

SCHOOL LEAVER
MINI-GUIDE



**A CENTRE OF
VOCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE**



WHY ECCLES SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



**EXPERT
TEACHERS**



**Eccles College
Animal Park**

WIDE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT
SPECIES INCLUDING

**DOMESTIC &
EXOTIC ANIMALS**



4G FOOTBALL

PITCHES



HOSPITAL WARD
LEARNING FACILITY



**INCLUSIVE
LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**



**OUTSTANDING
Industry
Partnerships**



**COLLEGE
BUS SERVICE**



100% OF
STUDENTS FEEL

**SAFE AND
SUPPORTED**



SCIENCE
LABORATORIES

WELCOME

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Eccles Sixth Form College, we take great pride in our students, staff, and collective achievements. Our primary goal is to ensure every student reaches their full potential, with our high achievement rates reflecting this commitment.

We provide a well-rounded and engaging curriculum delivered by expert teachers, many of whom have industry experience. Our passionate staff guide students through their studies, ensuring they succeed both during and beyond college life.

Our modern facilities include an FA-approved 4G pitch, an industry-standard gym, a sports performance lab, and one of the UK's leading animal management centres, covering over four acres and housing 250+ species. Equine studies are delivered at Ryders Farm Equestrian Centre, featuring top-tier facilities.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities, trips, and societies, helping students fully engage in college life. Our strong partnerships with local and national employers provide valuable industry insights, and our collaboration with Manchester United has led to the success of our football teams. We are also proud to be Manchester FA 'Universities and Colleges' County Cup Champions.

We are committed to creating a supportive environment where every student feels safe and valued. Our dedicated pastoral and learning support teams work closely with students, providing individualised help with study skills, English and maths, and personal development.

Eccles Sixth Form College offers a broad range of vocational subjects, extensive enrichment opportunities, and specialised careers advice to ensure all students can thrive both academically and personally. We are excited to welcome you to our vibrant community in the upcoming academic year.



REBECCA CROSS
CENTRE PRINCIPAL





COLLEGE LIFE

WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ON OFFER, TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS.

LGBTQ+

Our LGBTQ+ Group provides an avenue for students, whether LGBTQ+ or not, to meet up on a regular basis. This group links with the local authority to raise awareness across our college.

STUDY SPACES

Eccles Sixth Form College offers excellent study spaces for students seeking a quiet environment to focus on their coursework. Our state-of-the-art Digital Learning Zone (DLZ) is available to all students during break times and study days.

ECCLES SUMMER FAIR

Eccles Sixth Form College hosts an annual Summer Fair, inviting the entire community to come together for a day of fun and celebration. Visitors can enjoy outdoor games, browse various stalls, and indulge in delicious food and drink. The event also offers the opportunity to explore the college and its facilities, making it a perfect day out for everyone.

ANIMAL PARK

Eccles Sixth Form College proudly hosts one of the UK's top animal management centres, covering over four acres and housing more than 250 species, including emus, monkeys, capybaras, and a variety of domestic animals. This facility offers students hands-on experience in animal care, working with a wide range of species in environments designed to mimic their natural habitats.

From nocturnal and small mammal rooms to aquariums and reptile areas, our Animal Park provides students in animal care and veterinary courses with invaluable, real-world experience. Under expert guidance, students gain practical skills that prepare them for successful careers in animal management and welfare.

4G PITCHES

Eccles Sixth Form College features a 4G football pitches that are used by our partners at Salford Red Devils and Manchester United.

GYM

Eccles Sixth Form College students have access to a fully equipped gym to use at their leisure.

ENRICHMENT

For highly competitive university and career progression pathways, the College organises events, interactive workshops and activities led by industry professionals. These society events can give you the extra edge when applying for university courses.

