



International Programmes 2014

more than just an education

We can offer

- Outstanding Examination results*
- Exceptional additional 'free' English language support along with academic and pastoral support and Gifted and Talented support
- A great, safe and inexpensive place to live and study alongside UK students and families
- Outstanding learning facilities with state-of-the-art resources.

* The results follow the latest Welsh Government's Learner Outcomes Report 2010/11, which shows that NPTC was the best performing FE College in Wales for AS/A Level success.



Our College

At NPTC International, you will be inspired! We are a publicly funded State College (founded in 1931) which has been highly acclaimed for our quality of teaching and delivery to students.

NPTC International prides itself on students' performance whether you are heading off to prestigious universities or pursuing excellence in your chosen career.

How will we support you?

- Pastoral support with weekly tutorials
- English language support each week to suit personal needs including preparation for IELTS
- Learner Services for general information or specialist advice
- Learning Resources Centre and unlimited free access to the Internet
- Experience of life in the UK through a range of cultural and social activities (some may be subject to additional costs).

Gifted and Talented support in the Sixth Form Academy for International students studying A Levels and International Foundation Programme (IFP) entitles you to:

- Placement into a specialist tutorial group where you will receive mentoring from specialist subject tutors
- The opportunity to attend visits to top universities, e.g. Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol
- Comprehensive advice and guidance on the complex UCAS application process to top universities and competitive courses such as pharmacy, dentistry, veterinary science, and law. There is an extremely high success rate in our students applying through the UCAS process and obtaining offers to chosen university courses
- Interview preparation and mock interviews
- Invitation to attend presentations delivered by guest speakers including, annual talks delivered by the Royal Society of Chemistry, and Oxbridge Admissions tutors
- The opportunity to take part in activities that will enhance your application such as Maths Challenge, Biology Olympiad, Med-link, STEM events and enrichment activities.

Courses to prepare you for University

A Level Programme

Our A Level programme is a two-year programme giving you the opportunity to study up to four A Level subjects and will provide you with the necessary qualifications for direct entry into a UK university.

We offer an outstanding range of programmes to International students in the following subjects:

- Accounting
- Applied Business (Double Award)
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication & Culture
- Computing
- Creative Writing
- Critical Thinking
- Dance
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- Electronics
- Engineering
- English Language
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- Fine Art
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Government & Politics
- Graphic Communication
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Human Biology
- Information Communication Technology
- Law
- Leisure Studies
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles
- Three Dimensional Design
- Travel and Tourism

Progression

Many of our students progress to the top universities in the UK – over the last three years, students have been successful in gaining places at the following UK universities: Aberystwyth University, Bangor University, University of Bath, The University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, Brunel University, Cardiff University, University of Exeter, The University of Kent, The University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, The University of Nottingham, Oxford University, Plymouth University, Queen Mary University of London, The University of Reading, The University of Sheffield, University of Southampton, University of Sussex and Swansea University.



International Foundation Programme

Our one-year International Foundation Programme (IFP) will prepare you for direct entry into a UK university. The programme is University validated. As well as helping you improve your English, study skills and cultural awareness, you may choose one of the three pathways available in:

- IT
- Business
- Engineering

There are core units in:

- Advanced English Language Skills
- English for Academic Purposes
- Study Skills
- Cultural Awareness
- Business, Legal and Political Environment
- Self-Study Project.

Progression

We have progression agreements in place at the following Welsh universities: University of South Wales, Swansea University, Bangor University, Aberystwyth University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Swansea and Glyndŵr University, where your IFP is recognised. On successful completion of the programme, you will have guarantees on progression opportunities. The University of Portsmouth also offers progression from this course.*

* Conditions will apply.



Courses to prepare you for University and Industry

Advanced Diplomas

We have a large number of vocational programmes designed to prepare you for the world of work or further study at a UK university. The programme lasts for two years and allows you to specialise in your chosen subject area.

NPTC International also offers a number of extended diplomas in a variety of subjects including the following:

- Applied Sciences (Forensic Science)
- Art and Design
- Building Engineering Services
- Business
- Construction and Civil Engineering
- Creative Media
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality
- IT
- Media Production
- Music
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Performing Arts
- Public Services
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism

Progression

Most of our students, rather than choosing the top academic universities prefer to progress to Higher Education programmes with strong vocational content – for example, they progress onto a Higher National Diploma at a university or a college before entering their chosen industry as a competent and highly skilled technician.



Course to improve your English

Intensive English Programme

This is a one-year programme designed to improve your English language skills with the aim of preparing for further study in the UK. Included in the programme is:

- English test preparation
- Language practice workshop activity
- Additional English language practice.

The course will improve your reading skills, writing skills, speaking skills and listening skills and will enhance your vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and punctuation.



Higher Education Programmes

It's official NPTC has the happiest students in the country. NPTC International shares the top spot with Oxford University and Ruskin College with the highest student satisfaction rating (89%). They join 41 other universities and colleges whose average student satisfaction scores are rated as high among the 262 featured on the Which? University website <http://university.which.co.uk>.

You can be assured you are in safe hands when it comes to your achievements. In 2011, 97% of our Higher Education students who completed their programme passed their qualification with over 50% of those on degree programmes gaining first or second class first division honours degrees.

Students taking part in the National Student Survey in 2011 us gave outstanding ratings. With 92% positive agreement from students about all aspects of the quality of their course compared to 78% at other Welsh Colleges.

