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About Nacro Education

As one of England's largest independent training providers, our focus is on creating a more personalised learning experience through our Get Set! courses. We empower students to develop the personal and professional skills that employers are actively seeking through our national education network and strategic partners, Skills Builder and Money Ready.

Nacro Education is open to young people aged 16-18. We also welcome young people aged 19-25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Our students take many different paths: some loved school, some didn't find mainstream education right for them, and others want a practical start to their careers. Some of our students also have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and benefit from our tailored one-to-one support and guidance.

Across our education centres, we share a commitment to creating safe, supportive spaces where young people can thrive.

Our mission is simple: we want you to **be who you want to be.**

Success of Nacro Education

- **96% of young people studying with us pass their GCSE English/Maths.**
- **80% of students said they felt more confident after studying with us.**
- **96% of young people learning with us pass their qualification.**
- **95% of students moved on to further education or employment.**

Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP

MoneyReady

> "Teachers support learners to produce work that not only meets but often exceeds their level of study."
>
> **Ofsted inspection, June 2024**

Find out more

To learn more about Nacro Education, visit our website: **nacro.org.uk/education** or scan the QR code

Hello and welcome

At Nacro, our message to every student is simple: be who you want to be.

We believe that every young person deserves the chance to learn in an environment where they feel safe, supported and understood. We know that education does not look the same for everyone, and that for many of our students, school or college may not always have been straightforward.

That is why our education centres are designed to offer something different. We take time to get to know you, understand your goals and support you to build the skills, confidence and qualifications you need for your future.

You may already know the career you want to pursue, or you may still be figuring out your next step. Either way, we will work alongside you to help you make progress. Our courses are practical, supportive and focused on helping you move forward, whether that is into further study, employment, training or an apprenticeship.

As a national charity, Nacro has a long history of supporting people to overcome barriers and achieve their potential. In our education centres, that means believing in our students, challenging them, supporting them and celebrating what they achieve.

I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and learning more about our courses, our centres and our students. Most of all, I hope it helps you see how Nacro Education can support you to take your next step and be who you want to be.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nacro Education.





Elise Temple
Principal & Director of Education and Skills
Nacro Education

Why Nacro Education?

At Nacro Education, you're treated as an individual. With small class sizes and a friendly, supportive community, we tailor your learning experience. We help you to build confidence, discover your strengths, and take the next step towards your future.

Our Get Set! courses are designed with industry experts to give you the practical skills and experience that employers are looking for. From industry standard facilities to hands on learning, everything we do at Nacro Education prepares you for real world success.

What makes us different

Personalised learning

Our smaller groups mean you get dedicated attention, support, and space to grow at your own pace.

Specialists in vocational education

Learn the theory and how to apply it, gaining the real-world skills that help you stand out.

Student focused environment

We tailor your experience to help you develop goals and have the support needed to achieve them.

Student support

You'll join an inclusive community that listens to your voice and supports you throughout your journey.

> "Leaders develop ambitious curriculums to prepare learners and apprentices with the skills they need to succeed in both their work and personal lives."
>
> **Ofsted inspection,** June 2024

Your journey starts here

For more details on what is available at your nearest Nacro education centre, visit our website **nacro.org.uk/education,** or scan the QR code.

Student and SEND Support

At Nacro Education, we're here to make sure you always feel supported and ready to achieve your best.

Our support services

- Wellbeing and pastoral support to help you achieve your goals and build your confidence.
- Careers and progression advice to help you plan your next steps.
- Learning support for reading, writing, maths, or specialist needs.
- Emotional support, including help with anxiety or managing worries.
- Financial support and advice depending on your situation.

Our aim is simple: to help you feel supported, motivated, and ready for your future.

SEND support at Naco Education

If you have a learning difficulty or disability, our student support and SEND team provides tailored support to help you thrive. This includes:

- Specialised classroom support
- One-to-one help
- EHCP support from specialist staff
- Access to assistive technology

We're committed to creating an inclusive, welcoming environment where every student feels understood and confident.

Find out more

Scan the QR code to learn more about our student and SEND support.

> "The support here is amazing. The tutors are really nice, and having smaller classes helped so much with my anxiety."

Shannon, Nacro Education student



Careers and enrichment

There is much more to learning than just studying. We believe in providing a varied programme of extracurricular activities and events to expand your interests, your CV, and your personal development.