Current activities include:

- Driving theory
- Horse riding club
- Yoga and meditation
- Football skills
- Zoo club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Debating skills
- Horticulture, in association with the Royal Horticultural Society

Throughout the year we also host a variety of lunchtime events and activities for you to get involved in. These have included a vegetarian BBQ, Chinese and Buddhist celebrations, Red Nose Day fundraiser, Halloween celebration, and Children in Need activities. These events are a chance for you to unwind have fun with your friends and raise money for charity.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, VETERINARY NURSING & EQUINE STUDIES

WHY IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

The Animal Management, Veterinary Nursing and Equine Studies Courses are well established at Eccles Sixth Form College and the extensive curriculum delivery is underpinned by our outstanding facilities. These courses are designed to give you the relevant knowledge and specialist skills that will allow you to be successful in your next steps in education or employment. You will develop and expand your knowledge in all aspects, gaining hands on practical experience in our new industry-standard facilities.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY?

Units of study are selected to allow you to develop a broad understanding of all aspects of Animal Management, Veterinary Nursing and Equine Studies, including animal health and welfare, husbandry and sciences of domestic, exotic and wildlife species. Hands-on practical skills are developed during sessions in our animal centre, laboratories and veterinary nursing suite. All students complete work experience as part of their course.

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3



APPLIED SCIENCE

WHY IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

This course is designed to combine an in-depth study of biology, chemistry and physics allowing you to develop your skills and knowledge in all three disciplines. Most importantly, students will develop their skills in order to conduct practical experiments to a professional standard. This will prepare them perfectly for further study or employment within the industry. Units of study have been carefully chosen to combine biology, chemistry, physics and maths. A genuine passion for the sciences will support success in this area.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY?

A variety of units are studied throughout the course. For example, you may study physiology of human body systems, scientific investigation, microbiological techniques, practical chemistry, organic chemistry and medical physics. All of which have theory and practical aspects.

ENRICHMENT

- Science Society. These events focusing on careers in Science
- Trips to large science companies to experience the industry in action
- Opportunities to join the STEM Academy
- Research placements at large organisations, such as, Nuffield Research Placement
- Visits to CERN, Geneva, the world's largest European Organisation for Nuclear Research and Jodrell Bank Observatory

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS

- Level 2
- Level 3



BUSINESS & TRAVEL

WHY IS BUSINESS STUDIES RIGHT FOR ME?

This course will help you gain a good understanding of the processes and practices organisations must undertake to make key business decisions. You will learn about marketing, human resources, and operational strategies. Management and planning are the backbone to commercial success and a sound understanding of key business concepts are important to anyone aspiring to a career in business.

WHY IS TRAVEL STUDIES RIGHT FOR ME?

This course gives you the opportunity to study one of the most fast moving and dynamic industries there is. You will be provided with the perfect opportunity to develop your customer service, sales and marketing skills. If you possess effective communication skills, you enjoy meeting new people and you have a keen interest in travel, then this course is for you.

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

WHY IS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE RIGHT FOR ME?

This course is designed to cover a range of topics providing you with the knowledge and skills required for a career or further study in the health care or social care sector. Our highly qualified and experienced teaching team, ensure that all students have up to date access to a wide range of expertise and specialisms. Many of our teachers are dual professionals having worked in areas such as nursing, counselling, safeguarding and care home managers.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY?

You will study a range of units which cover all aspects across the health and social care sectors. You will study modules such as physiological disorders, working in the health sector, dealing with challenging behaviour, caring for children and young people and caring for individuals with additional needs. All of which will provide you with the skills, knowledge and insight needed to succeed in this rapidly changing and diverse sector. All students complete placements as part of their course to ensure they have the opportunity to experience day to day life in health and care roles.

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- T-Level (Nursing)

NURSING (T-LEVEL)

CONSIDER OUR T-LEVEL NURSING COURSE?

This prestigious and intensive course runs over five days a week which includes three days in college studying the theoretical aspects and two days in placement at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust or with the North West Ambulance Service. In order to ensure you develop the skills and experience required, you will carry out three placement rotations each year. This may be in a clinic, ward or theatre setting. The extensive work experience, will allow you to complete your Care Certificate Standards alongside your level three qualification.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

WHY IS PROTECTIVE SERVICES RIGHT FOR ME?

