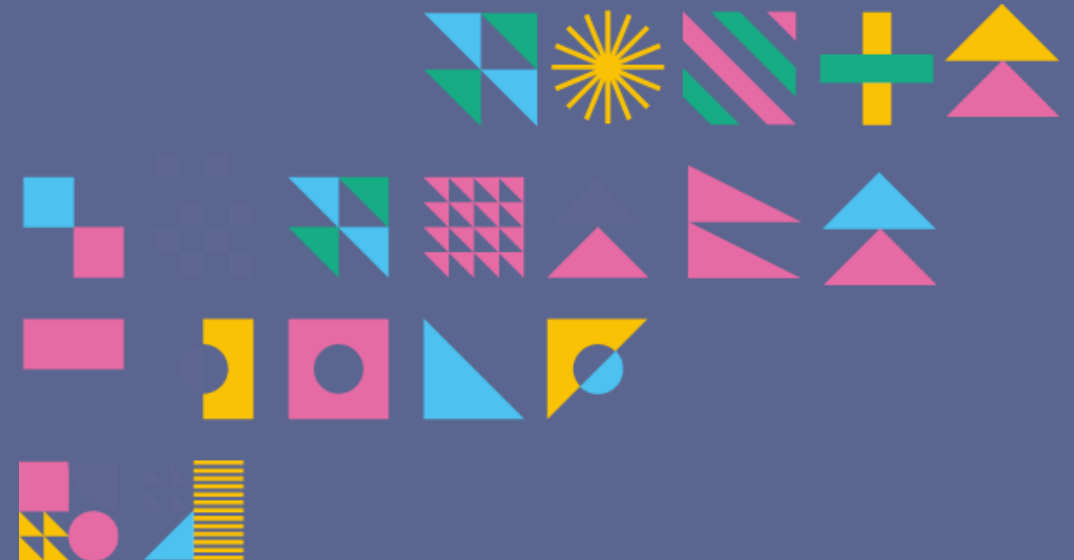


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Welcome!

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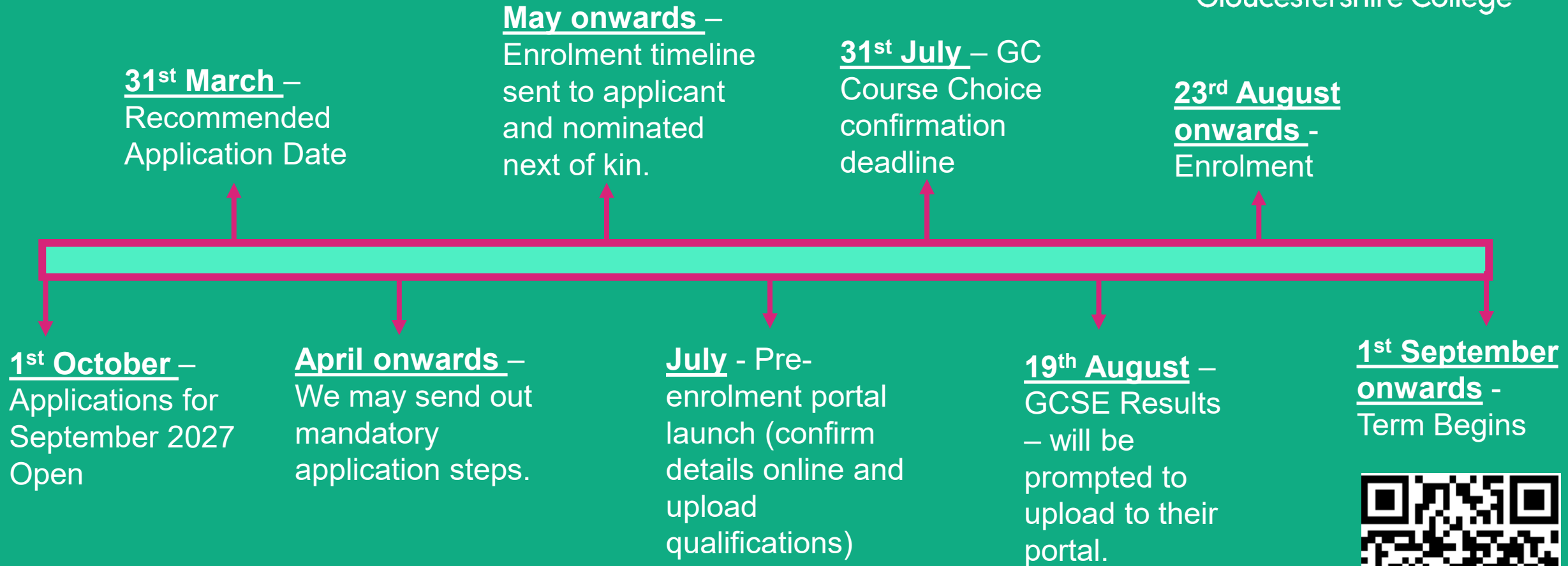


