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WHICH COURSE DO I CHOOSE?

If you're not sure which career path to follow, we have career tools that will help you. Whichever course you choose, our focus is to make you work-ready and unlock your potential. Visit cwa.ac.uk/school-leavers



CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS

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WEBSITE
cwa.ac.uk

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Let's get social!



TRANSPORT

Getting to and from college is easy, as all campuses are well served by local buses or train services. Check our transport calculator to work out what the best option is for you.

Visit cwa.ac.uk/transport

FINANCE

We have a financial support scheme which can help students who find it difficult to pay for the costs associated with study. This is dependent on household income.

For more information, please visit cwa.ac.uk/finance



CAMBRIDGE campus

Wednesday 18th October 2023
Evening places available

Saturday 18th November 2023
Morning places available

Tuesday 23rd April 2024
Evening places available

If you are unable to attend an open day, don't worry! All the information about our courses, including video introductions from our course directors, is on our website.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Your course will combine:

- Your main qualification.
- Maths and English if you haven't achieved GCSE grade 4 or higher.
- Work experience, related to your course.

Depending on your chosen subject, a typical college day starts at 8.45am and ends at 4.30pm.

You're not usually required to attend campus 5 days per week, although a certain amount of self-study time is expected.

YOUR STEPS TO BECOME A CWA STUDENT

1. Apply for a course

Via our website cwa.ac.uk, or your school applications service - speak to your school for advice.

2. Student Portal

Set up your account on our student portal to manage your application and book an information session.

3. Information Session

See the facilities, meet the tutors and discuss your course.

4. Offer

Review and accept your offer on the student portal.

5. Applicant Day

Experience college life and take part in course activities. Meet your classmates!

6. GCSE Results Day

Confirm your place at CWA and enrol. If your results are not as you expected, don't worry. We will talk to you about your options and find a suitable course for you.

7. Enrolment and Induction

Complete your enrolment and join us in September for induction week!

CWA IS HERE FOR YOU

Whichever direction you take, the College of West Anglia is here to support you. Contact us via Live Chat on our website to get your questions answered.

STUDYING AT CWA



SUPPORTING YOU

If you have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or need extra support with your learning, perhaps because of a disability or a learning difficulty, our additional learning support team will assess your needs and make sure there's a support plan in place when you start college.

For more information, visit cwa.ac.uk/personalsupport



LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

There is a wide range of enrichment activities for everyone through the CWA Support and Enrichment programme, helping you gain new skills and meet new friends.

Our clubs and societies are student run, based on their suggestions and interests. This year, they have included groups such as Dungeons & Dragons, Lego, Railway Club, our Debating Society and Rainbow Alliance, our LGBTQIA+ group.

Students also have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award, which is a great way to meet new people and challenge yourself.

More digitally minded students can also undertake their iDEA award as part of the range of activities offered.

There are plenty of social spaces in which to meet friends, with a variety of good food and refreshments served in the refectories at all campuses.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Everyone's welcome at CWA! Our culture is about including everybody and there are lots of opportunities for students to get involved in our college community. We embrace a culture of equality and diversity, where everyone is respected and treated as an individual. Feedback from current students is that college is the first place they feel they can be truly 'them'. Our students help our college community by acting as student representatives or student ambassadors to ensure that everyone's voice is heard.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We mark your achievements throughout your time at CWA. Our students excel in many areas, including external competitions such as WorldSkills, Apprenticeships Norfolk, International Salon Culinare and SkilleLECTRIC, as well as our own internal faculty awards.

Our prestigious annual Student of the Year Awards celebrate the accomplishments of our learners in all subject areas, recognising their dedication, personal development and success.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

'Sustainability and Environment' is one of the five areas of our tutorial programme, as protecting the environment is vital to all our futures! Our campuses are dedicated to conservation, with 'no mow' and tree planting zones encouraging flora and fauna. At our Cambridge campus, this extends to a re-wilding project to plant over 400 trees, shrubs and hedgerows, as well as working to The British Hedgehog Preservation Society's actions to nurture hedgehog activity on campus. Our student Environment Ambassadors have organised campaigns to improve recycling on campus and recycle soft plastics such as crisp packets.



This course guide is fully recyclable.



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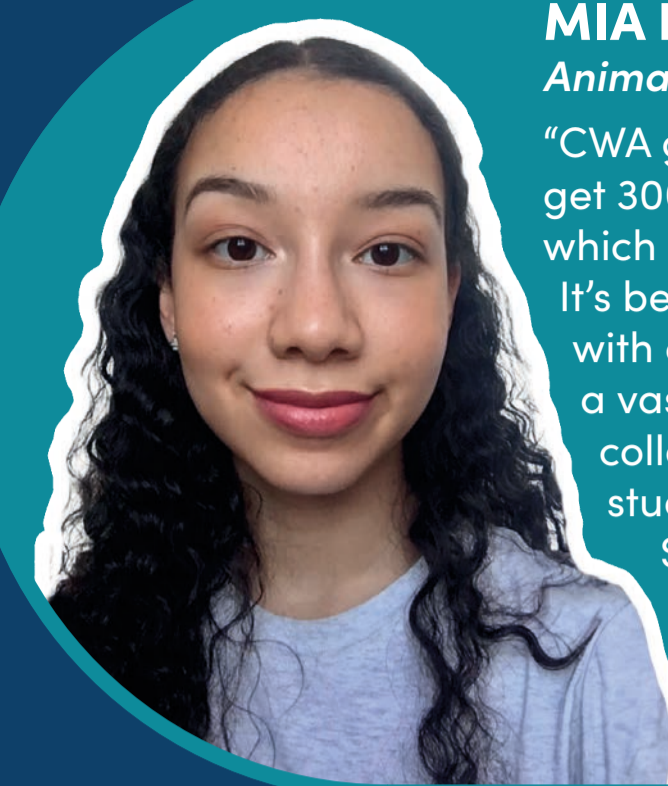
We are with you all the way in taking one of the biggest decisions in your life to further your education.

