# **LEVEL 2 HAIRDRESSING**

Subject Area Student Type Study Mode Hairdressing, Holistics & Wellbeing Students aged 16-18 Full Time

#### What is the course about?

Would you like to begin a career in the exciting hairdressing and barbering sector? Do you enjoy learning in a practical way? If so, this could be the perfect course for you! This one-year course has been designed to immerse you in this exciting and glamorous growing industry, allowing you to develop the key skills and knowledge to move onto the next level of study.

## Why should I choose the course?

There has never been a better time to enter the bustling hairdressing industry. The hair and beauty industry is a vibrant, dynamic and fast paced sector, offering fantastic employment and training opportunities. The sector boasts a workforce of over 245,000 people working across 55,000 businesses comprising of hair, beauty and nail salons, barbers, and spas. HABIA states the industry size and turnover annually in this sector is £6.2 billion. As one of the biggest growing industries in Cheshire currently, there are plenty of opportunities to earn high wages.

Learning on your course will take place in our state-of-the-art salon, The Academy, which has fully equipped professional hair salons. Being immersed in this front-facing salon environment and working on real paying clients will give the opportunity to put your newly developed skills to the test and receive live, honest critique. The open salon practical sessions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your professionalism and develop a range of hairdressing techniques for a variety of hair types.

#### What will I learn?

During this one-year course, you will be introduced to the hairdressing sector and learn how present a professional image in a salon. There will be a key focus on client consultation, and how to promote products and services to clients in the salon environment, to prepare you for work in a real salon. You will also develop skills in shampoo and conditioning, cutting women's hair, styling women's hair, plaiting and twisting hair, colouring and lightening hair, health and safety and even competition work.

## What will the course lead on to?

After successfully completing this course, you will have the skills and knowledge needed to progress on to the Level 3 Hairdressing. Alternatively, you may wish to source a hair professional apprenticeship to earn while you learn.

# Are there any links with industry and university?



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In order to enhance your learning and knowledge of the wider sector, you will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers throughout your course, who will come in and talk about their specialist area or their working environment. Past guest speakers have included a range of employers and manufacturers such as Affinage and Paul Mitchell, as well as previous students who have progressed with their career and opened their own businesses. We also have strong links with Steiner, a connection which will open your eyes to the exciting opportunity of working in hairdressing on cruise ships whilst travelling the world.

We will also support you in securing a work placement in a relevant vocational setting, enabling you to gain a taste of a real-life working environment. This could even be your opportunity to impress and secure a part-time job or apprenticeship!

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

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# Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Studying in our professional hairdressing facilities will give you a real insight into working within this industry. We offer access to professional products and resources, keeping up with the latest trends in the industry to make your learning dynamic and relevant. Our tutors have a wealth of knowledge and expertise within this fantastic and creative industry and draw upon their working experience to enhance your learning. Our team of specialist tutors have a variety of experience within national companies, including management experience, and have an array of specialist qualifications, making your learning unique and tailored.

You will also have the opportunity to go on valuable trips and visits to complement your learning. Previous students have attended hair and beauty exhibitions such as ProBeauty, ProHair and Hair & Beauty UK, to hear from leading professionals in the industry and sample the latest products. You may also put your skills to the test at special events, such as charity events for the elderly, or even see your spooky creations come to life at local Halloween events.

## What are the entry requirements?

You will need a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 or above, or successful completion of Level 1 in relevant subject.

If you have a level 1 qualification and have not already achieved a grade 4 in your GCSE English and/or maths, you will be required to work towards achieving a GCSE in English and/or maths as part of your study programme.

# Are there any additional costs associated with the course?



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For this course you will be expected to purchase a uniform to demonstrate your professional standards, as well as a professional kit. Further details will be available upon application.



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