



Lancaster &  
Morecambe  
College

Celebrating 200 Years of Learning

# Guide for Parents and Carers



# Welcome to LMC

I'm delighted to introduce our new Parent & Carer Guide, which is designed to provide you with an insight into what our extraordinary college has to offer.

The number of opportunities available today following school are varied and it's important that young people and their parents/carers have all the information they need to make the best choice for them. We know that for some young people the option to stay on at school can be the right choice, especially if they wish to study A levels and follow a more traditional academic route.

At LMC we're focused on preparing learners for real careers, independence and positive progression when they graduate from College. We support our students to be self-directed and highly motivated, making them more employable and ready to progress onto higher study. Our well-established links with over 700 employers and work-related technical expertise means our curriculum is closely aligned with the needs of businesses, ensuring our students are well prepared for their future careers or continuing to study at higher levels.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend any of our Open Events, to tour our excellent facilities, speak to our industry trained tutors and, above all, to find out what it's really like to study at a college whose mission is to inspire the people and businesses it serves through quality work-related technical education and training.

**Daniel Braithwaite** *Principal/Chief Executive*



We are a **'Good' College**

"Learners say that they have fallen in love with learning again and their programmes help them to achieve their full potential."

*Ofsted Inspection Report, March 2020.*

# Why Choose Us?

As a parent, guardian or carer, you can trust LMC to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for your young person. All of our tutors are experts within their sector and we have a wide range of support available for all of our learners, including



## Progression

All of our courses are designed to support progression into a **career** or **Higher Education**



## Choice of courses

We offer a range of courses from **Full Time, T Level, Apprenticeship, Internship, Part Time & Distance Learning**



## Support

Our friendly Student Services team can help you with **Careers Advice & Guidance, Safeguarding & Pastoral** services



## Facilities

Our fantastic facilities include: **Professional Hair & Beauty Salons, Bay Restaurant@LMC, Gas & Electrical Training Centres, Immersive VR Suite & Clinical Skills Ward**



## International

We have a successful history of offering **European Work Placements** for students, and this year we are expanding even further



## Financial Support

We have a range of support available to make studying at LMC accessible to all, including **FREE Transport** and **FREE breakfast**

# Our students go on to GREAT things...

At LMC we are committed to providing our students with an excellent learning experience. Our vocational courses prepare students for careers.

## 96% of our Apprentices

went into employment after completing their course

## 97% of our Level 3 students

progressed positively into further and higher education or employment.

[View our vast range of courses](#)



**“ An Apprenticeship really helped me as I got used to a working life at a young age. I chose to come to Thomas Grahams because in the past they’ve had a really good reputation for looking after apprentices ”**

*Kate, Business Support Apprenticeship  
with Thomas Grahams*

# Our courses offer a great choice of options

## Vocational and Technical Qualifications vs A Levels

One question we get asked a lot is:-

*“What is the difference between doing A-Levels and doing a vocational qualification at college?”*

A vocational qualification, such as a T Level, BTEc or Apprenticeship, is great if you prefer 'hands-on' learning in real-work environments. There will be a mix of practical and written assessments and some courses have exams, but there is more focus on developing key skills for employment. All of our courses are led by qualified teaching professionals with specific industry experience, ensuring that a balance of academic theory and practical work is achieved.

In contrast, A-Levels are theory-based and feature more exams; quite often, this is considered a traditional route to take through school sixth forms. Whilst most believe they need to have A-Levels to progress onto Higher Education, vocational qualifications are highly respected by both employers and universities and attract equivalent UCAS points.

Some of the employers we work with: EDF, Gilpin, Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce, ICT Reverse, Connect 2 Cleanrooms, Morecambe Football Club, NHS, Eden Project Hyper X, Forsberg and Lancaster University.

**[More information here](#)**



# We support our students

## The Hexagon Student & Learning Centre

The Student Engagement team is dedicated to helping all of our learners make the most of their time at LMC. Whether it is careers advice, student finance enquiries or how to apply for a course, the friendly team are on hand all year to help. We also have a range of resources to help with assignment work and students can drop-in to use the PCs and laptops for independent study at any time.

