

27/28 COLLEGE GUIDE



Suffolk
New
College



Travel



Getting to college is easier than you think. Learn about local transport services, travel options and the bursaries available to support your journey.



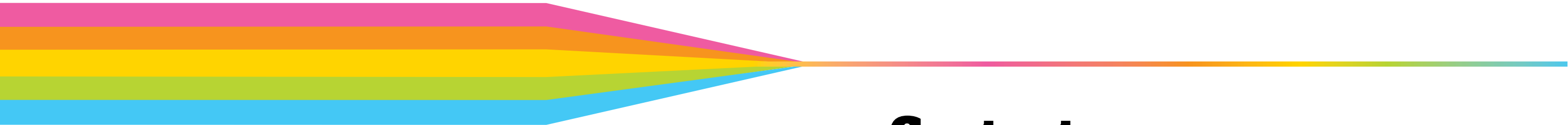
Suffolk Rural

Halesworth

Leiston

Ipswich





Open Events

Our open events are the perfect chance to explore what studying with us is really like!

Throughout the year, we host a range of events where you can get a feel for our courses, meet the people who will be teaching you, and discover the opportunities waiting for you.

At an open event, you can:

- Chat with our tutors and ask questions about the subjects you're interested in
- Explore different courses and future career options
- Learn about the support available, from wellbeing to financial guidance
- Take a look around our industry standard facilities

You can find all upcoming open events and book your place at www.suffolk.ac.uk/openevents

IPSWICH CAMPUS

1 Oct 2026 | 24 Nov 2026 | 10 Feb 2027

SUFFOLK RURAL

10 Oct 2026 | 5 Dec 2026 | 6 Feb 2027

HALESWORTH

10 Oct 2026 | 5 Dec 2026 | 6 Feb 2027

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A Welcome from the Principal

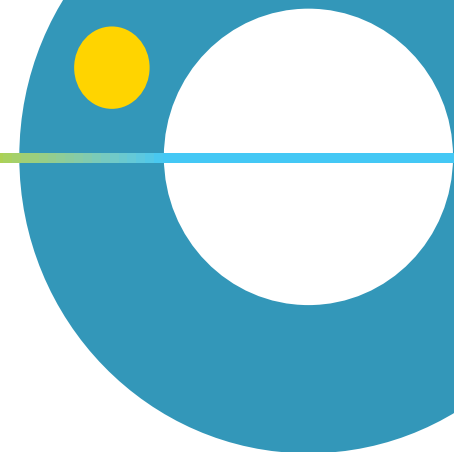
At Suffolk New College, we believe every young person has incredible potential - and I'm delighted that you're considering beginning your journey with us. This is a place where you can discover what inspires you, challenge yourself, and take the next steps toward the future you want.

Whether your ambition is university, an apprenticeship, a skilled career, or simply exploring new possibilities, you'll find the support, encouragement, and opportunities you need to thrive. Our staff are passionate about helping you succeed, and our campuses are vibrant, inclusive spaces where you can learn, grow, and feel part of a community.

College is more than a course. It's an experience that shapes who you become. From enrichment activities and industry links to personalised guidance and wellbeing support, everything we offer is designed around you.

Your journey starts here - and it can take you anywhere.

Alan Pease
Principal and Chief Executive Officer
Suffolk New College



“The college is a great place to learn, and all the teachers have the best interests for your future.”

Daisy Thomas - Early Years Practitioner

Your future starts at Suffolk New College

Course options and pathways

Your future starts here

At Suffolk New College, we offer a wide range of courses designed to match your ambitions, interests and the way you learn best. Whether you are aiming for university, stepping into a career, or gaining real-world skills, you will find a pathway that suits you.

Vocational and technical courses

Our courses combine practical learning with industry knowledge, helping you build the skills employers and universities are looking for.

- Learn through hands-on activities and real-life projects
- Develop practical skills that prepare you for your chosen career
- Study a mix of coursework, controlled assessments and exams
- Gain qualifications that can lead to university, employment or further training
- Most courses offer UCAS points

Some of our technical courses include extended industry placements, giving you valuable experience of the workplace and helping you stand out when you move on to your next step.

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Apprenticeships - Find the right path for you



Apprenticeships

If you prefer to learn on the job, an apprenticeship could be the right choice for you.

- Earn a wage while gaining a qualification
- Spend most of your time in the workplace, with regular college study
- Build real experience with an employer
- Progress in your career or develop skills in a current role
- Opportunities available at a range of levels, including higher and degree-level routes

Apprenticeships are a great way to get a head start in your career while continuing to learn.