This course will provide you with a realistic introduction to working in any of the protective services careers. Working in the public sector in the police service, fire service or armed services requires discipline, commitment and a desire to help others. You will find the course stimulating and varied as it combines classroom-based study with outdoor activities and group work. You will also develop your personal effectiveness, decision making, teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY?

You will study a wide range of topics, such as leadership, team development, physical preparation, exercise and fitness, outdoor adventurous activities, police powers and protective services employment. At advanced level, you will study more specialist units such as management of major incidents, custodial care of individuals, government policies, the legal system and communication and technology.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Many of our students go into employment within the protective services industry or continue with their studies at university, before pursuing careers in the police, fire service or armed services.

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3



SPORT

WHY IS SPORT RIGHT FOR ME?

Our BTEC Sport pathway combines the theoretical aspects of sport whilst allowing you to develop your practical skills, which will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to progress onto Higher Education or employment. During the practical elements of the course, you will utilise our outstanding facilities, including the all weather 4G pitch, sports performance laboratory and the state-of-the-art fitness suites. For students passionate about football and rugby, the college work in partnership with both the Manchester United Foundation and Salford Red Devils.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY?

You will study all aspects of sports participation and performance through topics such as anatomy and physiology, sports coaching, fitness testing and training, sport management and a wide range of other sports related subjects, providing a balance of both practical and theoretical study.

AVAILABLE COURSE LEVELS

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

SPORT

(MANCHESTER UNITED LEADERS)

WHY IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

Our Manchester United Football Academy course, is an exciting partnership between the Manchester United Foundation and Eccles Sixth Form College which offers a fantastic opportunity to develop football skills alongside your studies. You will participate in competitive football fixtures alongside your studies and develop your football skills in training sessions run by the Manchester United Foundation. Our talented players will have the opportunity to gain national recognition by representing England's colleges in the Annual Home Nations Competition.



SKILLS FOR WORKING LIFE

WHY IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR ME?

Our courses are specially designed to develop the skills and knowledge that you will need for life, further study and future employment. You will work with specialist teachers and have access to in-class support from an Educational Support Assistant, who will help you develop to your full potential. Your time table will also include Maths and English lessons at an appropriate level to ensure you develop all of the skills needed to progress in education or employment. We have a range of pathways, courses and qualifications that enable students to be placed on a programme of study that best suits their individual needs.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

Our range of courses include two supported internships. Students have lessons and complete work placements at Salford Royal Foundation Trust and University of Salford/ Salford Council. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop employability skills in real-life settings and many of them have gained paid employment due to their performance on our supported internships. Supported internships are open to students with an Education, Health and Care Plan, who are ready to progress towards employment.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

As you work through your course, you will have the opportunity to discuss your options for the future with your teachers and support staff, other relevant professionals and support agencies. Completing your course will enable you to progress to the next level, which may include access to courses in specific Vocational areas, applying for a supported internship, apprenticeship or paid employment. You will be supported to ensure that you develop all of the skills and knowledge required in order for you to progress onto to further study and/or the world of work.



HEALTH & CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR (VOCATIONAL A-LEVELS)

A NEW, UNIQUE QUALIFICATION

Eccles Sixth Form College proudly offers Vocational A-Levels, a unique qualification that combines the depth of A-Level study with the practical focus of vocational courses.

WHAT ARE VOCATIONAL A-LEVELS?

Rebecca Cross, Head of Eccles Sixth Form College, describes Vocational A-Levels as "an exciting and dynamic addition to our extensive vocational offerings. These courses combine the academic rigour of A-Levels with practical vocational elements."

Students will study three courses Criminology, Health & Social Care and Psychology, blending theory with real-world applications.

WHY VOCATIONAL A-LEVELS?