What to expect?

- Application Journey & Key Dates
- Application Process (Full Time Courses)
- Events & Useful Pages
- Apprenticeships
- ESOL – 16-18
- AOB



Application Journey: Full Time Courses



Dates are projections based on previous years and are subject to changes.

Application FAQs



How many courses can I apply for?

We recommend only applying for a handful of subjects, level and campus that you are interested in. Applicants can have multiple applications open but only one is considered “Your GC Course Choice”, the deadline to confirm “Your GC Course Choice” is 31st July, any other active full-time course applications will be closed.

Do I have a second choice or back-up course choice option?

No, we only have one choice, and this is your “GC Course Choice”, this will be the course you take forward to enrolment at the end of August, you will need to confirm your “GC Course Choice” by the 31st July. If you do not meet the criteria/conditions of the offer for the course you have applied for our academic team will refer you to a more suitable course/level, you do not need to hold a range of courses open.

Do I need to apply for multiple campuses?

No, whilst we do have 4 campuses (Gloucester, Cinderford, Cheltenham and Cheltenham Hardwick) you do not need to apply for multiple campuses, you will only take one course forward to enrolment, this is your GC Course Choice.

We ask that applicants apply for the course they wish to study at their chosen campus.

Please note – at enrolment we may look at postcode analysis, the college reserves the right to offer a course on a specific campus dependent on the applicant’s postcode where it enables the best opportunity to access learning as stated in our Admissions Policy.



Application FAQs



Will I be interviewed?

Due to the nature of the courses, we only interview for our Health: Supporting the Adult Nursing Team T Level.

What will I need to do now?

1. Decide your GC Course Choice by 31-July and accept your conditional offer for your GC Course Choice.
2. Confirm your personal details in the online pre-enrolment portal. We will send you further information throughout July and August.
3. Upload your qualifications on results day to the online pre-enrolment portal.
4. Enrol – this one's for us. Our main enrolment period is the last week of August and the first week of September.
5. Attend your first lesson!

What can increase my chances of securing a place?

Apply early! Applications open from the beginning of October for the following September. Be confident and comfortable you will achieve the entry criteria for your GC Course Choice. Make sure your contact details are correct, kept up to date and your email inbox is not full. Engage with any application steps we send before deadlines. Including your pre-enrolment steps. If necessary, arrange with your school to receive your GCSE results in an alternative way.



Preparing to apply

What will I need to make an application?



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Check your predicted grades against our entry criteria.

Make sure you apply for a course level you are confident and comfortable meeting the entry criteria. At enrolment, if you have overachieved or not quite met the entry criteria for your chosen course this may slow down your enrolment and put your place at GC at risk. Entry criteria will be found on each course webpage.

Check your location and travel options.

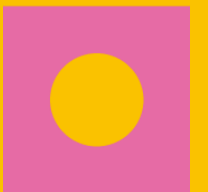
You will be applying for a course at a specific campus, Gloucestershire College have three campuses and not all subjects are taught at each campus. Have you considered how you will be getting to college and which campus is easiest for you to travel to?

Know your details and contact details of a next of kin.

We will ask you for your personal details; name, address, date of birth etc. We will also ask for a name, phone number and email address of a parent/guardian/carer.