Find the right path for you

Whatever your goals, we will support you to choose the course that helps you succeed and take your next step with confidence.



Apprenticeship support

Interested in earning while you learn?
Our team will help you find and apply for apprenticeships that match your interests and strengths - with ongoing support once you start.

Careers & progression

Not sure what comes next? We are here to help you plan your future with confidence. Our experienced careers advisors will support you every step of the way, helping you explore your options, build your CV, prepare for interviews and make informed decisions about your next steps.

Whether your goal is higher education or starting your career, we will help you get there.

- Get expert advice on your future options
- Build a strong CV and prepare for interviews
- Explore career pathways that match your interests
- Receive support with applications and next steps

We also support progression to higher education, including degrees, higher technical qualifications and degree apprenticeships. Whatever path you choose, you will leave college ready to take the next step with confidence.

Apprenticeship support - Careers & progression



Progression and career opportunities

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Your next step starts here

At Suffolk New College, we don't just help you pass your course, we help you plan your future. Whether you are aiming for university, an apprenticeship, or jumping straight into work, we will guide you every step of the way.

University pathways

Our courses are designed to prepare you for higher education. We will support your UCAS application, help you write a standout personal statement, and guide you through choosing the right course and university.



Industry placements and industry partners



Industry placements and industry partners

Gain real-world experience and build your future with confidence.

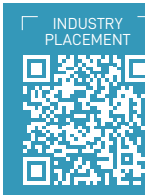
At Suffolk New College, we work with over 200 local, regional and national employers. These industry partners play a key role in your learning, helping shape our courses so you develop the skills employers are looking for.

You will have opportunities to take part in industry placements, giving you valuable experience in a real working environment. Our partners bring industry experience to campus through workshops, talks and demonstrations, so you can learn directly from the people doing the job.

What this means for you

- Learn from industry experts
- Gain the skills that employers value
- Take part in real work placements
- Explore career pathways and opportunities
- Gain confidence in a professional environment
- Get support to achieve your future goals

Our strong links with industry mean you are not just learning in the classroom – you are preparing for the real world from day one.



Support, wellbeing and belonging

At SNC - Your health & wellbeing matters

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At Suffolk New College, you are never on your own. Your wellbeing, your progress, and your sense of belonging matter just as much as your grades. Whatever your background or circumstances, this is a place where you can feel supported, valued, and ready to thrive.

Mental health & wellbeing

Feeling stressed or overwhelmed happens to everyone. Our friendly support team offers confidential advice whenever you need it. Whether it's anxiety, personal challenges, or simply needing someone to talk to, we're here for you.



ePASS Programme

Your route to employability skills. Embedded into your study programme, this programme will help you become employer ready!

- Earn a Bronze, Silver or Gold award to stand out from the crowd in interviews.
- Show employers that you have a positive work ethic.
- Stand out at every interview with your teamwork and communication skills.
- Show employers you're ready to lead in the industry.
- Step into interviews with resilience.

Inclusive learning

Everyone deserves the chance to succeed. If you have additional learning needs or a disability, our specialist team will work with you to make sure you have the right support in place.

Financial support

Money worries shouldn't hold you back. We offer bursaries, travel support and free meals for eligible learners. If you're unsure what you can access, talk to us - we'll help you find a solution.

ePASS



INCLUSIVE LEARNING



FINANCIAL SUPPORT





Be yourself - your voice matters

A community where everyone belongs

Respect, kindness, and inclusion are at the heart of our college. You'll join a diverse, welcoming community where you can be yourself, make friends, and feel part of something bigger.



Enrichment that helps you grow

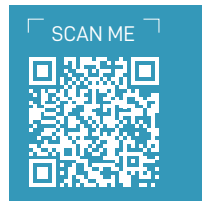
College is about more than qualifications. From clubs and societies to volunteering, sports, creative projects, trips, and leadership opportunities, there's something for everyone.

Your voice matters

At Suffolk New College, your voice matters. We encourage you to share your ideas, shape your experience and play an active role in improving college life. Through our Youth Leadership Forum, work closely with staff to influence decisions and create real, positive change across the College.

Recent student feedback has even helped transform our Learning Curve spaces at the Ipswich and Rural campuses, creating modern study environments with upgraded technology, alongside improved social and leisure areas.

By getting involved, you can build confidence, develop leadership skills and see the impact of your ideas in action, helping to shape a college community that continues to evolve and improve for everyone.



Life on campus: more than just study

Your time at Suffolk New College is about much more than gaining qualifications. It's about making friends, discovering new interests, building confidence and creating memories that last long after college.