Careers support and guidance

Our experienced team offers one-to-one support to help you explore employment options, plan your next steps, and progress towards your goals.

We help you build your CV, online professional profile, and confidence through meaningful work experience. You'll also have opportunities to meet local employers at regular events and learn more about the industries you're interested in.

> "They teach the skills needed for seeking employment, such as CV preparation, writing job applications, and interview techniques."

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Enrichment activities

Through our THRIVE and skills curriculum, you will have the opportunity to participate in a range of extracurricular activities, designed to support you in developing the skills required for the working environment. Our fantastic range of enrichment activities include:

- Excursions and events
- Industry expert guest speakers
- Futures Day
- Dedicated student support roles at every centre

Discover more on our website, **nacro.org.uk/education** or scan the QR code.





Your journey with us

We'll support throughout your time at Nacro Education and provide you with the advice and guidance to choose the path that's right for you.

Entry Level

You don't need a formal entry qualification to get started in our entry level courses.

Level **1**

Our Level 1 courses are designed to give you the foundations in your chosen subject field.

Level **2**

Level 2 will help to you advance your skills to build your CV and prepare you for your next step.

After completing your course

- **Move to a higher level of study**
- **Apply for an apprenticeship**
- **Start your career**

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Information for parents and carers

Leaving school to progress into further education is a big step. We know how important your child's education is to you, which is why we work hard to keep communication and connections with parents and carers as strong as possible.

Parent updates

We currently hold Parents' Consultation Evenings twice a year and formally report on each student's performance every term. We have a number of ways for you to keep in touch, including regular progress reports and access to your child's tutor.

For students with an EHCP, our specialist teams will hold an annual review with you during the academic year.

Student wellbeing

We are proud of our strong reputation for student support and are committed to supporting your child at every stage of their learning journey. We offer a wide range of support services, including progression advice, counselling, careers guidance, and learning support.

Throughout their time with us, students also explore important topics such as health and fitness, drug awareness, and healthy relationships. This commitment to safeguarding and wellbeing has been recognised with safeguarding awards at various Nacro Education centres.

Student finance

We know that funding studies can sometimes be a concern. We provide help and guidance on all student finance queries, as some students may be eligible for additional support in the form of bursaries or additional funding.

For more information, see page 18.

Our commitment to you

We want all students to succeed, whatever their individual goals are, so we work in partnership with you to ensure they are reaching their full potential. If you or your child have any concerns regarding their course or wellbeing, or if you wish to discuss a personal matter, please seek support from their teachers or wider team.

For more information visit our website **nacro.org.uk/education,** or scan the QR code.

> "Staff work closely with learners and apprentices to help them develop positive attitudes towards their training."
>
> **Ofsted inspection, June 2024**

Nacro Education centres

We have a national education network with centres across England. Each of our education centres are designed to support your learning with great facilities and learning spaces.



Our facilities

Our education centres have been designed to create learning experiences that resemble real-world working. Our centres have industry-standard facilities that support your learning and give you the skills and confidence to work in the career you wish to pursue.



Construction, Nacro Education Middlesbrough



Motor Vehicle, Nacro Education Bolton



Hospitality and Catering, Nacro Education Stoke



Hairdressing, Nacro Education Chatham

Our Get Set! courses

Our Get Set! courses fast track your progress by combining practical vocational learning with essential English and maths.

Everything is designed to support your next steps into further study, training or employment.

Nacro Education Get Set! Framework

Vocational Subject + *English and/or Maths + Work Placement + Employability + Enrichment

Our Get Set! courses are crafted to enable students to:

- Develop industry specific skills through hands on vocational courses in areas like construction, healthcare, animal care, sport and more, developed in accordance with the Skills Builder framework.
- Strengthen your English, maths and digital literacy*. Build stronger foundations for work, life and further learning.
- Gain real experience of the workplace. Take part in work experience to discover the industries and career paths that interest you.
- Build key employability skills including communication, problem solving, teamwork, interview practice and CV writing.
- Progress with enriching experiences. Participate in a varied range of activities and educational visits that build confidence and independence.
- Learn essential life and financial skills through our partnerships with Skills Builder and Money Ready.

Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP

MoneyReady

***GCSE/Functional Skills English and maths are only required if you have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above.**

What you can study

We offer a range of vocational courses, including:

- **Animal Care:** Develop practical skills and knowledge for working with animals in care, welfare, and related industries.
- **Art:** Explore creative techniques and build a portfolio through hands-on art and design projects.
- **Business:** Gain practical insight into business, enterprise, and employability in real-world settings.
- **Childcare:** Learn the skills and responsibilities involved in supporting children's development and wellbeing.
- **Construction:** Build practical construction skills across a range of trades in a hands-on learning environment.
- **Hair and Beauty:** Learn practical styling and beauty techniques while developing customer service skills.
- **Health and Social Care:** Prepare for careers in care by exploring key principles of health, wellbeing, and support.
- **Hospitality and Catering:** Develop practical catering and customer service skills for the hospitality industry.
- **Landscape Maintenance:** Learn outdoor practical skills in garden and landscape maintenance.
- **Life Skills:** Build confidence and independence through skills for everyday life, work, and learning
- **Motor Vehicle Maintenance:** Gain hands-on experience maintaining and repairing vehicles in a workshop setting.
- **Sport:** Develop practical skills and knowledge linked to fitness, coaching, and the sports industry.
- **Get Set! for Work:** A supportive programme designed to build confidence, employability skills, and work readiness.

A learning experience designed around you

These courses and our supportive environment with smaller class sizes, expert tutors and opportunities for one-to-one support, give you the skills and confidence you need for work or further learning.

Courses vary by centre.

For the latest and most up to date course information, visit **nacro.org.uk/education** or scan the QR code.

GCSE retakes

We know how important GCSEs are for you to succeed, and we know how challenging it can be if you didn't achieve the grades you worked hard for. At Nacro Education, no matter what GCSEs you left school with, we'll help you achieve the grades you need to move on to college, an apprenticeship, or work.

We offer the chance to retake your GCSE English and/or maths, or Functional Skills, as part of your vocational course, meaning you can gain multiple qualifications within the year.

Do I need to retake my GCSEs?

If you have a grade 3 or below in English and/or maths, you will need a grade 4 to pass and progress to further levels of study, or employment. We also offer Functional Skills as a study alternative.

If you have a grade 2 or below in GCSE English or maths, you must take Functional Skills, which is designed to build your confidence in numeracy and literacy skills.

Achieve with our support

Our supportive and professional teachers will help guide you through the theory and give you the confidence to retake your GCSEs and attain the grades you need.

Our classes are small and friendly, with experienced teachers who understand the challenges students face on a daily basis. With this in mind, we make sure you have the opportunity to learn and work in a way that suits you, all within a supportive learning environment.



Find out more

To find out more visit our website **nacro.org.uk/education** or scan the QR code.

> **"I wouldn't be where I am today without Nacro."**
>
> **Aimee,** Nacro Education student

Get Set! Supported Internships at Nacro Education

Supported Internships offer you the opportunity to gain real world experiences while earning your qualification.

We have designed this programme to help students with an EHCP achieve the marketable job skills employers are actively seeking. We'll also help you grow your confidence and independence through our dedicated mentors, who will be there to support and guide you.

What can you achieve?

Through our supported internships, you will gain valuable work experience, exploring what you enjoy and learning new skills.

Our programme is crafted to give you a wide range of experiences and knowledge to help you develop your CV and start your career.



Our Get Set! Supported Internships are aimed at students who...

- **Want to be independent**
- **Have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan)**
- **Know which sector they wish to pursue a career in**
- **Have a passion for practical learning**

Find out more

To learn more about our Get Set! Supported Internships visit our website **nacro.org.uk/education,** or scan the QR code.

Funding your course

Education is an investment in your future, and we're here to make sure finances don't get in the way of your goals. Our advisors offer free, impartial guidance on course fees, bursaries, and the support you may be entitled to.

As a further education provider, we're funded by the Department for Education. This means most students aged 16–18, and those aged 19–25 with an EHCP, can study with no tuition or exam fees (eligibility applies).

If you're an EU/EEA national, you may need to provide your settled or pre-settled status using a share code. Details are available on the government website.

Get Set! Courses and Supported Internship

Students aged under 19, and those 19+ with an EHCP, will not need to pay tuition or exam fees if they meet residency requirements.

