



# READING COLLEGE BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

Post-16 Options



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# INTRODUCING ACTIVATE LEARNING

A group of learning organisations, including secondary, further and higher education, workforce training and social enterprise.

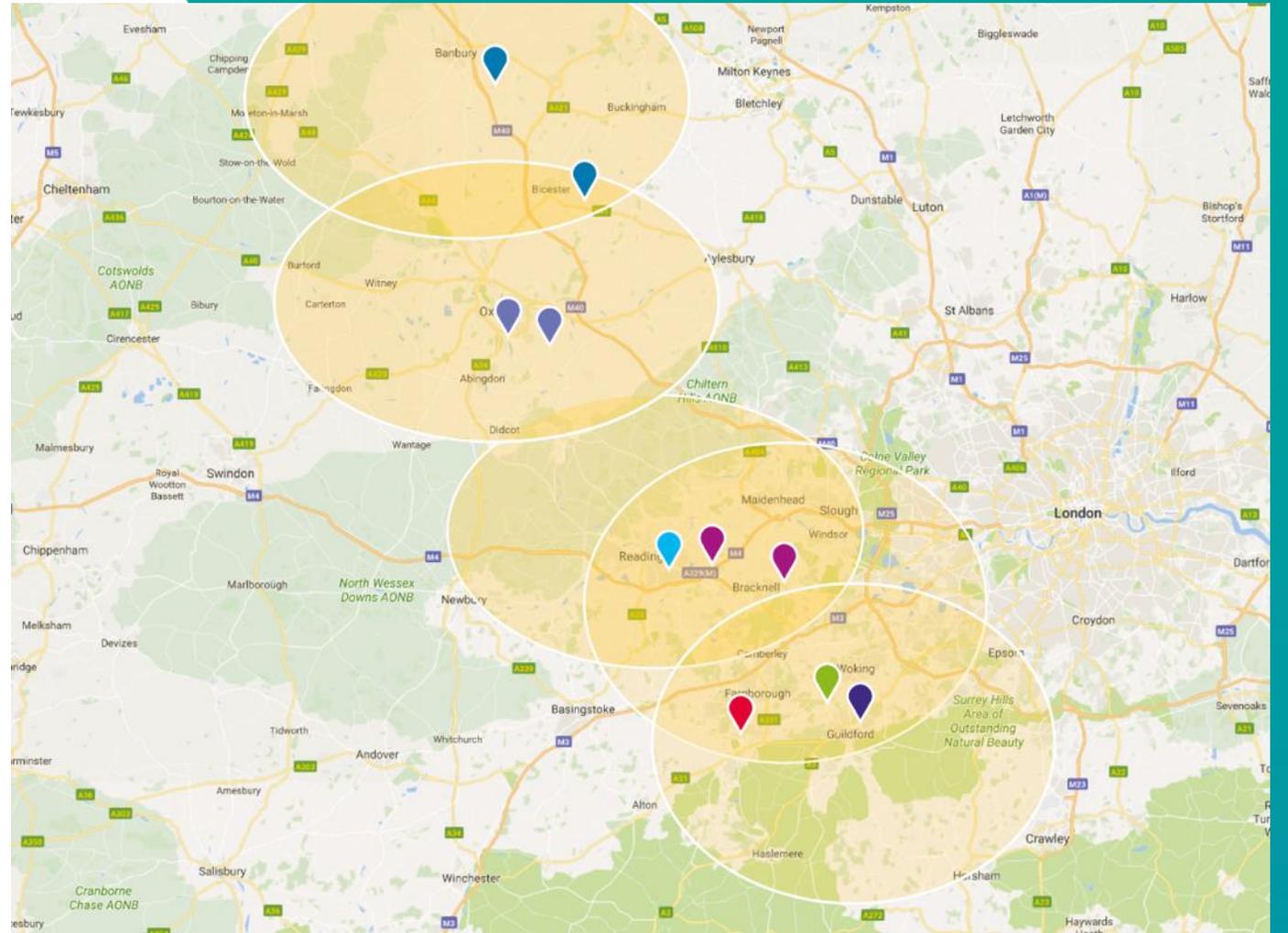
Seven colleges across Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

An award-winning education.

High student success/satisfaction rates.

95% progress to work or higher education.

Recognised by Ofsted as 'Good'





# Post-16 options

After your GCSEs:

- Sixth Form
- **College (vocational, T Levels, A Levels)**
- Apprenticeship





# What is college like?

## Outstanding facilities

A grown-up environment, but with similar hours and holiday to school.

