*

Key **E** = Employment **B** = Business **U** = University

**WE ARE THE BIGGEST PROVIDER OF A LEVELS IN THE BOROUGH.****Q: WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF THAT FOR YOU?****A: CHOICE**

You may already know what career path you want to pursue. To get there you will most probably have to go to university to gain a degree in the relevant area. In order for you to gain a place on the right course at the right university, it is really important that you choose the right combination of A levels to study. Your choice/combination of subjects will show university admissions teams you have the right knowledge and abilities in the right area.

**EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE A LEVEL COMBINATIONS FOR SPECIFIC CAREER AND DEGREE PATHS:****CHOOSE FROM:**

**ACCOUNTING, APPLIED ICT, ART, ART: CRITICAL & CONTEXTUAL STUDIES, BIOLOGY, BUSINESS, CHEMISTRY, COMMUNICATION STUDIES, COMPUTING, ECONOMICS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, FILM STUDIES, GOVERNMENT & POLITICS, HISTORY, LAW, MATHS, FURTHER MATHS, MEDIA STUDIES, PHOTOGRAPHY, PHYSICS, PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGIOUS STUDIES, SOCIOLOGY, STATISTICS.**

## Practical Courses for a Practical World **E B**

So, you don't want to go to university or get a desk job. Why? Maybe you prefer to learn in a more hands-on practical way. That's why we have got a new practical course offering, tailored towards 16-19 year olds who want to learn a practical trade.

We are undergoing a full refurbishment this summer to provide stunning state-of-the-art facilities for the new Technical Skills Centre. The new area will include a cycle mechanics and engineering studio, electrical and plumbing practical areas, painting, plastering and decorating stations and bricklaying facilities, fully furnished to give you the best practical education in the region.

**"THE COLLEGE HAS ALL THE FACILITIES THAT WILL HELP ME WITH MY COURSE."**



Choose from:

**CYCLE MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING**

**CONSTRUCTION MULTI-SKILLS**  
BRICKLAYING & PLASTERING,  
CARPENTRY & JOINERY,  
PLUMBING,  
PAINTING & DECORATING  
AND TILING

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION**

**MOTOR MECHANICS**



**New  
for 2011**

## **E B U** Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM)

Science, technology, engineering and maths qualifications open doors to fantastic and exciting futures. All our staff are highly qualified and have a great deal of teaching experience which means they know how to help you get the best results possible.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE STEM BACCALAUREATE?**

If you are predicted to get As and A\*s in your GCSEs you should consider the STEM Baccalaureate. This is a programme for high-flying science and engineering students that includes seminars, lectures, placements, site visits and mentoring.

It is highly recommended for those who want to progress to medicine or engineering at university.

**“THE BEST THING ABOUT THC IS THAT WITH THE TUTORIAL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, I CAN REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO UNIVERSITY.”**



## **E U** Business, Computing and ICT

The future's bright if you choose Business, Computing and ICT. Did you know that even through a recession there are certain jobs that are still very much in demand. We call this a Skills Gap – there is a gap between the amount of qualified students (usually very low) and the number of job opportunities in that area (usually very high).

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CYBER SECURITY?**

An area that has a large skills gap is the IT industry. Jobs in the areas of Cyber Security, Software Testing and Forensic Accounting are three such gaps that need constant filling.

So, if you really want a fulfilling career in an area that still requires more qualified people, then why not choose from a range of relevant courses that will put you in a very strong position for the future.

**“THE TEACHERS ARE PERFECT. THE PEOPLE STUDYING HERE ARE PROFESSIONAL. WELCOME TO TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE, IT'S THE BEST PLACE EVER!”**

## Creative Arts

Are you talented, creative and motivated?  
Want to work in the Creative Arts sector?

Many companies that make up the UK's creative industries are based here in London.

**"I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THE COURSE HERE. I THINK THE TUTORS ARE AMAZING, THEY ARE SO ENTHUSIASTIC. THEY GO BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDENTS. THEY ARE SO HARD WORKING. I GOT SO MUCH OUT OF THIS COURSE (MEDIA), IT'S AMAZING. IT'S CHANGED MY LIFE."**

## **DID YOU KNOW? LONDON IS BUZZING**

Next to Hollywood, London is the biggest provider of computer graphics and special effects for the film industry.

Our courses can offer you even more opportunity to be part of the creative world. There are six Apple Mac suites, a photographic darkroom and 3D and screen-printing workshop.



## Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

If your ambition is to develop a career in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, then let us help you get there. We have a range of internationally recognised programmes to choose from, and the latest modern facilities for you to practice in. You will get the preparation to help you launch your career.

You will have the opportunity to get plenty of hands-on experience in our full service 'open to the public' Atrium Academy Hair and Beauty salons.

**"THE COLLEGE IS AMAZING. I WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE TO GET FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS IN HAIR & BEAUTY."**

You will learn many new skills on the Hairdressing and Beauty programme.