Across our campuses, you'll find a wide range of enrichment activities designed to help you get involved in college life. From sports, gaming and creative workshops to wellbeing sessions, student events and social clubs, there's always something happening outside the classroom.

Be part of a community

From your very first day, you'll be welcomed into a supportive and inclusive community where you can be yourself. Meet new people, celebrate different cultures, support great causes and take part in activities that bring the college together.



Every day is different

Whether you're enjoying a lunchtime pool tournament, joining a casual football session, trying jewellery making, taking part in an esports competition or getting involved in a charity fundraiser, there's something for everyone.

Our annual calendar is packed with memorable events, including Freshers' Week, Culture Day, Black History Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, Children in Need fundraising, themed celebration days and much more.

Shaped by Learners

Our enrichment programme is shaped by you! We value your input and feedback. If there's a club, activity or event you'd like to see at college, we'll help you make it happen.

Learn. Belong. Get involved. Make your college experience unforgettable.



2025/26 Winners of SNC and beyond

Proud to celebrate learner success



Agricultural apprentice, Ruby Gardiner, walked away with the Agricultural Apprentice of the Year Award during the 2026 Suffolk Show.

Learners entered the Further Education Maths Challenge Competition, and the team of 11 made it to the grand final. Ultimately placing second in only their second year of entering.



Danni Lee, Level 3 Plumbing, Heating and Gas learner at Suffolk New College placed second at the HIP female skills competition, making her one of the best apprentice plumbers across the country.

Harry Lugsden was named Further Education Learner of the Year in the annual Land Based & Environment Learner Awards and now works at Dunhill Farms, following his placement there as a Suffolk Rural learner.



Spotlight on more winners

Gemma Moss was crowned Suffolk New College Apprentice of the Year, celebrating her exceptional progress and commitment to inspiring future female engineers.

Catering and Hospitality took home two awards at the Young Restaurant Team of the Year finals, highlighting the talent, creativity and professionalism of the Suffolk Centre for Culinary Arts.



turning potential into achievement

Our girls' and boys' football teams were crowned Suffolk Schools County Cup champions 2026, marking a huge moment for Suffolk New College sport.

The Suffolk New College RAMS dominated the 2026 AoC Sport, Basketball Men's East League A season, finishing first and securing the title as League champions.



Ipswich

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Close to the waterfront and town centre, our Ipswich Campus offers industry-standard facilities and practical, career focused training across a wide range of subjects.

You will have access to specialist workshops, science labs, media and performance studios, a sports centre, and dedicated study spaces.

Key learning areas include the Health Science Campus, Tech Campus, and Net Zero Skills Centre. Learners also gain real-world experience in The Zone, our professional hair, beauty, and spa salons and Chefs' Whites, our commercial training restaurant.

With welcoming social spaces, the Ipswich Campus is a vibrant place to learn, connect, and build your future.





Suffolk Rural

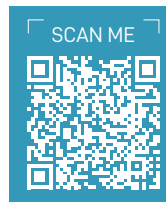
Set in the heart of the countryside, Suffolk Rural is the home of our land-based courses and offers a unique, hands-on learning environment.

Learners train using industry standard facilities, including a working farm, equine and animal centres, specialist greenhouses, arboriculture environments, engineering workshops and our Agritech Centre.



The campus also provides extensive outdoor space, including an outdoor gym and classroom, a dedicated area for our learners from Inclusive Learning and access to the Learning Curve for quiet study.

Suffolk Rural is more than a place to study – it's where learners build confidence, develop practical skills and prepare for careers across land-based industries, construction trades and automotive industries, with Inclusive Learning offering a supportive environment to build confidence and independence.



Halesworth



Our Halesworth campus offers a high quality learning experience shaped around the needs of the local community. Courses are designed to give you the skills and knowledge local employers value.

You will learn through a mix of vocational teaching and specialist expertise, helping you build practical skills, confidence and a

clear pathway into work, apprenticeships or further study.

The campus offers modern classrooms alongside industry-standard automotive and construction workshops, a professional training kitchen, and Aura, our public-facing hair and beauty salon where learners gain valuable real-world experience working with clients.

With welcoming breakout spaces that balance focused study with time to relax, the campus is more than a place to learn. It's a place to grow, achieve and shape your future.



Leiston (College on the Coast)

Suffolk New College is strengthening its offer with a brand-new additional campus in Leiston, developed in partnership with Sizewell C.

Opening in September 2027, this purpose-built post-16 centre will provide technical, vocational and academic pathways linked to careers in engineering, energy, digital, business and logistics. Learners will learn in specialist workshops, modern classrooms and a dedicated lecture theatre.