Firstly, we aim to get you **ready for working life** and that's why we can offer everyone the chance of **work experience** whilst you're studying with us.





# Employer Engagement

- Work experience
- Workshops
- Masterclasses
- Interview practice
- Live projects
- Talks



\*subject to change



## PROFESSIONAL

Team player  
Communicative  
Customer focused  
Numerate  
Digital

## AWARE

Empathic  
Self aware  
Reflective  
Respectful  
Mindful

## RESILIENT

Persevering  
Capable  
Committed  
Self-reliant  
Adaptable



## CONFIDENT

Motivated  
Independent  
Pro-active  
Inquisitive  
Positive

## ENTERPRISING

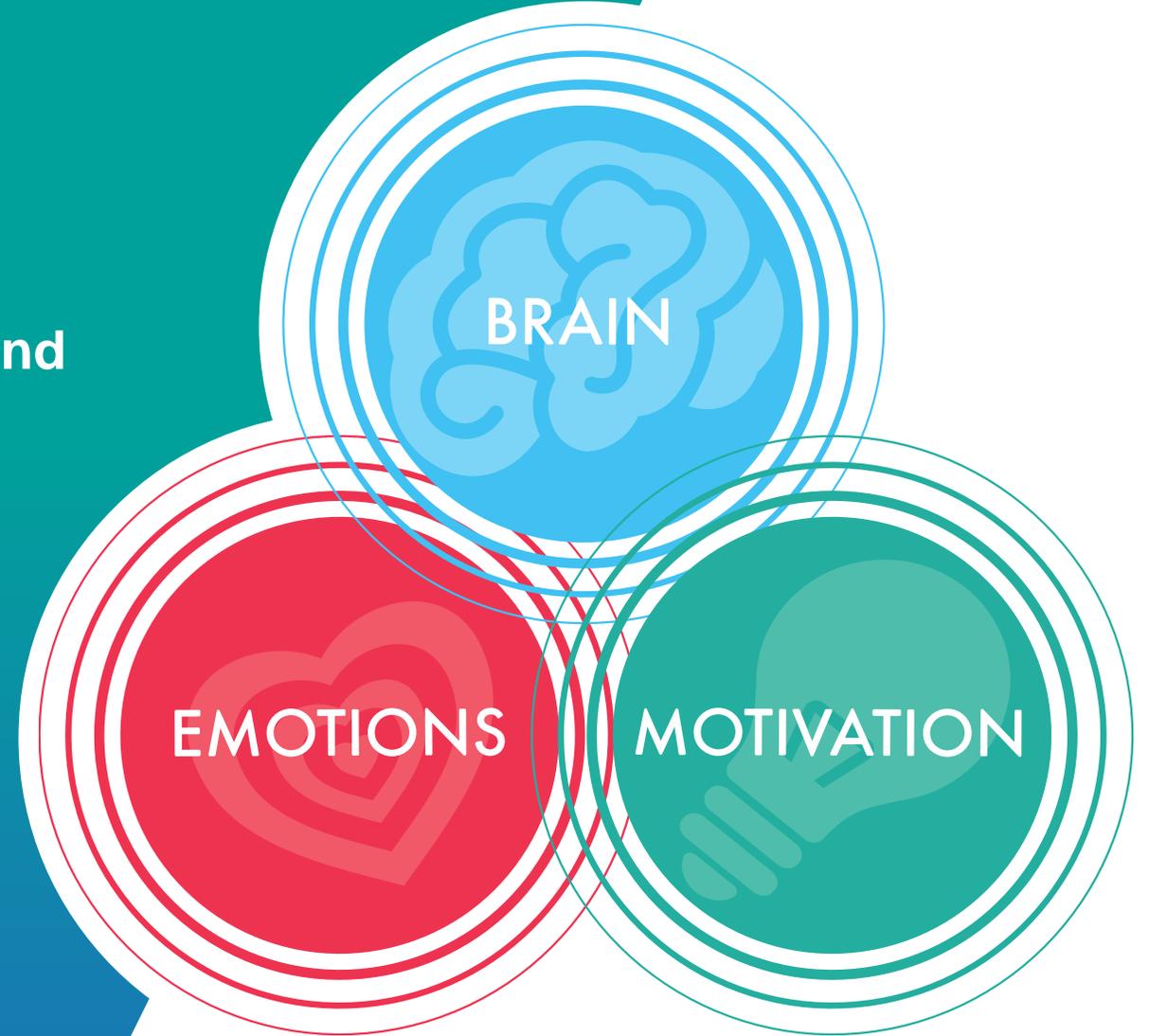
Leader  
Resourceful  
Risk taker  
Business minded  
Creative problem solver