Here are some examples:

**HAIRDRESSING  
STYLING  
CUT AND COLOUR  
HIGHLIGHTING COLOUR  
CORRECTION  
LOW LIGHTING  
BEAUTY THERAPY  
SPA TREATMENTS  
MASSAGE  
PERKING  
FACIALS  
TANNING  
MANICURE  
PEDICURE**



## HELP!

**What would you do if you heard someone calling for help?** If you are one of the many thousands who would rush to help, then maybe you should consider a career in public services.



## WHAT IS PUBLIC SERVICE?

The Public Services are a huge part of our society. Not a day goes by without hundreds of people being helped by someone from the Police Force, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, the Armed Forces or other services.

You can expect to study teamwork, leadership, citizenship, understanding diversity and discipline.

Learning will be varied and creative with an emphasis on practical skills, teamwork and fitness.

Assessment is via 100% coursework-based projects.

## **E B U** Health, Care and Early Years

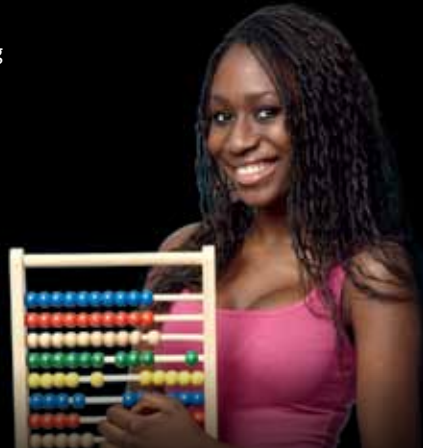
Are you thinking about a career in caring and educating children, supporting adults with physical disabilities or mental health issues, or caring for old people?

If it's a yes to any of the above, then we have a range of courses to help you get there.

Our students progress on to a wide number of courses at university including Adult Nursing, Youth Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Midwifery, Social Work & Teaching and Education Studies.

Many students choose to go directly into work, and often find that the work placement they undertook as part of their course turns into a full time job on completion.

**“THE FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THC IS MY TEACHER. SHE IS INSPIRATIONAL.”**



## Catering & Hospitality **E B U**

With the Olympics just around the corner, and Canary Wharf just a stone's throw away (no need to throw a stone, we've checked already) from our industry standard kitchens, there has never been a better time to get into the catering and hospitality sector.

The number of jobs in this industry is set to rise hugely in the next couple of years, and catering and hospitality qualifications will make you extremely employable.

You'll be cooking up a storm in no time.



**"THE COLLEGE GIVES YOU ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO."**

New  
Level 3  
Course

## GCSEs: English and Maths **E B U**

If you don't get a grade C in your Maths or English GCSE when you are at school, don't worry, we can help you get the grade you deserve. You can retake it alongside your other courses here.

GCSE Maths and English are really important for all jobs and if you want to go university. Many students who study GCSE Maths and/or English alongside their A levels, BTEC or other qualifications go on to university.

**"THE COLLEGE IS OPEN TO ALL AND EVERYONE JUST GETS ON WITH EACH OTHER. THERE'S ALWAYS SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT."**





We have a wide range of courses that can prepare students for independent living or supported employment. Our courses give our students more confidence, as well as teaching highly practical skills.

Students can get lots of practical experience at Tower Hamlets College. They run their own enterprise projects and also arrange charity fundraisers.

All students can work towards an externally accredited qualification which is part of the Foundation Learning Tier.

**“WE LEARN REALLY USEFUL STUFF THAT HELPS US LIVE A BETTER LIFE”**



## ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

### ENGLISH

If English isn't your main language, we offer many courses to help you improve your English skills. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) help improve English language skills in work, study and life in the UK.

### BENGALI

যদি ইংরেজী আপনার আসল ভাষা না হয় তাহলে আমরা আপনার জন্য এমন অনেক কোর্সের ব্যবস্থা করে দিতে পারি যেগুলি আপনার ইংরেজী ভাষার দক্ষতা বৃদ্ধিতে সাহায্য করতে পারবে। ইংলিশ ফর স্পিকার্স অফ আদার ল্যাঙ্গুয়েজেস কোর্সেস (English for Speakers of Other Languages courses (ESOL) আপনাকে যুক্তরাজ্যে কর্মক্ষেত্রে, পড়াশোনায় এবং জীবনব্যতায় সাহায্য করতে পারবে।

### LITHUANIAN

Jeigu Anglų nėra Jūsų pagrindinė kalba, mes siūlome daug kursų, kurie Jums padės patobulinti Jūsų Anglų kalbos žinias. ESOL (Anglų kalba kalbantiems kitomis kalbomis) padeda patobulinti Anglų kalbos žinias darbe, moksluose bei gyvenime Jungtinėje Karalystėje.

### POLISH

Dla osób, dla których język angielski nie jest językiem podstawowym, prowadzimy rozmaite kursy (skrót: ESOL) umożliwiające podniesienie poziomu języka angielskiego w celach sprawowania zawodu, kształcenia się oraz do codziennych potrzeb.

