



Lily Bearman chose a teacher training apprenticeship with Chelmsford College

Making the right choice for you

One week on from results day and the dust has settled. Maybe you're super hyped that your results exceeded your expectations and you're currently floating on cloud nine? Or perhaps you've had to come to terms with the stark reality that your results weren't quite what you'd hoped for.

It can be tough receiving results you didn't want and feeling disappointed. We don't have a time machine, but in the grand scheme of things it's not the end of the world - even if it feels like that right now. You always have options and there's always a way.

TV and music producer Simon Cowell left school with just English Language and Literature whilst Lord Alan Sugar left school with just one GCSE. Robbie Williams didn't get any GCSEs through not applying himself and Deborah Meaden, of Dragons Den fame left school before her A' Levels and studied business at college instead.

Life can take unexpected turns, but it's how you deal with things that count. If things haven't turned out as you'd hoped, it's time to make a plan. Talk with Chelmsford College about your career aspirations and they'll do everything they can to help you. There's no judgement and no recriminations. Their post results service is a free, confidential, chance to chat with someone, one-to-one to explore your options and their dedicated career specialists and subject tutors are ready and waiting to help you.

Maybe you've had a change of heart and have realised over the Summer (that whatever your results) you feel like doing something else. That's ok - you are allowed to change your mind.

There's no obligation to study with Chelmsford College. They can discuss all the options you have available to you right now - so you really don't have anything to lose.

It's not just about knowing what you want to do at this stage in your life, it's also about knowing yourself well enough to know if you want to carry on studying in a classroom or if you want to find out more about learning in different ways.

You could choose to learn online, to take evening classes or to sign up for a full-time course or an apprenticeship.

Lily Bearman chose a Teacher Training apprenticeship with Chelmsford College to get classroom experience, training from the College and to earn money all at the same time. Lily says "The additional benefit of my particular course was the fact that it was able to help me to apply and gain a place at Canterbury Christ Church University to study Primary Education (BA). The amount you learn and grow as a person and a professional is outstanding. My confidence has grown an enormous amount. It was one of the best decisions I could have made."

Chelmsford College has over 18 apprenticeship subject areas, where you have a job whilst working towards a qualification. The full-time "traditional" courses taught at College expect you to be in College on average 3 days a week - so you have greater freedom and independence to organise your own time and study independently when it suits you around this.

Morgan Hooper chose to study a Level 3 course in Forensic Science with Chelmsford College and says "After this course, I want to go to University and complete a Criminology course before doing a Masters in forensic psychology. From there I want to either do clinical psychology or work in the penal system as a psychologist to the prisoners."

You have a whole load of options open to you right now. Gone are the days of being told what you have to do. The future is in your hands and you can make that as great as you want it to be.

Joshua Leeder chose to study Information Technology at Level 3 with Chelmsford College.

Joshua says "I knew I wanted to study IT after I built my first desktop PC, but I chose the software development pathway as it featured extra units of programming. I liked the idea of being able to read programs which would help me to build my own and study further programming at University."

The Post Results Service runs at the Chelmsford College Moulsham Street Campus, from Thursday 24 August until Friday 1 September from 10am until 2pm everyday excluding weekends and Bank Holiday Monday. You can also call the Hotline on 01245 293031 or email information@chelmsford.ac.uk This is your chance to explore what might work for you.

It's time to put yourself first and work out what you want to do next. There's still time to join College this September. Open Days are the most influential factor in choosing a college, according to a YouGov survey (commissioned by WPM Education) so you might want to visit this Saturday to see for yourself what Chelmsford College can do for you.