Financial support may also be available depending on your household income, including help with:

- Travel
- Equipment and materials
- Childcare
- Accommodation (where relevant)

We offer two main bursaries for eligible students:

- Student Discretionary Bursary - support with essential study costs.
- Vulnerable Student Bursary - for students in or leaving care, or those receiving certain benefits.

Young parents under 20 may receive childcare support through the Care to Learn scheme.

Additional costs

Some courses may require books, equipment or specialist clothing. Your course leader will explain any costs, and financial assistance may be available in certain cases.

Terms and conditions

For full funding information, eligibility criteria, and policy details, visit our website. **nacro.org.uk/education** or scan the QR code

"Many learners start with significant barriers. Staff support them to enjoy and value their studies, including subjects like English and mathematics where many learners had previously had negative experiences."

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How to apply

We provide first-class vocational and skills training to all our students. You can choose from a wide range of learning opportunities that give you the skills and experience you need to unlock your potential and succeed in your future career.

To apply for one of our courses:

- Visit nacro.org.uk/education and go to your chosen centre
- Click the Apply Now button, selecting the January or September intake.
- This will open a new window to allow you to create an account in our application.
- Follow the instructions on screen and submit your application.
- Once your application is received, we'll be in touch to invite you in for an interview.
- Applications are accepted for scheduled intakes between September and April.

While this is our preferred way for you to apply to join us, you can also apply to one of our courses by emailing your local centre.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss your options with a member of our team, call your local centre (contact details on pages 22 - 23). One of our team will be in touh to support you through the application process.

Our phone lines are open:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 – 16:30

What happens next?

Once we have received your application, we will contact you to arrange an interview and discuss your application and chosen course.



Frequently asked questions

We know that you may have questions about what it's like to study with us here at Nacro Education. Below, we answer your most frequently asked questions.

When do courses start?

Courses start in September, but students can join us from the start of term through to April. Although most students start their courses in September, we recognise that you might need to start at a later date and we will support applications that come in after the main September intake.

Do I have to pay for anything?

For most students, courses are free, as costs are covered through government funding. However, this depends on your age and funding eligibility. Bursaries can help with costs like travel and learning essentials. For more information, see page 18.

How am I assessed on my course?

It depends on your course. We use a variety of assessment methods, including coursework, portfolios, exams, practical assessments, and more. Your teachers will provide further details, and you can find more information for individual courses on our website.

Do I need any experience before starting?

Each of our courses has its own entry requirements. As part of your application, we will discuss any specific requirements with you. We will ensure that you start at the right level and that you have the appropriate level of maths and English for your course.

Every course includes an interview as part of the application process. For further details, please refer to the entry requirements listed on the course pages on our website.

How do I apply?

We're delighted that you're considering becoming a student at Nacro Education and look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community. To apply, visit our website **nacro.org.uk/education** and apply to your local centre. Learn more on page 19.

Alternatively, you can contact your local centre and discuss your needs with one of our friendly staff. (contact details on pages 22 - 23).

All details contained in this prospectus are correct at the time of print.
Visit our website for the latest information.

Your next step

Our friendly staff will help guide you through your next step. Whether it's a Get Set! Supported Internship or one of our Get Set! vocational courses, you can be assured that you'll gain the support you need to achieve your ambitions.

Come and explore our community

Our Open Events provide an excellent opportunity for all prospective students exploring their options to come and speak to current students and our staff.

Book your place

Explore your local centre and book your place on our website: nacro.org.uk/education

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We look forward to welcoming you to Nacro Education

Contact details

Discover your next steps and contact your local centre to learn more about our courses, the student experience and apply.

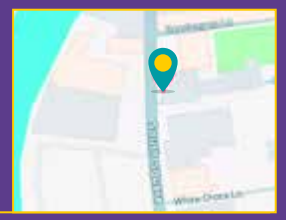
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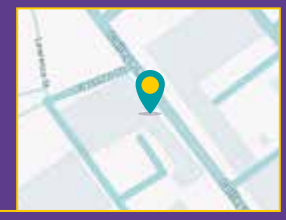
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Discover more about Nacro Education

Open evenings are an excellent opportunity for prospective students to get a feel for Nacro Education.

Come along and you will have the chance to:

- Explore our range of GET SET! courses
- Meet our teachers
- Discover our facilities
- Have your questions about life at Nacro Education answered

For more information, scan the QR code, contact your local centre or visit:

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