



# Full-time Course Guide 2017/18

**HIGHBURY COLLEGE**

# “OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS ARE OUTSTANDING” (Ofsted)





# OUTSTANDING LEARNING FACILITIES

## WHY Highbury?

### WE'RE IN A CLASS OF OUR OWN

We won the Times Education Supplement FE 2016 Award for 'Outstanding Use of Technology for Improving Teaching and Learning.' The judges praised us for our visionary leadership and management, excellent technical infrastructure and support and, most importantly, staff who are confident and expert in using technology.

All students at Highbury College are encouraged to exploit the latest technology to be at the cutting edge of innovation and technological excellence to prepare them to make the most of their futures – whether that is in the work place, running their own business or pursuing further studies

### Highbury HAS BEEN JUDGED OUTSTANDING

We are a Grade 1 'Outstanding' College, as judged by Ofsted, the national body responsible for standards in education.

### HIGH STUDENT SUCCESS RATES

'Outcomes for students are outstanding. Retention, pass and success rates are very high for students of all ages and at all levels.' (Ofsted)

At Highbury we are passionate about giving every student the best chance to succeed.

### SUPPORT FOR YOUR LEARNING

**'Care, guidance and support are outstanding.'** (Ofsted)

Our specialist support team and tutors are here to help you achieve your goals.

You will have a personal tutor to guide you through your course. Our support services team provides expert help, whether this is with applying for university, talking through your options, money worries or extra support for study.

### AN ENTREPRENEURIAL COLLEGE

As a member of the entrepreneurial Gazelle Group of Colleges, we're able to offer you extra opportunities to develop work-relevant skills that will help you stand out from the crowd. Even if you're attending Highbury for qualifications such as A Levels, rather than a business-focused course, you can still get involved in exciting national or even international enterprise competitions, leading to new experiences and friendships, and boosting your confidence.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

As you'll see from this course guide, there are a great many opportunities open to you at Highbury College. From entry level qualifications through to Higher Education, and including A Levels, Apprenticeships, Professional Qualifications, BTECs, Access courses, HNCs and HNDs, Foundation Degrees and Functional Skills. Whatever you're looking for, you're sure to find the right course for you.

### ANIMAL STUDIES

Our fantastic facilities at Staunton Country Park are perfect for aspiring vets, with plenty of opportunities to work with farm animals, small mammals, reptiles, birds and fish.

### AUTOMOTIVE & ENGINEERING

Our facilities include modern motor vehicle and motorcycle workshops, the latest diagnostic equipment, engineering workshops, electronic laboratories and a dedicated centre for marine engineering courses at Boathouse4 in Portsmouth's Historic dockyard.

### COMPUTING & IT

Our state-of-the-art computing suites give you access to Cisco Academy computer network training rooms, specialist software and hardware, plus the latest Apple Macs.

### CONSTRUCTION

We have specialist workshops for each discipline, from Brickwork to Wall & Floor Tiling, as well as facilities to learn about the latest environmental technologies.

### CREATIVE, MUSIC & MEDIA

Our facilities include a high-definition TV studio with green screen and autocue, art and design studios, digital recording studio with the latest software, radio suite, Mac and PC-enabled classrooms for games design, graphics and music technology. We also have a 160-seat Performing Arts Theatre and a dance studio.

### HAIR & BEAUTY

Our contemporary salons are open to the public and include facilities for the very latest in hair, beauty and holistic treatments including haircut and colour, reflexology, facials, manicures, gel polish, massage and spray tanning.

### HEALTH, CARE & EARLY YEARS

Our learning environments are specifically designed to simulate realistic work environments and include a nursery, residential care environment and mini A&E room.

### HORTICULTURE & LAND CONSERVATION

We're the first college in the area to introduce land-based National Diplomas in Horticulture and Land Conservation (Woodland and Grassland), based at Staunton Country Park.

### HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Our facilities include professional training kitchens, international and pastry kitchens, two e-enabled kitchens, and an 80-seat training restaurant that's open to the public.

### SCIENCE

Our science laboratories are among the most up-to-date in the area, enabling our students to learn about biological systems, forensic science, genetics, microbiology, physiology and medical physics.

### TRAVEL & TOURISM

Superb learning resources include a purpose-built aircraft cabin section and airport check-in desk for students wishing to pursue a career as cabin crew.



# STUDENT COLLEGE FACILITIES

## THE DECK

The Deck at Highbury campus is a great place to meet your friends, relax, chat or study at one of the many computers available. You can play table tennis, table football or pool. Here you'll also find the NUS desk, with lots of information about the many great deals and activities on offer. The Deck is situated on the first floor above the Galley restaurant.

## LIBRARY SERVICE

Our Library Service offers a variety of resources and equipment, including computers, online materials, books, magazines, newspapers, CD-ROMs and DVDs.

There are also group study areas, quiet areas, and wireless technology if you want to use your own laptop. We have a cool SOLE (Self Organised Learning Environment) centre - the first in the world to be developed for vocational learning. Students with learning difficulties and disabilities are able to access supportive technology.

