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START YOUR
JOURNEY

SCHOOL LINKS 2026

UCM



INTRODUCTION

University College Isle of Man (UCM) has a long-standing reputation for delivering world-class education on the Isle of Man. We are committed to providing education that will empower students to explore their potential. Our aim is to provide the strongest possible foundation for future careers. Our teaching staff have substantial working experience in their subject related sectors and therefore are the best people to share their professional experience. UCM has four realistic working environments which re-create the setting and atmosphere you would find in an actual workplace. These areas are fully equipped with tools, machinery and technology used by industry. In these dynamic spaces, students can develop and practise skills needed to gain employment.

We have been working in partnership with schools across the Island for over a decade to provide this programme, to encourage and enable progression in education and training. We are committed to continue working together with schools to provide excellence in learning on the Isle of Man.

If you would like further information about this programme, please contact our 14-16 Programme Coordinator on **648200** or email **mail@ucm.ac.im**

Please note there are limited places on each programme of study and some courses require an initial assessment/interview

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

We are an inclusive organisation. We work together to eliminate discrimination, promote equality and embrace diversity in all that we do, and have the necessary policies and procedures in place to ensure this. We celebrate the rich diversity of the UCM community, which is made up of people from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

SAFEGUARDING

We have a comprehensive safeguarding policy in place to ensure that UCM is a safe and secure learning environment. All of our members of staff, full-time and sessional, are obliged to undergo regular safeguarding training.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Learners are required to adhere to all health and safety requirements within the workshop environment or relevant setting. Learners will be required wear attire that is both practical and suitable for the physical tasks involved, including the use of PPE as required.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE

AWARD IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE (CACHE LEVEL 2)

COURSE LOCATION

Homefield Road Campus

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to sit an aptitude test prior to being accepted on this programme.

COURSE SUMMARY

This is a knowledge based course that will give you the foundations to study further towards a qualification that allows you to work with children.

This course is equivalent to one GCSE and is assessed through one external short answer paper examination and a 16 hour externally set controlled assessment.

COURSE CONTENT

- An introduction to working with children aged 0-5 years
- Development and well-being 0-5 years
- Childcare and development 0-5 years

PROGRESSION

By the time you have completed this course you will be well prepared to make informed choices about further learning or employment opportunities.

Your options will include progression to a Level 3 programme such as A-Levels or Diploma in Childcare and Education (CACHE Level 3) as long as you achieve 4 GCSEs at C or above or equivalent including English Language and Maths. This will give you the opportunity to progress to higher education in areas such as childcare, nursing, teaching, or to employment in the early years service industry.



CONSTRUCTION

LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

COURSE LOCATION

Homefield Road Campus

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course may require an initial assessment/interview.

COURSE SUMMARY

You will learn Brickwork and Horticulture skills in the classroom and workshop, using suitable tools and materials.

COURSE CONTENT

You will move between Brickwork and Horticulture learning tasks appropriate to these topics.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of this qualification you may be able to progress to further study on the Pre-Apprenticeship course or depending upon your Maths and English grades and if you gain employment with a suitable employer you may progress to further study on an apprenticeship course.



ENGINEERING

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING (CAMBRIDGE OCR LEVEL 2)

COURSE LOCATION

William Kennish /Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre (Hills Meadow)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must undertake an aptitude test prior to being accepted on this programme.

COURSE SUMMARY

Delivered over two years, this course is for you if you wish to study the processes involved in manufacturing engineered products.

It will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to operate manufacturing tools and equipment. You will use practical skills such as drawing and use specialist machinery such as lathes and milling machines. This course is assessed through one external examination and coursework. You need to have a predicted grade C or above in Maths to be successful on this course.

COURSE CONTENT

- Engineering materials, processes and production
- Preparing and planning for manufacture
- Computer aided manufacture
- Quality control of engineered products

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the qualification, and depending upon Maths and English grades achieved, you may progress to further your studies in Engineering or to A-Levels, or you may wish to consider an Engineering Apprenticeship Programme.



HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY THERAPY

VTCT SKILLS NVQ LEVEL 2 AWARDS IN:

- STYLING AND FINISHING HAIR
- FACIAL MASSAGE AND SKIN CARE

COURSE LOCATION

Homefield Road Campus

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course may require an initial assessment/interview.

COURSE SUMMARY

This is a practical and theoretical course which will give you an insight into the Hairdressing and Beauty Industry. This course is assessed through practical assessments and multiple choice exams. One Award will be studied in Year 10 and the other in Year 11. Students are required to wear a plain black t-shirt with trousers or skirt.

COURSE CONTENT

Styling and Finishing Hair

This course will enable you to develop skills in customer care and communication alongside practical blow drying and styling skills, which will enable you to work in a salon environment in an assisting role.

Alongside this qualification you will learn how to shampoo, condition and treat the hair, perform client consultations, give aftercare advice and gain an understanding about working in the hairdressing industry.

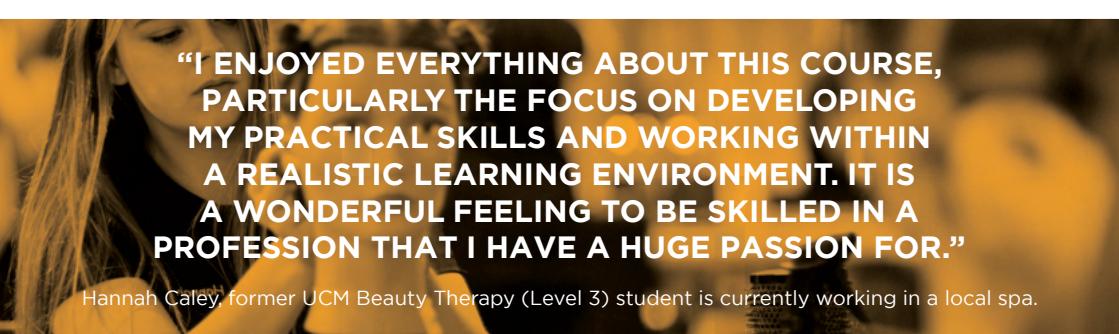
Facial Massage and Skin Care

You will develop practical skills in skin analysis, recognising skin types and be able to advise clients how to look after their skin learn practical techniques in cleansing and massage routines and be able to perform a basic facial treatment.

Alongside this qualification you will learn about a professional skin care range and gain an insight of working in the beauty industry. You will develop underpinning theoretical knowledge in anatomy and physiology - learning about the bones of the face and the structure of the skin.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of this qualification, and depending upon Maths and English grades achieved, you may be able to progress to further study on either the hairdressing or beauty therapy course, or to a supervised employment in the hair and beauty industry.



“I ENJOYED EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS COURSE, PARTICULARLY THE FOCUS ON DEVELOPING MY PRACTICAL SKILLS AND WORKING WITHIN A REALISTIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. IT IS A WONDERFUL FEELING TO BE SKILLED IN A PROFESSION THAT I HAVE A HUGE PASSION FOR.”

Hannah Caley, former UCM Beauty Therapy (Level 3) student is currently working in a local spa.

MEDIA

UAL LEVEL 2 AWARD IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE LOCATION

Homefield Road Campus

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course may require an initial assessment/interview.

COURSE SUMMARY

Delivered over two years the course covers a wide variety of areas to give you the building blocks from which to develop your media skills and knowledge. It will include a range of audio, visual and interactive digital technologies and traditional skills to work in areas such as animation, moving image, photography and graphic design.

All units relate to the creative media sector, and all are delivered through vocational learning and focus on the skills, knowledge and understanding that support all creative media, production and technology activity. The course will culminate in an independent personal creative project in Media.

COURSE CONTENT

- Introduction to creative media methods and skills.
- Introduction to production techniques in creative media.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the qualification, and depending upon other GCSE grades achieved, you may progress onto further education courses at Level 3. These could be 'A' Levels or an Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology at UCM.





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