We offer Programmes in:*

- Building Studies (HND - UWTSD)
- Business Studies (BA Hons, HND - USW)
- Computing (BSc - UWTSD)
- Dental Nursing (FD - USW)
- Health and Social Studies (BSc Hons, Cert HE, FD - UWTSD)
- Hotel & Catering Management (BA Hons, BA, FD, HND, HNC - UWTSD)
- Music (FD - UWTSD)
- Sport (FD - USW)
- Tourism and Event Management (BA Hons, HND, HNC - UWTSD)



*BA - Bachelor of Arts, BSc - Bachelor of Science FD - Foundation Degree, HND - Higher National Diploma, HNC - Higher National Certificate, Cert HE - Certificate in Higher Education, UWTSD - University of Wales Trinity Saint David, USW - University of South Wales.

Chelsea Bond



Achieved

Two A* and two A grades in: English Language, History, Law and Accounts

Next Step

Accounting and Business degree at Reading University

‘At NPTC, I have received invaluable help when applying to PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Reading University Partnership Programme. I was so pleased when I was accepted. The Oxford trip gave me a very good insight into university life. The sports facilities at NPTC are first class and I have played for the College netball team throughout my time at the College.’

Reuben Maclean-Quin

Prize Winner 2012: Principal's Award



Achieved

5 A* grades in Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths and Physics. During his time at NPTC, Reuben achieved a fantastic 5 A* grades at A Level

Next Step

Now reading Physics at Warwick University

Reuben demonstrated a vast natural talent for all the courses he studied and displayed a genuine interest in Maths and Science at NPTC. Reuben's hard work was rewarded with him achieving the Principal's Award during the 2012 Prize Winners' evening. Reuben is now studying Physics at Warwick University.

HomeStay Accommodation, Social Programme and Student Welfare

We realise how important it is to have a safe and comfortable place to live. That's why our host family accommodation is carefully selected.

All our International students will live with a host family. Living with a family will help you learn all about British family life and give you an opportunity to practise your English at the same time.

Your HomeStay family will provide you with a comfortable and warm room and space to study - usually, you will have broadband access to the Internet from your home. Your family will provide you with breakfast, an evening meal through the week and all your meals at the weekend. You will have full and open access to washing and laundry facilities. But just as importantly, your family will treat you like a real member of the family, and if you wish to accept, they will include you in family visits and events - they will quickly feel like your 'second' family. As you would expect, like in your own home, you will live by the rules of the house and show the family respect. It's a great cultural experience and you will learn so much about the local culture - a life experience that you will never forget!



Cultural enrichment programme

We know that parents sometimes worry about their son's and daughter's welfare whilst they are away and like the security of a Boarding School - at NPTC International, we believe we can offer the best of both worlds, the comfort and care of living with a host family and an enrichment programme with a wide range of activities to keep students occupied in a supervised environment.

There is a wide choice of clubs, societies and teams available, ranging from sport to cultural activities.



Entry requirements

A Level Programme

You will be 16 years of age when your course begins and have:

- a good secondary school profile equivalent to UK Level 2
- a good school report
- some previous experience of the subject
- pass the College English test which will be equivalent to IELTS 5.0, dependant on course chosen

You must also meet any specific entry requirements of the programme where applicable.

International Foundation Programme

You will be 17 years of age when your course begins and have:

- a good secondary school profile equivalent to UK Level 2/3
- a good school report
- some previous experience of the subject
- IELTS score of 5.0 or above, dependant on course chosen

Advanced Diploma

You will be 16 years of age when your course begins and have:

- a good secondary school profile equivalent to UK Level 2
- a good school report
- some previous experience of the subject
- pass the College English test which will be equivalent to IELTS 5.0.

You must also meet any specific entry requirements of the programme where applicable.



Intensive English Programme

You will be 16 years of age when your course begins and have:

- a good secondary school profile equivalent to UK Level 2
- a good school report
- pass the College English test which will be equivalent to IELTS 4.0.

Higher Education Programmes

You will be 18 years of age when your course begins and have:

- a good school profile equivalent to UK Level 3
- a good school report
- some previous experience of the subject
- IELTS score of 5.5 or above.

You must also meet any specific entry requirements of the programme where applicable.



Where is NPTC International?

NPTC International, situated in south-west Wales, is the ideal environment in which to combine studies with a superb quality of life. On the doorstep of some of the most beautiful parts of Wales, the College is easily reached by rail or road. Our location is perfect for those who like a mix of city life with the tranquillity of the countryside and seaside. Our Neath campus is ten minutes by road from Swansea and 30 minutes by road from Wales' capital city, Cardiff and two and a half hours by train from London.

This lively and welcoming atmosphere makes this part of the world the ideal place for learning! There is something for everyone: history, culture, beaches, nightlife!

Tuition Fees

A Levels and Advanced Diplomas

£4,950 per year (two-year programme)

International Foundation Programme

£5,950 (one-year programme)

Intensive English Programme

£4,450 (one-year programme)

Higher Education Programme

£5,950 per year (two-year and three-year programme)

Accommodation

A Levels and Advanced Diplomas

£125 per week for 43 weeks: £5,375

International Foundation Programme

£125 per week for 43 weeks: £5,375

Intensive English Programme

£125 per week for 35 weeks: £4,375

Higher Educational Programme

£125 per week for 40 weeks: £5,000



How to apply

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