In addition, e-books and resources are available through the Virtual Library, which can be accessed from any College computer or from home via the Internet.

The library also provides access to Canvas, our virtual learning environment, providing anytime/anyplace learning.

## SPORT AND FITNESS

The Sports Centre at Highbury Campus has a wide range of facilities, including a sports hall, gym and fitness classes. Sports on offer include badminton, mini-tennis and 5-a-side football, as well as Zumba, roller-skating and martial arts. Discounted membership is available to new students during the first four weeks of term.

## FOOD & DRINK

Refectories at Highbury Campus, Highbury Northharbour Centre and Highbury City of Portsmouth Centre offer a good range of refreshments, Fairtrade products and healthy eating options.

# ENRICHMENT

We want you to enjoy every aspect of your life at College and feel prepared to move on to work or further study at the end of your course.

Whether your interest is in sports, music, theatre, volunteering or a Duke of Edinburgh Award, we have the right activity for you. Each year our students go on exciting trips and study visits in the UK and abroad, enter and win national competitions and take part in work experience.

Taking part in College life shows employers and universities that you have a wide range of interests, as well as enthusiasm and good communication skills.

## ACTIVITIES AT HIGHBURY

- Sports, including basketball, football, swimming and table tennis
- College events, including Freshers' Fair and Multi-cultural Week
- Hair show
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Art & Design Saturday Club
- Performing Arts & Fashion Saturday Club
- Enterprise Society
- Students' Union
- That's Solent TV
- Local radio (Express FM) and our very own JAMM Radio
- Work experience
- Voluntary and charity work
- Trips in the UK and abroad
- Student representation
- University Centre
- Sports Academy
- WorldSkills UK





# WORLDSKILLS COMPETITIONS

## GAZELLE

### At Highbury we make it our business to encourage entrepreneurship.

As a member of the Gazelle Colleges Group, we like nothing better than to see our students set up for success.

### SO WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT A GAZELLE COLLEGE?

Gazelle colleges are moving away from passive, classroom learning towards an approach that puts you in the driving seat of your own College career, with opportunities to work as part of a business at the same time as gaining qualifications in your chosen subject.

### ARE THERE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

At Highbury you could be part of a student-led company, run by the College and staffed by students. Not only will this provide excellent work experience, you may find yourself taking on a paid position.

### I JUST WANT TO GET MY QUALIFICATIONS. HOW IS A GAZELLE COLLEGE GOING TO HELP ME?

Even if you don't want to go on and start your own business, it's a great opportunity to increase your awareness of what the workplace is like, and improve your chances of getting the job you want.

### THESE ARE SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES OUR ENTERPRISING STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED:

#### Southsea Fashion Week

Organised and run entirely by students, Southsea Fashion Week showcased the work of emerging designers from the dynamic local fashion, hair and beauty industries alongside students' own creations. As well as showing their own designs, students got to develop their flair for event management, budgeting, sales and publicity, resulting in a sell-out run of shows.

#### Whiteley Takeover

Enterprising students took over the day-to-day running of Whiteley Shopping Centre restaurants, shops and leisure outlets for a day, dubbed the 'Highbury Handover'. Students in Hospitality and Catering, Business Studies, Beauty and Sports all had the chance to impress potential employers with their skills. Meanwhile performing arts students entertained shoppers, and media students reported live from the centre. As a result, four of the students got job offers!

#### Market Maker

BTEC Level 3 Fashion Student Ajara Leigh competed in the national final of the 'Market Maker' student enterprise competition in Bristol with her eponymous brand fusing national dress with contemporary designs. She's now being mentored by one of the judges.

#### Meet the Entrepreneurs

Guest speakers are another way in which students are inspired and encouraged at Highbury College. Carrie Bate, who turned down an offer on 'Dragon's Den' and went on to build her 'Little Coffee Bag' company into a £2 million business, talked to students and was so impressed she offered one of them work experience.

At Highbury we encourage students to get fully involved with competitions, both as a valuable learning experience and to showcase their skills.

Every year, our students take part in WorldSkills UK, a global 'skills Olympics', entering regional competition heats in a wide range of vocational areas, including Business, Construction, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality & Catering, Automotive, Engineering, IT and Fitness Training.

The heats culminate with a national final held at The Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham. In the 2015 final Highbury College students performed exceptionally well. Andrew Matthews won Gold for IT Support Technician, Anton Williams won Gold for Web Design, whilst IBM apprentice Tom Cope picked up a Bronze for IT Software Solutions and Ed Leeman was Highly Commended for Web Design. Karl Ward also competed in the bricklaying competition.

Medal winners are then considered for a place in the UK squad where they compete to represent the UK in the next world final which is being held in Abu Dhabi 2017.

In 2015 Highbury Student Dan Levings was selected to represent the United Kingdom for Web Design at the world final held in São Paulo. Dan competed against 50 other competitors from all over the world and won a coveted Medallion of Excellence. We are hoping that this year's medal winners will follow in Dan's footsteps and compete in the next World Final.

Taking part in WorldSkills competitions represents a great opportunity for students to raise their confidence and enhance their employability skills, and is the perfect motivational platform for students to fine tune their skills and test them against others.