Building on our existing Leiston provision where learners study games design, the new campus will also feature an Apprenticeship & Trainee Hub and a Centre of Excellence delivering advanced industry training.

With inspiring facilities and supportive learning spaces, Leiston campuses offer a vibrant environment where learners can gain skills, grow in confidence and take their next steps towards a wide range of future careers.

The new learning landscape of SNC



Voices from our learners

Here's what our learners have to say about their experience with us.

“A supportive environment where every teacher genuinely tries their hardest to make sure you're happy and feel satisfied with the college experience.”

Kirsty Ross - Route to college
(Working with animals)

Learner voices in their own words

“The community is supportive, the teachers genuinely care, and you'll get real opportunities to grow. You're seen, encouraged, and set up for success.”

Abdinasir Abdulle - ESOL

**“Everyone here has
had so much faith
in me... you start to
believe it yourself.”**

Freya Ollason - Media Level 3



Application process



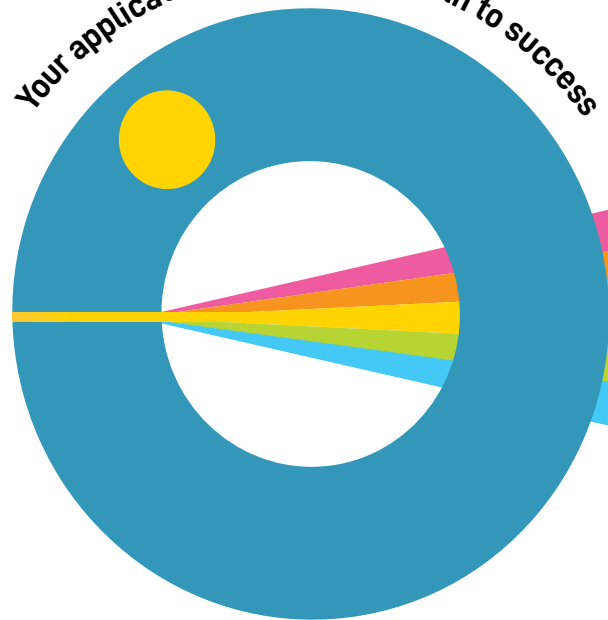
Ready to apply?

Applying to Suffolk New College is simple and we are here to help you every step of the way.

Need help?

Our Student Data Team is here to help. Whether you need support with your application or have questions about your course choices, we're just a phone call or email away. Contact us on: **01473 382738** or email: **support@suffolk.ac.uk** and we'll be happy to assist.

Your application journey - the path to success



1

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Browse our courses online or attend an open event to find what suits you best.

2

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Apply online at www.suffolk.ac.uk or speak to your school's careers advisor.

3

ATTEND AN EXPERIENCE DAY

A chance to experience what your future will be.

4

ENROL AND GET STARTED

After results day, complete your enrolment and get ready to join us in September!



Our courses

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A

Agriculture ■
 Animal Management ■
 Art & Design ■
 Automotive ■ ■ ■

B

Beauty Therapy ■ ■
 Bricklaying ■
 Business ■ ■

C

Carpentry & Joinery ■
 Catering & Hospitality ■ ■
 Childcare ■
 Construction Skills ■ ■ ■

E

Electrical Installation ■ ■
 Engineering ■ ■
 Equine ■
 ESOL ■

F

Floristry ■
 Foundation Learning ■

G

Games Art ■
 Games Design ■ ■

H

Hairdressing & Barbering ■ ■
 Health & Social Care ■
 Horticulture (Landscaping & Garden) ■

I

Inclusive Learning ■
 Information Technology ■ ■

L

Land Based Engineering ■
 Land Management ■

M

Media ■
 Music Performance & Production ■
 Military & Protective Services ■

P

Performing Arts ■
 Plumbing ■

S

Science ■
 Sport ■
 Supported Internships ■ ■

T

Transition Learning ■
 Travel & Tourism ■

Stay connected with college life

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Download the mySNC app today and stay connected with everything you need at Suffolk New College.

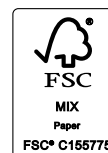
Once you're enrolled, you'll unlock access to student discounts, your timetable, progress information, college news, and much more.



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The College, therefore, reserves the right to withdraw, suspend temporarily or change programmes or facilities identified in this College Guide and cannot accept legal or financial liability arising as a result.

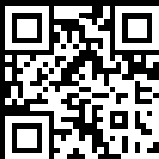
Important notice: All learners will be required, as a condition of enrolment, to abide by, and submit to, the College's regulations and procedures as amended from time to time. Details of the current regulations and procedures are available on request, from info@suffolk.ac.uk.



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