### For more information

### Learning Support

The Learning Support Team works with LMC students to identify how to support them best, and agree where reasonable adjustments will help them to study and achieve. We have a quiet area in The Hex for students who require additional support.

### For more information

### Pastoral Mentors

Our Safeguarding Team are also based in The Hex and are here to help with any welfare or safeguarding concerns. They work with external agencies to ensure our students get the support they require.

### For more information

### Financial and Travel Support

Our Student Money team are on hand to help with any financial queries. We provide FREE transport to students who travel to LMC from outside of the local area and our Learner Support Fund can help with other costs See Page 9 for more details.

### For more information

### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

As an equal opportunities college, we will endeavour to offer everyone the same high-quality service.

### For more information

## Contact us

Course Enquiries  
**0800 306 306** or  
**01524 521385**

Money Enquiries  
**0800 306 306** or  
**01524 521469**  
**studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk**

General Enquiries  
**01524 521237**  
**hello@lmc.ac.uk**



# Fantastic facilities providing real work environments

Over the last few years, we have redeveloped our site, continuing to invest in new facilities for students, staff and the community. Our campus boasts fantastic, industry leading facilities, built with sustainability and innovation in mind.



## Clinical Skills Ward

The clinical skills room has been developed to replicate a hospital ward, and is fully equipped with nursing patient care simulators, a CPR training manikin that measures, monitors and analyses the performance of trainees, and equipment for cardiovascular monitoring and patient observations. The room will allow all healthcare students to prepare for placements and employment and develop practical skills relating to the healthcare sector.

## The Learning Den

Our children's play, learning and assessment room offers a light, modern environment for our students to study in and develop key skills for the child education sector.

## The Lounge

The Lounge is our student social area and catering facility offering a bright open space for students to eat or simply meet and relax between lessons. A great selection of freshly cooked, high quality food is on offer every day. We also offer a FREE breakfast for all students every day.

## VR Immersive Suite

Our 360 immersive VR suite gives students access to a whole range of virtual learning environments, from the comfort of the LMC campus. They can explore art galleries in Paris and New York, visit the Eden Project in Cornwall or Perth zoo in Australia, see inside a nuclear reactor and even explore the human brain – the possibilities are endless!

# We take our students further...

TURING

SCHEME

The UK's global programme to study and work abroad

We have a successful, long-standing history of offering European Work Placements for our students, helping them gain a foothold in their chosen careers as well as a better understanding of the wider world.

This year, alongside trips to **Italy, Spain and Slovakia**, we are expanding these opportunities even further with exciting industry placements in the **Caribbean, New York and British Columbia**. These fully-funded trips offer our students the opportunity to develop confidence and employability skills, working alongside their peers from other countries and with students from different educational backgrounds.



*Sport and Public Services students in Bulgaria*



*Travel & Tourism students in Italy*



*Engineering students in Iceland*



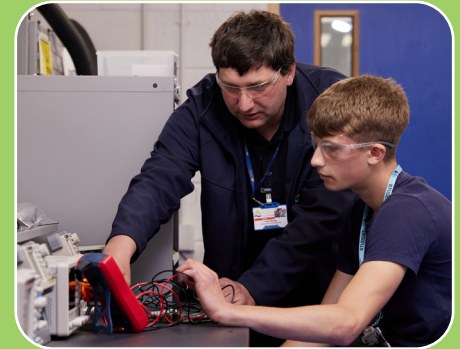
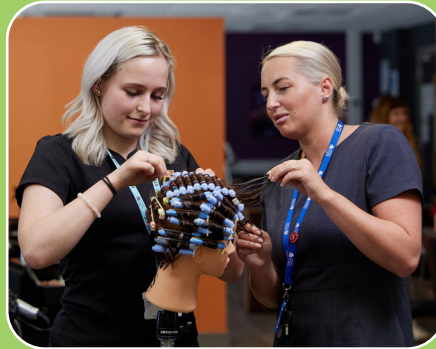
*Business students in Italy*

“ I have been lucky enough to take part in 2 international visits; a sports coaching trip to Alicante and a 3-week youth work placement at a camp in Slovakia. Alongside my course, the trips really helped me develop confidence, learn key skills and experience new opportunities, and I have now started a full-time job supporting students to get involved in community projects and volunteering. ”





# Ready for the world of work



Our whole curriculum is employer-led and all of our tutors are experts within their chosen sector, so our students know that they will graduate from LMC with the skills, knowledge and behaviours employers require. We build strong partnerships with local businesses, giving our students access to industry-specialist guest speakers and work placement opportunities.