# OUR LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

We understand how people learn best and how to work with every individual to remove traditional barriers to learning:

- > Everyone has the capacity to learn
- > Motivation is essential to success
- > The biggest block to learning is our own emotions and feelings of inadequacy





# BRACKNELL AND WOKINGHAM COLLEGE

- Construction workshops
- Electrical installation centre
- Forensic and community room (New for 2021)
- Hair and beauty salons
- Healthcare suite (New for 2021)
- IT suites with CAD workstations
- Media Suite
- Motor vehicle workshops
- Photography and art studios
- Science labs (New for 2021)
- Sport England grade facility and Basketball Academy





# READING COLLEGE

- Creative art workshops
- Construction centre
- Forensic science suite and labs
- Garage and engineering workshops
- Hair and beauty salons
- Healthcare Suite
- IT learning zones
- Recording studios and performance spaces – (new theatre 2021)
- Sports Academy
- Training kitchens and restaurant
- The Gym





# Services to the public

## Services to the public

Students are trained to a professional standard where they gain valuable work experience.



**THE KITCHEN**  
AT READING COLLEGE



 **THE SALON**  
Reading



**READING STUDIO**  
of Dramatic Art



**HARMONY**  
HAIR & BEAUTY



## Care Skills Training Centre

- Our fully immersive learning space offers a unique insight into careers in clinical health and social care.
- Six-bed simulated hospital ward.
- Fully equipped home care room.





## Forensic Suites

- Two-year Forensic Science L3 Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels.
- Foundation of core science
- Crime scene investigation
- Criminology
- Forensic psychology





# ACTIVATE LEARNING OFFER

## Full-time study programme:

Vocational

T Level

A Level

## Apprenticeship:

Activate Apprenticeships

## Higher Education:

Access to HE

HNC to Degree level courses





# Vocational Courses

## Vocational programmes across many pathways from Foundation to Levels 1, 2 and 3

- > Learn in specialist facilities that replicate work environments
- > Opportunities for work experience
- > Designed in partnership with business to maximise relevance
- > Courses covering a wide range of different career pathways
- > Supported Learning Programmes within Lifeskills Faculty designed for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)



# Vocational Courses

- Accountancy
- Beauty Therapy
- Business and Enterprise
- Construction
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Esports
- Forensic Science
- Foundation Studies
- GCSEs
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Professional Cookery
- IT and Computing
- Media
- Media Makeup
- Motor Vehicle
- Performing and Production Arts
- Plumbing
- Photography
- Visual Arts and Design
- Public Services
- Sports Academies
- Sports Therapy and Exercise
- Science
- Tourism



# T Levels - What are they?

**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

## A new qualification that is equivalent to three A Levels:

- > 80% of the course is in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where you'll put these skills into practice.
- > Designed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so that you will learn everything you need to prepare for the workplace – with more than 300 hours of industry placements.
- > T Levels give you the option to move onto university or a higher apprenticeship.



# T LEVELS BERKSHIRE SEPTEMBER 2024

Transition (Level 2)	T Level (Level 3)
➤ Business (RC/BWC)	➤ Business (RC/BWC)
➤ Care (RC/BWC)	➤ Health (RC/BWC)
➤ Science (RC)	➤ Science (RC)
➤ Engineering (RC/BWC)	➤ Education and EY (RC)
➤ ICT (RC/BWC)	➤ Digital (RC/BWC)
	➤ Engineering (RC/BWC)





# A Levels

## Business

Business

English  
Language

/Literature

History (RC)

Law

Maths

Politics (BWC)

Psychology

Sociology

## Science

Biology

Chemistry

Geography (RC)

Maths

Physics

Psychology

## Communication

Art and Design

English Language/

Literature

Film Studies (BWC)

History

Media (BWC)

Photography  
(BWC)

Philosophy/Religion  
(RC)

Psychology

Sociology

## Social Sciences

Business

Criminology (BWC)

English Language/

Literature

Geography (RC)