WHY CHOOSE CWA?

- We offer the widest range of courses in our region.
- We have highly trained and industry-experienced staff.
- You will be learning in modern industry-standard facilities.
- We will treat you like an adult, making you feel more independent and responsible.
- Make new friends for life by studying with young people from other schools.
- We offer high levels of student support, help and advice.
- We provide excellent links with employers, offering practical work experience.

Awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard for our careers education, information, advice and guidance provision.





MIA HARDY
Animal Management – Level 3
 “CWA gave me the opportunity to get 300 hours’ work experience, which I need to apply to university. It’s been fun getting experience with different animals. There’s a vast variety of species at the college. I’m now going on to study Access to Veterinary Science here, before I apply to university to become a vet surgeon, which has always been my dream.”



KITT DOGGETT
Dog Grooming – Level 2
 “I wanted to learn more about caring for my dogs, along with being able to get a job within dog grooming. I enjoy washing the dogs, as well as learning about different breeds and their temperaments.”



NIAMH ACRED
Dog Grooming – Level 3
 “I love working with dogs. I love learning about how different breeds of dog are styled. As each dog has different coats, they have different grooming styles and trims. The staff are friendly and the facilities are amazing. Having our own K9 Dog Grooming salon that the public can use allows us to get real work experience.”

VOCATIONAL

Campus abbreviations:
 CAM - Cambridge,
 WIS - Wisbech

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care	CAM, WIS
Animal Management	CAM, WIS
Dog Grooming	CAM, WIS
Equine Management	CAM
Horse Care	CAM
Land and Wildlife Conservation	CAM

A vocational course is for you if you prefer a hands-on approach and enjoy a mixture of theory and practical work. You can go on to further your study at university, a higher apprenticeship or start your career.



Inclusive Learning
 If you have a learning difficulty or disability, we have courses to help bridge the gap between where you are now and where you want to be. For more information or to download our Inclusive Learning Guide, visit cwa.ac.uk/inclusivelearning.

Subject	Campus
Hummingbird	CAM, WIS

WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY?

Did you know studying a T-level or most level 3 vocational courses[†] are the equivalent of studying three A-levels? All three qualifications can achieve up to 168 UCAS points:

UCAS Points	Level 3 Diploma	T-level	A-level
168	D* D* D*	D*	A* A* A*
144	D D D	D	AAA
128	D D M	M (120)	B B A
96	M M M	Pass C+	C C C

[†] Refer to cwa.ac.uk/courses for the UCAS points for each course.

What do I need?

- Entry level courses: mostly grade 1 at GCSE
- Level 1 courses: mostly grade 2/3 at GCSE
- Level 2 courses: four or more GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- Level 3 courses: five or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above

Note: Dog Grooming requires you to successfully complete Level 2 before progressing to Level 3.

Find more information on our website cwa.ac.uk/courses



APPRENTICESHIPS

If you have chosen your career and want to start work right away, completing your training and qualification whilst in employment, an apprenticeship is for you.

What subjects can I do?

Subject	Campus
Animal Care & Welfare Assistant	WP
Business Administration	WP
Chef	WP
Crop Technician	CAM, WP
Customer Service	WP
Early Years Educator	WP
Farm Worker - General	WP
Horticulture	WP
Hospitality (various)	WP
Livestock Unit Technician	CAM
Teaching Assistant	WP
Team Leader	WP



Campus abbreviations: CAM - Cambridge, WP - Workplace



What do I need?

- Age 16+
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4 or above
- Live in England.

For specific entry requirements for the apprenticeship you wish to take, check our website cwa.ac.uk/apprenticeships



KAYA GRIGGS
Animal Care – Level 2
Animal Management – Level 3
 “I am employed by UBS (University of Biomedical Services) as a junior animal technician. My time at CWA was very beneficial to my current role as I put key skills and knowledge from specific units into practice on a daily basis, especially Handling & Restraint, Behaviour & Biology and Welfare & Ethics.”



LAUREN HENRY
Horse Care - Level 2
Equine Management – Level 3
 “My time at CWA taught me how to work at industry standard and gave me basic knowledge about horse health. It also helped me progress to higher education, studying Equine Performance Management at Writtle University.”



BATMAN
 Batman is owned by the College. He is a 16.2 warmblood and 15 years old. He loves his job and in particular jumping. He was a show jumper before joining us and has competed at 1.30m. He is kind and patient but a bit of a Ferrari!



POISON DART FROGS
(Dendrobates Tinctorius)
 There are 170 species of poison dart frogs in the world. Pet dart frogs that are kept in captivity lose their toxicity, as they do not have access to their normal wild diet.



TARANTULA
(Theraphosidae)
 There are around 900 species of tarantulas in the world. These tarantulas are harmless to humans, their venom is similar to a bee sting.



FREYA MCGREGOR
Animal Management – Level 3
 “I loved my time at CWA so much and often look back on it fondly. I met so many amazing people there and the lecturers were some of the kindest people I have ever met. The animals were excellent. After completing my vocational course, I went on to take an apprenticeship as a veterinary nurse.”