Vocational A-Levels focus on hands-on training in a single subject area, ideal for students who prefer practical learning or may not thrive in exam-heavy environments. These qualifications are recognized alongside A-Levels, as reflected in UCAS Tariff Points.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This Vocational A-Level course places emphasis on developing skills as well as academic achievement and you will engage in practical activities, learning from Health & Social Care Practitioners.

CRIMINOLOGY

The Criminology Vocational A-Level will give you an in-depth knowledge and understanding of concepts linked to the criminal justice system.

PSYCHOLOGY

This Vocational A-Level course will give students an adept understanding of a verity of psychological topics including: the brain, behaviour and psychological theories.



NEED SOME SUPPORT

AT ECCLES SIXTH FORM COLLEGE WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON THE SUPPORT THAT OUR DEDICATED STAFF OFFER OUR STUDENTS.

At Eccles Sixth Form College our commitment is to eliminate learning barriers, empowering you to reach your full potential and fostering independence. We recognise and are proud of the aspirations of our students. We also understand that the transition from school to college can be daunting, but not to worry, we have a range of support to help you achieve, thrive and be successful:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We understand that finances can be a major concern for many students, which is why we offer financial support to eligible students*.

Students with household income below £55,000 may be eligible for:

- Free College Meals
- Support with uniform / kits and trips (Up to the value of £375)
- Free College Printer Credit (£20 printer credit)
- Travel Support
- Free College Bus Travel

For more information visit our website: www.salfordcc.ac.uk or call us on 0161 631 5000.

*Subject to an assessment of individual need.

YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At Eccles Sixth Form College, we believe that your health and wellbeing are essential to your success as a student.

We offer a range of support services to help you maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle, including access to on-campus medical and mental health services. We also provide information and resources on healthy eating, exercise, stress management, and mindfulness to help you stay focused and energised throughout your studies. These resources can be accessed via students services or via the Wellbeing Portal on the college website.

SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNING

At Eccles Sixth Form College, we want to make sure that you have all the resources and tools you need to succeed in your studies. Our Pastoral Support Team are available to provide guidance and support during your college studies.

LEARNERS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

We are committed to ensuring that all of our students have equal access to education and support services. If you have a disability, medical condition, or specific learning difficulty, our Disability and Inclusion Team can provide support and accommodations to help you succeed in your studies.

This includes assistance with accessing learning materials, arranging exam adjustments, and providing advice on accessibility and assistive technology.

APPLICATION PROCESS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS*

Level 1 courses require four GCSEs at 1-9 (one can be a vocational qualification). Visit our college website for specific course entry requirements.

Level 2 courses require four GCSEs at 3-9 (one can be a vocational qualification). Visit our college website for specific course entry requirements.

Level 3 courses require five GCSEs at 4 or above including English OR Maths (one can be a vocational qualification). Visit our college website for specific course entry requirements.

T-Level courses require five GCSEs at 5 or above including English and Maths (one can be a vocational qualification). Visit our college website for specific course entry requirements.

OPEN EVENTS AND MASTERCLASSES

Come and experience Eccles Sixth Form College for yourself. See the amazing facilities, meet current students and staff and learn more about the courses. See our website for details of our next open events.

APPLICATION FORM

Apply online at www.salfordcc.ac.uk.

Please ensure you keep your contact details up-to-date with us so we can send information out to you electronically.

Once you have applied, you will receive an acknowledgment to say we have received your application.

OFFER

If your application is successful you will be offered a conditional place on your chosen programme of study. You will then receive a email confirming your offer and details will follow on New Students' Day and enrolment.

*The entry requirements in this guide are correct at the time of print. For the latest information visit our website at www.salfordcc.ac.uk

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FULL ONLINE
PROSPECTUS:



ECCLES SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OFFERS COURSES IN A RANGE OF SUBJECT AREAS INCLUDING:

- Animal Management, Veterinary Nursing & Equine Studies
- Applied Science
- Business & Travel
- Health & Criminal Behaviour (Vocational A-levels)
- Health and Social Care
- Nursing (T-level)
- Protective Services
- Skills for Working Life
- Sport
- Sport (Manchester United Leaders)



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