History

Law

Politics

Psychology

Sociology



# Your individual learning schedule will include:

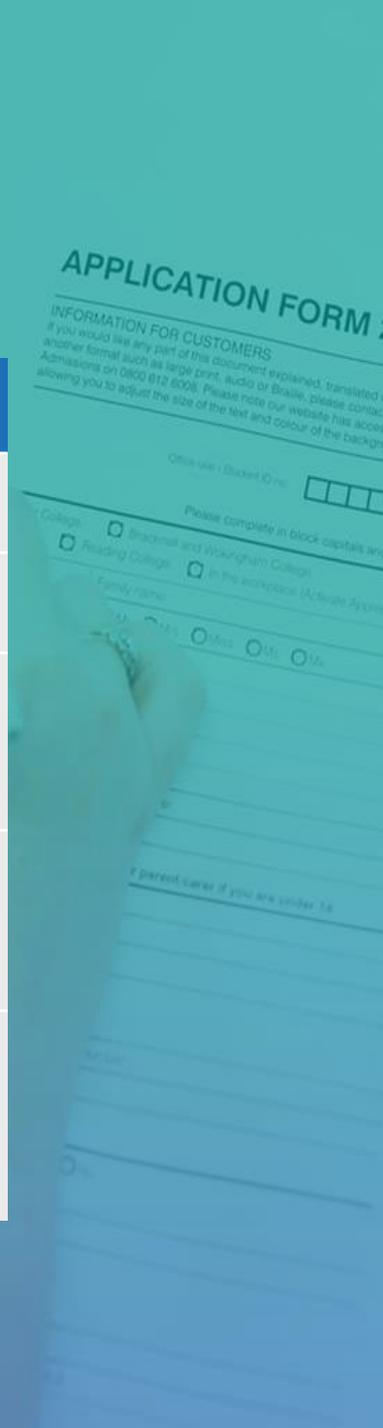
- **Your main qualification** – the subject you choose to study
- **Maths and English** - if you do not achieve a GCSE pass grade – grade 4 or above – in Maths or English by the time you finish school, you must continue to study these subjects
- **Employability Skills** – work experience will give you the opportunity to develop and apply skills in a real working environment
- **Personal Development** – tutorial sessions and enrichment activities or events will help you develop your skills and improve your CV



# Entry requirements:

Qualification	Entry Requirements
Entry Level	No formal entry requirements
Level 1	Range of GCSEs at grades 3-1
Level 2	Two to four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
Level 3 A Levels	Four or five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
T Level 3	Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent (only at Oxford).

\*Please note: this is a guide only as some courses may require specific entry criteria.