Bethan Rose, a student on the Level 3 Applied Science Medical course said "I chose to study at Chelmsford College

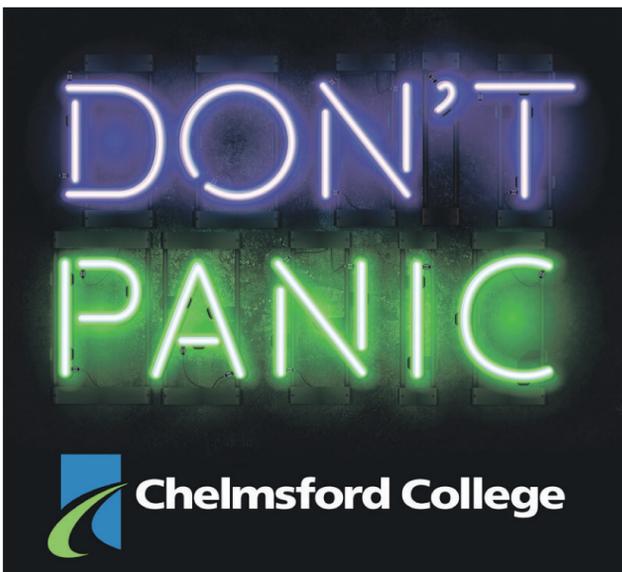
because I liked the campus, the tutors and the course syllabus. The open event was really well organised and interesting."

Time is of the essence. This is a big deal, because you have a two year window to qualify for free training in whatever you want to do. Let Chelmsford College help you make the most of it and begin your career with a blast.

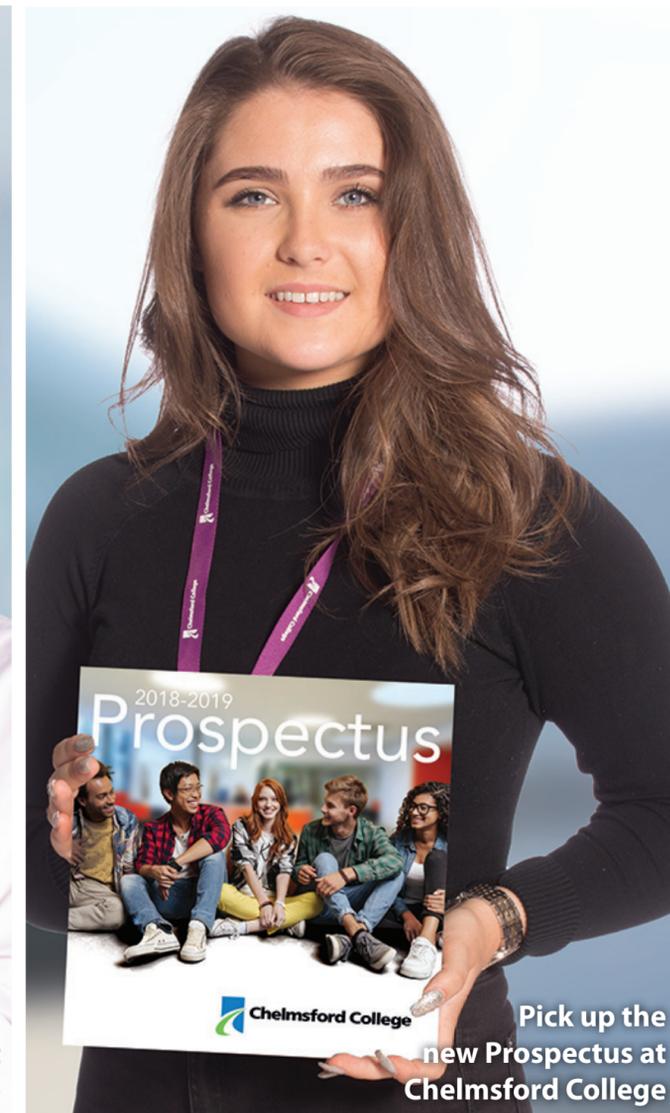
You can see for yourself what life's like at Chelmsford College at the next Showcase event on Saturday 2 September from 9.30am until 12 noon at the Moulsham Street Campus. This is your chance to talk things through with tutors and careers advisers. If you find something you love you can even apply on the day and enrol next week. For more information please call 01245 293031 or visit www.chelmsford.ac.uk



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