Have your own, personal email account.

We recommend you register your account with your own, personal email address, so you get all the updates and information directly throughout your application journey. A school email address may shut down once you have finished the academic year. The email address you register with will always be connected to you, therefore if you use a parent/guardian/carer email address they will not be able or use this email address for themselves or a sibling in the future.



Top tips

Applying online

Have you registered an applicant account on the GC website before?

No, I am a new applicant – create one by clicking through to our 'Sign Up' page to register your details.

Yes, I have registered an applicant account on the GC website before – Login with your email address and password.

What email address did you use last time?

This email address is also the one we will send updates to so make sure you have access to your inbox.

Do you still use this email address?

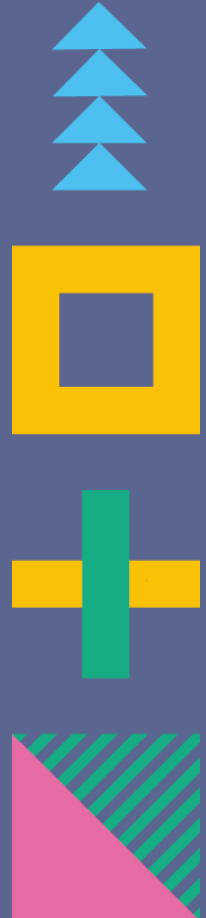
If you no longer use the email address, please register a new account – we will merge your accounts together.

Can you remember your password?

Click through 'Forgot Password?' We will email you a link so you can reset your password.

Next of Kin information

We can only speak to those nominated on the account, if an applicant doesn't include their Mum, Dad, Sibling, Family Member etc... we cannot speak to them.

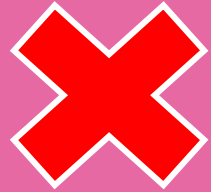
A screenshot of the Gloucestershire College website's login and registration page. The page has a white background with a dark blue header. The main heading is 'Login Or Register' in large, bold, black text. Below the heading is a horizontal line. There are two input fields: 'Email Address' with the placeholder text 'Test@testing.com' and 'Password' with a masked password '.....'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Info' and a link 'Forgot Password?'. At the bottom, there is a link 'Don't have an account? Create one' followed by a 'Sign Up' link and a 'Log In' button.

Email Addresses



We want to avoid applicants using school email address, this is because:

- We cannot send automated communications to most school domains due to school settings understandably not allowing automated emails through.
- Applicants will unlikely be checking or have access outside of school.
- Applicants forget to update us when they leave school (we do prompt them throughout the year to change their email – to do this, they just need to contact us).



icloud emails are fine but we get a lot of bouncebacks due to their inbox being full. This is because the storage on icloud also includes apps or photos saved on their icloud address.



Typical Entry Criteria

First Steps - Qualifications lower than three GCSE subjects at Grade 2

Level 1 - Three GCSE subjects at Grade 2

Level 2 - Three GCSE subjects at Grade 3 and above

*Due to the nature of our specialised trade courses the entry criteria varies for Level 2 Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Mechanical Engineering, Motor Vehicle and Plumbing - Three GCSE's including GCSE Maths at Grade 4 and above, GCSE English at Grade 3 and above and any other GCSE subject at Grade 3 and above.

Level 3 - Five GCSE subjects at Grade 4 and above including Maths or English and 4 other subjects at a Grade 4 and above
or

Four GCSE subjects at Grade 4 and above including Maths and English

*Due to the nature if our T Level courses the entry criteria varies. Please check each individual course page for specific entry criteria.

Gloucestershire College welcome any other/combinations of relevant qualifications that are comparable and/or equivalent to the typical course entry requirements.



Handskills

Practical and Technical Knowledge

* Due to the nature of the environment and tools used some of our Level 3 courses will require a **full level 2 qualification in the relevant subject**.