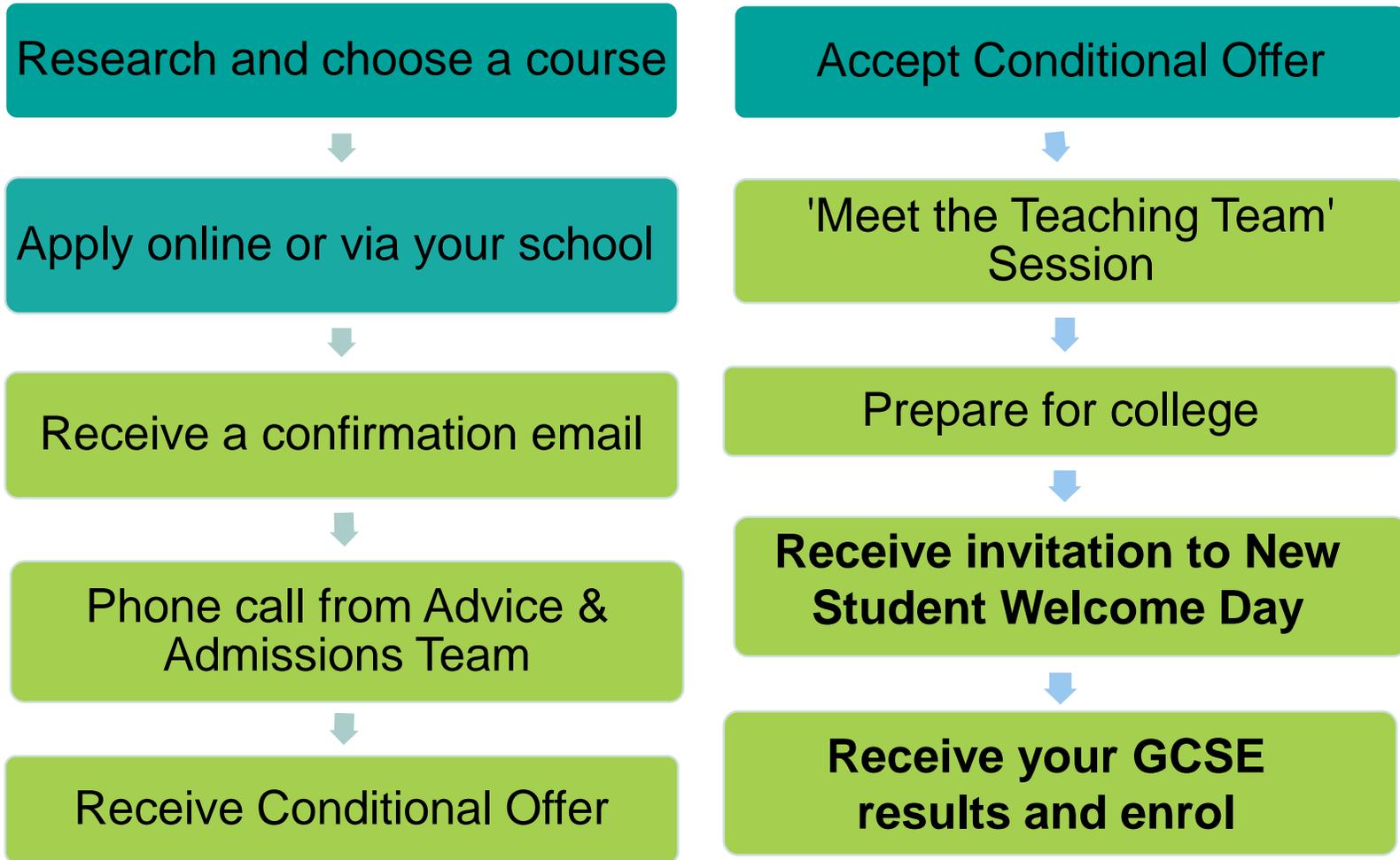
# Student Support

- > Advice and Guidance, supporting you with your chosen career pathway from the Employment and Careers Team
- > Financial support, childcare and travel bursaries
- > Learning Support, Pastoral Support and student coaches
- > On-site counselling





# Applying to college



\*Early application will reserve a place on your chosen course. Your offer is conditional, so you must meet the grade criteria. If you don't achieve this, there will be the opportunity to consider a lower level or an alternative course.



# Activate Apprenticeships

[www.activateapprenticeships.co.uk](http://www.activateapprenticeships.co.uk)

- > Through Activate Apprenticeships, young people can get in and go far with some of the UK's biggest and brightest companies
- > Activate Apprenticeships brings a talent pipeline of 16,000 people, studying across the Activate Learning group
- > Actively working with over 400 companies in the local region and 1000 across the UK



# APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER

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- **Hair Professionals L2** (BWC, Reading, Oxford)
- **Advanced and Creative Hair Professionals L3** (BWC, Reading, Oxford)
- **Commis Chef L2** (Reading, Oxford)
  
- **Furniture Manufacturer L2** (Oxford)
- **Bespoke Furniture Making L3** (Oxford)
  
- **Teaching and Skills Teacher L5** (Reading)
- **Teaching Assistant L3** (Oxford, Reading, Guildford)
- **Adult Care Worker L2** (All)
- **Lead Adult Care Worker L3** (All)
- **Leader in Adult Care L4** (All)
- **Early Years Practitioner L2** (All)
- **Early Years Educator L3** (All)
- **Business Admin L3** (All)
  
- **Arborist L2** (MW)
- **Land and Horticulture L2** (MW)
- **Equine L2** (MW)
- **Senior Equine L3** (MW)
  
- **IT Technician L3** (Reading, BBL)
- **Cyber Technologist L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Software Developer L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Data Analyst L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Autocare Technician L2** (Banbury)
- **Bricklayer L2** (Reading, BBL)
- **Installation & Maintenance Electrician L3** (BWC, Guildford)
- **Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3** (Guildford, Reading)
- **Site Carpentry L2** (Reading, Guildford, BBL)
- **Bicycle Mechanics L2** (Reading, BBL, MW)

# FINDING THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP

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- Our recruitment team are on hand to support you with finding the right employer for you Apprenticeship
- We advertise vacancies on our website (Activate Apprenticeships Vacancies) where you can also register your interest.
- Visit the National Apprenticeship Service – [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
- Activate Apprenticeships – 01865 551015



# OPENEVENTS

@ Reading College

@ Bracknell and Wokingham College

**Wednesday 4th October**  
4:30pm – 7:30pm

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
9:30am – 12:30am

**Saturday 7th October**  
9:30am – 12:30am

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**  
4:30pm – 7:30pm

To book a place, please visit: [www.activatelearning.ac.uk](http://www.activatelearning.ac.uk)



# Frequently Asked Questions:

- Do I need to book a place on an Open Event?
- How do I know what is the right learning environment for me?
- What if I do not get the grades for my first-choice course? (Back-up Plan)
- Can I apply for more than one course?
- When should I apply?
- What if I change my mind?

**Thank  
You**