In 2015 Highbury College was the only college in the UK to be shortlisted for the prestigious WorldSkills UK Partner of the Year Award.



**"I had great support from my family and lecturers and staff at Highbury, and I have also made lots of new friends during the many competitions I have competed in. Bring it on!"**

DAN LEVINGS

FDSC SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT 2014-16

PICKED UP A MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AS A MEMBER OF TEAM UK IN BRAZIL IN THE WEB DESIGN CATEGORY OF WORLDSKILLS 2015



# THE 6<sup>th</sup> FORM ACADEMY

## A LEVELS

A Levels are a great way to get to university – and we offer a range of courses, including the highly sought-after STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) so much in demand by employers. Last year we achieved 98% pass rates in all our subjects.

The 6th Form Academy at our Highbury Campus boasts:

- A dedicated study area
- Plenty of college PCs/Macs available all the time for as long as you like
- Small class sizes to provide the best learning experience
- Canvas, our Virtual Learning Environment, to support your learning from home
- Study skills support, including essay writing, revision techniques and managing the UCAS process for university applications
- Additional access to mentors, counsellors and a full service student support team

## A LEVELS WE OFFER INCLUDE:

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| <b>Biology</b>          | <b>History</b>    |
| <b>Business Studies</b> | <b>Law</b>        |
| <b>Chemistry</b>        | <b>Maths</b>      |
| <b>English</b>          | <b>Physics</b>    |
| <b>Extended Project</b> | <b>Psychology</b> |
| <b>French</b>           | <b>Sociology</b>  |

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If you can't see your preferred subject in this list, don't panic! We accept applications for ALL A Level subjects – just add them to your application form.

Now you can mix and match A Levels and BTECs to help you get into your chosen university or well on your way in your dream career.

What this means is that you can select a programme that combines traditional academic study with more practical applied skills which are continuously assessed. In other words, the best of both worlds!

Universities and employers alike have welcomed these reforms and our strong history of academic and skills-based learning at Highbury makes us uniquely placed to offer this fantastic combination.

WE'RE OFFERING MIX AND MATCH PATHWAYS IN:

Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Business & Enterprise (including Law), Animal Management, Public Services and Creative & Digital Media.



## OPTION 1

Prefer your A Level courses? Choose the **A Level Option**

Choose your three best subjects.

**You finish with:**

- Three A Levels

## OPTION 2

Choose the mix & match route – **A Level/BTEC**

Study a BTEC alongside one or two A Level subjects.

**You finish with:**

- BTEC Extended Certificate **plus** two A Levels
- Or a BTEC Diploma **plus** one A Level

# HIGHBURY INTERNATIONAL

Highbury College has been welcoming international visitors for over 25 years. In one year alone, our students came from 88 countries, covering six of the seven continents.

We offer to our International Students a wide range of qualifications that are valued all over the world. The staff at Highbury College make regular trips all over the globe to meet with young people and help them understand the opportunities that we offer. We are committed to providing all the support you need in every step of your journey with us, from first enquiries to graduation and beyond.

## WHY HIGHBURY COLLEGE PORTSMOUTH?

- Highbury College is one of the few colleges in the UK to achieve the Association of Colleges International Charter Mark.  
This means that we are recognised as being a College that is highly involved in international activities and our staff, working with the local community, equip our students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in a fast-changing global environment.
- Our English Language courses are accredited by the British Council, reflecting the high quality we provide. Our direct entry programme – Pre-sessional courses – is accredited by our partner universities and colleges in the UK.
- We are members of the TVET UK partnership of technical and vocational education suppliers. These organisations work together to provide a high standard of service for international clients, including ministries, public/private sector and employers.
- We are a Tier 4 sponsor licensed by UK Visa & Immigration. If you require a visa to study with us, we are able to issue visa documentation to help you apply for a Tier 4 Visa or Short-Term Study Visa if you are over 16 years old, have met our entry requirements and are eligible for the visa type you are applying for.

## WHERE TO STAY?

As an international student you will have the choices as below:

- Staying in our on-site halls of residence  
The halls of residence include en-suite bedrooms, communal kitchens, living areas and access to Wi-Fi.
- With a carefully selected and vetted host family, you can choose to be either:
  - self-catering, which will enable you to cook for yourself or
  - half board, which will include breakfast and dinner during the week and a light lunch over the weekend

Staying with a host family will allow you to further practise your English and also learn about British culture. If you choose to stay in our halls, you will learn to become more independent and benefit from opportunities to socialise with other students.

## WHAT TO DO?

Our International Department has also designed a social and cultural calendar allowing you to explore more of the UK safely, with our fully trained members of staff. The social programme will enable you to meet and make friends with other international students who are in the same position as yourself, allowing you to discuss and share experiences with each other, in a fun safe environment.

We are committed to the welfare of our international students. Our staff will be happy to help and support you with any issues you have during you stay in the UK, whether it be registering with a local bank or buying a bus pass – we are here to help you!

## PROGRAMMES INCLUDE:

Foundation Degrees

International Foundation

A Levels

Vocational

English Language



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