This includes:

Beauty Therapy with Massage

Beauty Therapy with Electrical Treatments

Hairdressing

Make Up Artistry

Mechanical Engineering – Craft Route

Patisserie and Confectionery

Professional Cookery

Any relevant Level 2 qualification must be translatable to the current qualification structure delivered and verified by the College



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Exceptional Circumstances



Applicants that **do not have** recognised qualifications may still meet course entry requirements through alternative methods of assessment at the College's discretion. At our discretion, we are happy to review your application and work with you to find the most suitable and best level of course for you.

All queries regarding course entry criteria including the equivalency of qualifications and exceptional extenuating circumstances should be directed by email to the Admissions Department through applications@gloscol.ac.uk.

At enrolment the Academic team will review each application on a case-by-case basis on its own merit and make a final enrolment decision.

Once on programme learners will continue to be assessed and can have further conversations with the Academic team. At their discretion they may be able to transfer a learner onto a more appropriate course or level, provided space is available.



What is a conditional offer?



Entry Criteria

Before the start date of your course you must have and evidence:

The qualifications (or equivalent) to meet the entry criteria required for **your GC Course Choice** as shown on the Gloucestershire College website (www.gloscol.ac.uk).

And

Engaged positively in any pre-course assessment activity, for example assessment days, initial assessments for English and maths and course-based activities if requested.

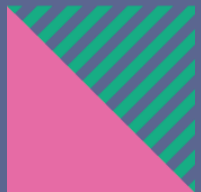
Please note that these are the minimum entry criteria and you should aim to achieve the target and/or aspirational grades set by your college/school, particularly in English and maths. This will demonstrate that you are the type of engaged and motivated learner that we want attending our courses.

Course Capacity

Your offer is made subject to course capacity at enrolment. An applicant's priority for enrolment is assessed on meeting the course entry criteria, date of application, and proactive engagement with the College's Admissions process and pre-enrolment steps, which may include assessment days, initial assessments and/or course-based activities within set timeframes if requested.

A number of courses are very popular so in a very small number of cases places may not be available on an applicant's **GC Course Choice**. This is extremely rare for students who apply before **31st March**.

If the College foresees a potential course capacity issue and an applicant has applied before the College's recommended date of the 31st March the Admissions Team will contact and work closely with them to support their next steps.



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships require the applicant to find an employer, without an employer they cannot do an Apprenticeship – it is like finding a job.

We advise that if an applicant wants to do an apprenticeship they also apply for a full-time course and engage with those application steps too – if they don't apply for a full-time course and don't secure an employer they will be left with nothing.

To embark on an Apprenticeship an applicant needs to:

- Secured an employer (who has been checked by the college)
- Met the entry criteria for the apprenticeship
- Have eligible residency throughout the duration
- Space available on the course



ESOL – 16-18

When do applications open?

October 1st

How are applications prioritised for interview?

Application date order

When should I apply by?

31st March is recommended application date

When do interviews begin?

Interviews (group based) with our ESOL Course Leader begin typically after Easter – invites are sent via text message notification and email to applicant and nominated next of kin.

When are offers made?

Offers are typically made after interviews have taken place (around July).



Events

We have Open Events throughout the year for people to:

- ✓ Apply for courses – Admissions Team will be at every event to support.
- ✓ Meet the lecturers
- ✓ Tour the campus
- ✓ Speak to our support teams!

Upcoming Events **November**:

- Gloucester Campus / Saturday 7 November / 10.00am - 1.00pm
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Your Questions

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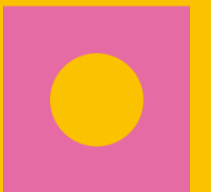
Currently our provision is being reviewed in line with DFE guidance, once we have an update this will be communicated to all who have applied and contacts.

How do we change a student's email once they've applied?

Contact Admissions by emailing applications@gloscol.ac.uk with the Full Name, Date of Birth and Student Number (if you have this) and we can link up their new email to their account.

Do applicants with an EHCP need to meet the entry criteria?

Yes, all applicants need to meet criteria for their course to be considered for it, the entry criteria is set for courses to support learners in that learning environment.



Contacts



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Student Services

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Apprenticeships

apprenticeshipvacancies@gloscol.ac.uk



0345 155 2020 (option 1 & 2)



Learning Support

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