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Careers Information

Runshaw College Course Changes – From September 2026

Runshaw College has announced important updates to its **Digital & Computing** and **Maths** course offers, starting in **September 2026**. These changes aim to improve progression to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Digital & Computing: New Cyber Security & Computing AAQ Pathway

The T Level in Digital and BTEC Level 3 IT/Computing will be replaced with a Cyber Security and Computing Advanced Applied Qualifications (AAQs) pathway.

This change follows a review showing pupils achieve stronger outcomes when studying specialist digital pathways closely aligned to real careers and further study.

What pupils will study:

- OCR Cyber Security
- Cyber Application Development
- Pearson Computing

All three qualifications are Level 3, nationally recognised, and valued by universities and employers. Teaching and assessment remain very similar to current courses. A work placement is included but is not mandatory.

Current applicants for T Level Digital or BTEC IT/Computing do not need to reapply. Runshaw College is contacting pupils directly to explain the change.

Maths Update: Introduction of A Level Statistics

Runshaw College will be removing Core Maths and introducing A Level Statistics for pupils who want to continue maths beyond GCSE without taking A Level Mathematics.

A Level Statistics focuses on data, probability and analysis and strongly supports progression into subjects such as Business, Psychology, Social Sciences, Geography, Health, and data-focused apprenticeships and careers.

Pupils who may previously have taken Core Maths will now be guided towards A Level Statistics, or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for a one-year Level 3 option alongside A Levels.

If you would like further information, please contact cahill.G@runshaw.ac.uk

You are invited!

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

Your Future, Your Choice

Apprenticeship, Adult Education & Careers Fair

@ our Leyland Campus, PR25 3DQ
Wednesday 6th May
4.30-6.30pm



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starting in
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You are invited to our 'Your Future, Your Choice: Apprenticeships, Adult Course & Careers Fair' on Wednesday 6th May 2026.

Take control of your future! Join us at Runshaw College to take control of your future. Whether you are interested in upskilling with an adult course this September, starting an apprenticeship or finding a job with one of our partner employers, this event brings all your opportunities together in one place.

Meet experts, ask questions, and plan your next move... Register your attendance below!

Event details: Leyland Campus, Langdale Road, 4.30pm-6.30pm. Please report to college reception on arrival.

Parking is in Car Park A or B and you will be assured of a super warm Runshaw greeting!

[Career Opportunities & Apprenticeship Event — Runshaw College](#)

Modern and Sustainable Construction

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Host: Luke Winch
Low Carbon Manager

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[Innovation and Strategy at Wates](#)

Wates

Host: Rory Brown
Strategy, AI & Innovation Manager

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Environmental innovation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are changing how we design, build, and care for the world around us. They are also creating exciting new career opportunities.

This webinar series will introduce you to the skills, jobs, and pathways emerging as sustainability and smart technology become key parts of modern construction.

Whether you are starting to think about your future or exploring possible career options, these sessions will help you understand where the industry is heading and how you could be part of it.

WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work Experience – Important Information

As you are aware, Year 10 pupils are scheduled to take part in their Work Experience Week commencing 18 May.

All pupils have been issued with their **Yellow Pupil Agreement Form**, which contains important information including:

- The full job description
- Working hours
- Any health and safety considerations
- The expected code of conduct in the workplace

The form must be signed by the pupil, parent/carer, and the employer.

Employer Visit (Meet and Greet)

Pupils are required to visit their employer outside of school hours to obtain the employer's signature. All employers are expecting pupils to make contact.

This visit is not an interview, but a 'meet and greet' which will:

- Help pupils organise travel to the placement
- Clarify the expected dress code
- Provide an opportunity to ask any initial questions

Pupils should attend this visit looking smart and professional.

Safety Equipment

In most cases, employers will provide any necessary safety equipment. However, some placements (for example, mechanics workshops) may require pupils to supply specialist fitted items, such as **steel toe-capped boots**.

When arranging the placement, please ask the employer:

- Whether specialist equipment is required
- Whether it will be provided by the employer or needs to be supplied by the pupil

Administration Costs

The school is funding all administration costs for each placement. However, once a pupil has chosen a placement and all paperwork is completed, a charge of £50 will apply if the pupil subsequently chooses to change their placement.

Returning Forms

The Yellow Pupil Agreement Form must be returned as soon as possible.

If the required signatures are not obtained and the form is not returned before the start of Work Experience Week, the pupil will not be permitted to attend their placement and will be expected to attend school as usual.

Thank you to those families who have already completed and returned all relevant paperwork.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Wright** or **Miss Lovatt**.

Important: Action Required – Preston College Offer

If you have received an offer from Preston College, you must formally accept it in order to secure a guaranteed college place.

Even if Preston College is not currently your first choice, you still need to accept the offer to keep this option open. Courses are expected to be more competitive than ever this year due to a high number of applications, and late acceptance may mean that places are no longer available.

We strongly advise you to accept your offer as a backup option. If your GCSE results do not go as planned, having an accepted college place will ensure you still have a clear and secure route for September.

Guidance on how to accept your offer is provided below. Please complete this as soon as possible.

Log in to your account today and complete this checklist to accept your offer...

- Check all personal details are correct.
- Complete any missing information and save all boxes.
- Review your application.
- Accept your offer (on the homepage).

Need help?