Our careers team have recently been recognised by the national Careers & Enterprise Company as Careers Champions in 2023 for the innovative work we have done promoting Low Carbon and Green Careers across our region.



# SAFER College

community  Lancaster & Morecambe College

We pride ourselves on our inclusive and welcoming campus and strive to ensure that all of our learners feel confident and safe when they are at LMC. We have introduced a card-entry door system so only authorised people can enter College buildings, and all staff, students and official visitors wear visible lanyards.



## Student VOICE

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Our Student Voice is an opportunity for our learners to have their say about important issues and we have Class Reps and Student Ambassadors in each curriculum area.

### Community projects and volunteering opportunities

We have a dedicated Youth Social Action officer who will support our students to get involved in community projects and volunteering, helping to make a positive difference to people across our whole district.

# LMC Alumni story

## Courtney Lambert

Courses Taken:

**Hairdressing Professional Apprenticeship Level 2**

Years Studied:

**2 Years**

Profession:

**Style Director and Salon Manager**

**Courtney knew from an early age that she had a passion for hairdressing. She has family members who had previously studied Hairdressing at Lancaster & Morecambe College and are now very successful within the hairdressing industry. Courtney decided choosing LMC to study a Hairdressing Level 2 Apprenticeship was the right choice for her.**

After leaving LMC Courtney gained a full time position at Prestige Salon in Lancaster. She is now a Style Director, whose responsibilities are to ensure that clients receive a full consultation, and that she is always advising her clients on the right styles for them. It's important that Courtney makes sure they both her and the clients have the same idea of the outcome and desired hair cut or colour in order to achieve the best results. She also enjoys using the skills she learnt while doing practical work in The Salon at LMC to give 5 star service, always conscience of maintaining a comfortable and friendly environment for everyone that walks through the door of the salon.

*My favourite part of the course was getting stuck in with the practical side, being able to colour, highlight and style client's hair in The Salon. I also loved dealing with real clients, being able to get the experience and share knowledge from my College Tutors and peers.*



As well as being a Style Director, Courtney is also the Salon Manager. Managing the salon involves many different challenges including; dealing with customers, the overall running of the business, training Apprentices and handling any issues or enquiries. Courtney is fully confident in being able to use the training she gained from her Apprenticeship in the different areas of her role.

Courtney expressed she has a lot to be proud of since completing her course at Lancaster & Morecambe College, including building up a large clientele, having a full column every week, also added to her qualifications and completing further education courses.

**I'm very proud of how far I have come, after starting college 7 years ago.**

We asked Courtney what advise she would pass on to a potential student wanting to do the Hairdressing Apprenticeship, she said:

*The tutors at Lancaster & Morecambe College taught me a lot of key skills including customer service, colour and product knowledge and hairdressing theory that I have need in the future. My tutor and mentor was great as she definitely helped me improve my confidence.*

**Further Alumni stories**

# Parent and Carer feedback

We love to hear your feedback about your young adult's experience at College, here's some recent comments:-

## Very impressed!

*My child is so much happier at College and feels respected, which makes for a productive learning environment.*

**Communication from college is excellent and the tutors do care and want the best for their students**

*Our son is really enjoying his course. He feels valued and engaged.*

**Our daughter is genuinely motivated to do well**

*Staff in all departments so far have been brilliant for my son, thank you.*

*My daughter was so unhappy at school, however since coming College I have noticed she is much more settled and enjoys her lessons.*

**Our daughter now feels more comfortable and part of a team**

*Great course work, fantastic positive tutor, great feedback and encouragement for students*

*Wonderful staff who are caring and approachable. Our son is really enjoying his course and learning so much, thank you*

**The tutors have gone above and beyond for my son, and I am very grateful for that**

*My son is in his second year of his Plumbing Apprenticeship and he loves his job and the College - he's liked it since the first day! The college staff are always supportive and caters for all needs - keep doing the excellent job - we have no concerns, only praise.*





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or visit

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