### PORTUGUESE

Se o Inglês não for a sua língua materna, oferecemos vários cursos para o ajudar a melhorar o seu domínio do Inglês. Os cursos de Inglês para falantes de outras línguas (ESOL, English for Speakers of Other Languages) ajudam a melhorar o domínio da língua inglesa no trabalho, no estudo e na vida no Reino Unido.

### SOMALI

Haddii Ingiriisigu uusan ahayn luqadaada koowaad, waxaan kuu haynaa koorasyo badan oo aad Ingiriisigaaga kor ugu qaadi kartid. Ingiriisiga loogu Taloglay Dadka Luqadaha kale ku Hadla (ESOL) wuxuu kaa caawinayaa sidii aad kor ugu qaadi lahayd luqadda Ingiriisiga ee aad UK uga shaqaysan lahayd, wax uga baran lahayd oo aad si caadi ah ugu noolaan lahayd.

## Courses at a Glance

Below is the list of courses available. For full details please go to our website.

ACCOUNTING	3 2
ADMINISTRATION	A
ART AND DESIGN	3 E 1 2 3
BIOLOGY	3
BUSINESS	3 E 1 2 3 A
CATERING	1 2 3
CHEMISTRY	3
CHILDCARE/EARLY YEARS	E 1 2 3
COMMUNICATION & CULTURE	3
COMPUTING	3 2
CONSTRUCTION SKILLS	E 1 2
CUSTOMER SERVICE	A
CYCLE MECHANICS	1 2
ECONOMICS	3
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION	2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	3
ENGLISH LITERATURE	3
ESOL (ESOL CAN BE STUDIED ALONGSIDE MANY COURSES. PLEASE TALK TO A COURSE ADVISER.)	
FILM STUDIES	3 2 3
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
GRAPHIC DESIGN	E 1 2 3
HAIR AND BEAUTY	1 2 3
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	E 1 2 3
HISTORY	3
ICT	3 E 1 2 3 A
LAW	3
MATHS	6 3
MATHS (FURTHER MATHS)	3
MEDIA	3
MOTOR VEHICLES	E 1 2
MULTIMEDIA	E 1 2 3
PHOTOGRAPHY	3
PHYSICS	3
PSYCHOLOGY	3
PUBLIC SERVICES	E 1 2 3
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	3
RETAIL	A
SCIENCE	3 1 2 3
SOCIOLOGY	3
STATISTICS	3
TEACHING ASSISTANT	A

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND  
WORKBASED V<sub>RO</sub>/ITEQ/NVQ

6 = GCSEs

3 = A LEVELS

E = Entry 1 = Level 1 2 = Level 2 3 = Level 3

A = APPRENTICESHIPS

Success at college should be based on a healthy mix of getting fantastic grades, making new friends and getting involved in student-led activities. It's as much about your cultural development as it is about getting the right qualifications.

Employers and university admissions teams are looking to attract students who not only have the best grades, but also, show skills and attributes that they can apply in business, employment or university.

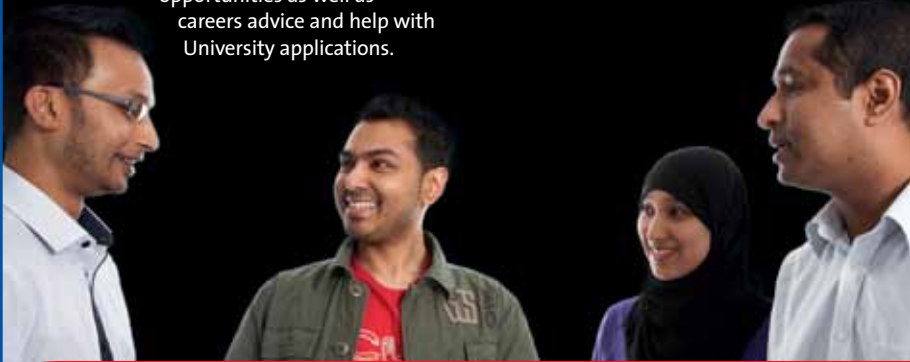
We also provide a full range of support including a weekly tutorial to monitor your progress; mentoring from top Canary Wharf firms, great enrichment opportunities as well as careers advice and help with University applications.

### FINANCIAL HELP

We understand that coming to College can be expensive. We can help.

If you were at College or School Sixth form in 2010/2011 and received £30 a week Educational Maintenance Allowance, you will be eligible for £20 a week in 2011/2012.

If you are a new student ask about our new Bursary Scheme which can help with costs for books, material fees and protective equipment for practical courses. Also, if your attendance is at least 90%, you can expect a termly bonus. More details available soon.



### Enrolment Dates 2011/12

DATE	TIME
THURSDAY 25 AUGUST	10AM – 7PM
FRIDAY 26 AUGUST	10AM – 4PM
TUESDAY 30 AUGUST	10AM – 5PM
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST	10AM – 5PM
THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	10AM – 5PM
FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	10AM – 5PM

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