Click here to accept your offer [Login](#)

You'll find lots of help and information on the College's Enrolment page including...

- 'How to' videos
- Bursary Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

[Click here to visit the Enrolment page](#)

If you need any further help or support accepting your offer [email the recruitment team](#) or call 01772 225517.

Is an **Apprenticeship your first choice?** We recommend that you accept your full-time college place as a back-up. The apprenticeship team will be in touch soon to guide you through your next steps.

If you require any further help or information regarding your Preston College application, please see Miss Lovatt.



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GLOBAL UNIVERSITY FAIR

Wednesday 3 June, 3pm - 5:30pm

The fair to help you choose where to study, including universities from the Americas, UK, Asia, and Europe

Welcome

The Unifrog Global Fair is a great opportunity to find out all about studying at university and get all your questions answered by the experts in just two and a half hours! Join over 30 universities from across the world to speak to their representatives via Q&A and choose from 16 live webinar sessions to get an insight into all things university and find out more about where you could be studying.

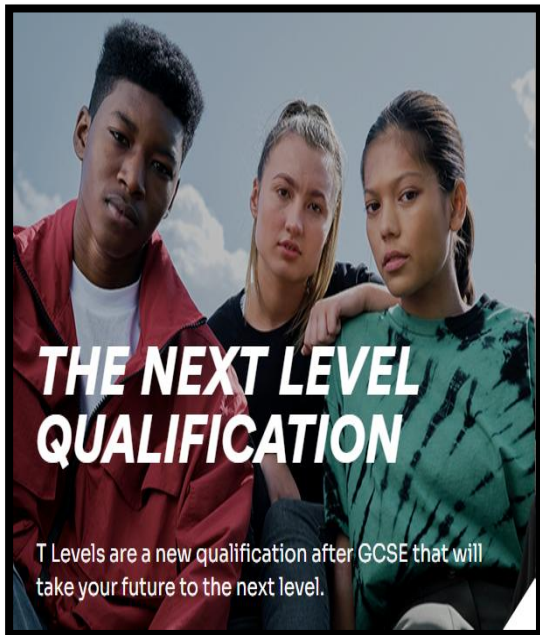
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Global university fair

Jun 3, 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

What are T Levels!!!!



- T Levels are new, two-year technical education courses that will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers, so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.
- T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning (80%) and 'on-the-job' experience (20%) during an industry placement of a minimum of 315 hours, with an average of 350 hours (approx. 45 days)
- T Levels provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship

Apprenticeships

How apprenticeships work

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With over 600 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice, you will:

- ✚ be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- ✚ work alongside experienced staff
- ✚ gain job-specific skills
- ✚ get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector.

[Amazing Apprenticeships | Explore Technical Education & Apprenticeship](#)

[Resources - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

For over a decade we have been working to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and technical education, promote their benefits, and push the boundaries of what the sector can do. Working with teachers, government and leading employers, we've already brought about a culture change in schools across England. And we're only just getting started. [Step-by-step guide to applying](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK

ANAESTHETIST

ANNUAL SALARY

£24,907 to £73,664

As an anaesthetist, you'll assess patients' health and discuss which type of anaesthetic is suitable for them (general, local or regional), administer appropriate anaesthetics before surgery, monitor their wellbeing during surgery and provide care after medical procedures. You'll also deal with emergencies in theatre. You may:

- Prepare patients for anaesthesia by explaining any risks or side effects.
- Give anaesthetics to patients.
- Observe and monitor patients during surgery.
- Resuscitate and stabilise patients in the emergency department.
- Relieve pain during childbirth.
- Ease pain after an operation.
- Manage acute and chronic pain.
- Help patients receiving treatments like electric shock therapy.
- Complete administration tasks and deal with patients on wards or in

Patients can range from babies to the elderly and may include pregnant women (during childbirth), those undergoing operations and those with chronic pain.

You will spend most of your time in the operating theatre, although you may also work in other areas of the hospital, including wards. You can also lead intensive care units.

You will need:

- Knowledge of medicine.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge of biology.
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- The ability to work well with your hands.
- The ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning.
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently.



Career Path & Progression – As a consultant anaesthetist in the NHS, you may also find opportunities to work in the private sector. With experience you might lead or manage departments. With experience and entry on the General Medical Council (GMC) Specialist Register, you could apply for senior (or consultant) roles. You could also teach medical students, postgraduate doctors in training, nurses, midwives and paramedics.

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #26 - ANAESTHETIST - YouTube](#)

[Careerpilot: Job sectors: Medical: Job profiles: Anaesthetist](#)

Working environment

- You may need to wear a uniform.
- You could work in an NHS or private hospital.
- Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

Working Hours

- 41 to 43 a week
- You could work: evenings/weekends/bank holidays or on a rota.

You can get into this job through:

- A university course.
- University

To become an anaesthetist, you'll need to complete:

- A 5-year degree in medicine, recognised by the General Medical Council
- A 2-year foundation programme of general training
- Up to 8 years of specialist training

You may be able to join a 6-year degree course in medicine if you have no A levels or equivalent qualifications in science. This includes a one-year pre-medical foundation year.

If you already have an upper second class of first-class science degree, you could take a 4-year graduate entry route into medicine. Some universities will also accept non-science graduates.

For more information speak to a Career Adviser or your local colleges.