

Hairdressing



Subject Area	Hair, Beauty & Barbering
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 3
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	David Hockney Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PA000132

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Course Summary

Do you want to be a cut above the rest?

In this course, you'll learn essential skills such as cutting, colouring, styling, and more, all while working with real clients in our professional salon. You'll be guided by experienced industry professionals, and you'll gain valuable insights into how the hairdressing world works. With lots of opportunities to develop your skills, this course will set you up for success in a creative and exciting career.

Why choose this course?

- Real-World Experience – Work in our professional salon, using a variety of industry-standard products and techniques.
- Learn from Experts – Benefit from masterclasses by leading industry brands, and get the chance to learn from highly qualified professionals.
- Business Skills – Get hands-on experience learning how to run a commercial hairdressing business, and develop the skills you need to succeed in the industry.

- Competitions and Industry Insights – Enter exciting competitions, visit local businesses, attend barbering exhibitions, and hear from inspiring local employers.
- Work Experience – Complete 60 hours of valuable work experience to help you build your CV and create industry connections.

This course is perfect for you if:

- You're interested in styling, cutting, and colouring hair.
- You enjoy working with people and want to develop strong customer service skills.
- You're excited to learn about the hairdressing industry and grow your career.

Ready to start your career in hairdressing? Apply now and begin your journey to becoming a hairdresser today.

What You Will Learn

Skills you'll develop:

- Creative Hair Techniques – Master cutting, colouring, blow-drying, setting, and styling hair.
- Communication Skills – Build confidence in talking to clients and providing professional consultations.
- Customer Service – Learn how to create a welcoming salon experience and manage a real reception desk.
- Attention to Detail – Perfect your precision in cutting and colouring to achieve high-quality results.
- Time Management – Work efficiently in a busy salon setting, balancing appointments and tasks.
- Teamwork – Collaborate with classmates and staff in a supportive, professional environment.
- Problem-Solving – Handle client requests and challenges with creativity and professionalism.

Modules

Core modules:

- Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon
- Cut hair to create a variety of effects
- Style and dress hair using a variety of techniques
- Bridal hairstyling

- Colour hair to create a variety of looks
- Hairdressing consultation support for colleagues
- Hair colour correction
- Promote and sell products and services to clients

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires Level 2 hairdressing or relevant industrial experience, GCSE English at grade 4, Maths at grade 3 or equivalent.

English and/or Maths will be included in your timetable if you have not achieved a GCSE at grade 4 or above in these subjects when you start your course.

Work Experience

From classroom to client chair, gain real work experience!

For this course you will complete 60 hours of work experience where you'll dive into the world of work and gain the skills employers are looking for. You will:

- Get hands-on and work on real projects.
- Boost your confidence and learn how to plan tasks, meet deadlines, and make smart decisions.
- Collaborate with professionals and see how great ideas come to life when people work together.
- Understand how to maintain a safe and productive work environment.
- Be part of a workplace that values diversity and promotes equality.

You'll have hands-on experience to showcase on your CV, demonstrating your industry skills to employers.

Progression

After completing this course, you'll be ready to pursue:

- Higher Apprenticeships in Advanced Hairdressing and Salon Management.
- University Degrees in Hair and Make-Up Design or Business if you would like to run your own salon.
- Roles such as Senior Stylist, Colour Technician, Bridal Hair Specialist, Freelance Hairdresser, Salon Owner or Manager.

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