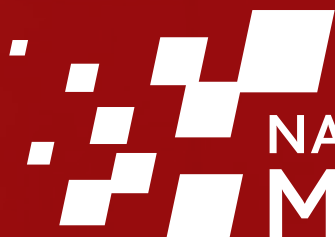


TRAINING THE RACE MECHANICS OF THE FUTURE

2027 Prospectus





NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR
MOTORSPORT

SILVERSTONE

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**WE ARE THE
NATIONAL
COLLEGE FOR
MOTORSPORT**



"I chose to study at the National College for Motorsport because of its outstanding reputation in the industry. We have access to the latest cutting-edge technology, incredible work experience opportunities and direct links to the fast-paced world of racing."

Lauren, NC4M Student Race Technician.

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR MOTORSPORT



Scan the QR
code to find out
more and take
our virtual tour.

The National College for Motorsport, based at the Silverstone Circuit in Northamptonshire, is proud to offer motorsport technician training; where students are taught by highly skilled tutors, experienced in many areas of the motorsport industry.

We are the first college in the UK to achieve the Motorsport Academy Employer Recognition Scheme Charter Mark for our training of race mechanics. The scheme was introduced in 2007 to ensure that training providers deliver quality industry-relevant training. In January 2018, we were awarded the Motorsport Industry Association

'Service to Industry Award' for our exceptional performance in training and guiding young people into Race Mechanic apprenticeship programmes.

Through our excellent links with the motorsport industry, the College offers tremendous progression opportunities.

Open Days

Thursday 17 September 2026

5:00pm to 7:00pm (virtual)

Tuesday 6 October 2026

5:00pm to 8:00pm

Thursday 14 January 2027

5:00pm to 8:00pm



Scan the QR code or visit
our website to register:
bedfordcollegigroup.ac.uk/events

Our courses and your future progression

LEVEL 2

COURSES AVAILABLE

Race Technician Programme

Engineering Operative Standard Motorsports
Apprenticeship Level 2

LEVEL 3

COURSES AVAILABLE

Race Technician Programme

Previous students have progressed on to working with teams such as Mercedes-AMG F1, Red Bull, Williams, Renault, Haas F1, Aston Martin Racing, M-sport World Rally Team, Australian Touring Cars and many other high profile international teams.



Take a virtual
tour of our
facilities

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"There are many parts of the course at the National College for Motorsport that sets it apart from other colleges, however, the two best parts in my opinion are the tutors and the cars we learn on."

Adj, Level 2 Race Technician.



OUR WORLD CLASS FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES

The National College for Motorsport boasts world class facilities that give our students the best possible start to their careers in the industry. Students are able to apply the theory that they learn in the classroom to tailored practical workshop sessions that cover all aspects of race car preparation.

Students are trained using a wide range of industry standard equipment, including:

- Magnaflux Non-destructive Testing Equipment – used to check ferrous metal components for fatigue
- SPA Damper Dynamometer – used to test dampers for optimum performance
- Equipment used for the fundamentals of car setup:
 - Setup Patches
 - Corner Weight Scales
 - Camber/Caster Gauges
 - Ride/Drop Height Gauges

The cars that our students use to develop their skills and knowledge are also of the highest quality and include:

- 2018 Formula Renaults
- Formula BMWs
- Formula Fords



FEES, FUNDING AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Tuition and Exam Fees

If you are a school leaver aged 16-18 years old on 31 August 2027, the tuition fees and any exam registration fees for all the courses in this prospectus are FREE.

Travel Bursary

Full-time students aged 16-18 and living more than three miles from college may be eligible for subsidised travel from their local authority. If you have a household income less than £42,500, the College has a travel bursary worth up to £770* which you may qualify for. Contact the Student Services Team on 01536 413232 for more information.

**Please note these are subject to review and can change, visit our website to get the latest cost information.*

Grand Prix Trust Bursary

The Grand Prix Trust Bursary is designed to help students get into, and progress within the motorsport industry. It is available to all students as it is not means tested, however, you will need to fill out an application that details how it will help you if you received it. For more information, and help with the application, please contact Student Services on 01536 413232.



Safeguarding and Wellbeing

We take the safeguarding and wellbeing of everyone at the College very seriously, including our responsibility to keep young people safe from the threat of radicalisation within the Government's Prevent strategy. Should you ever need to talk to someone confidentially about issues in your private or College life, please contact our Safeguarding team on safe@tresham.ac.uk or call on 01536 413004.

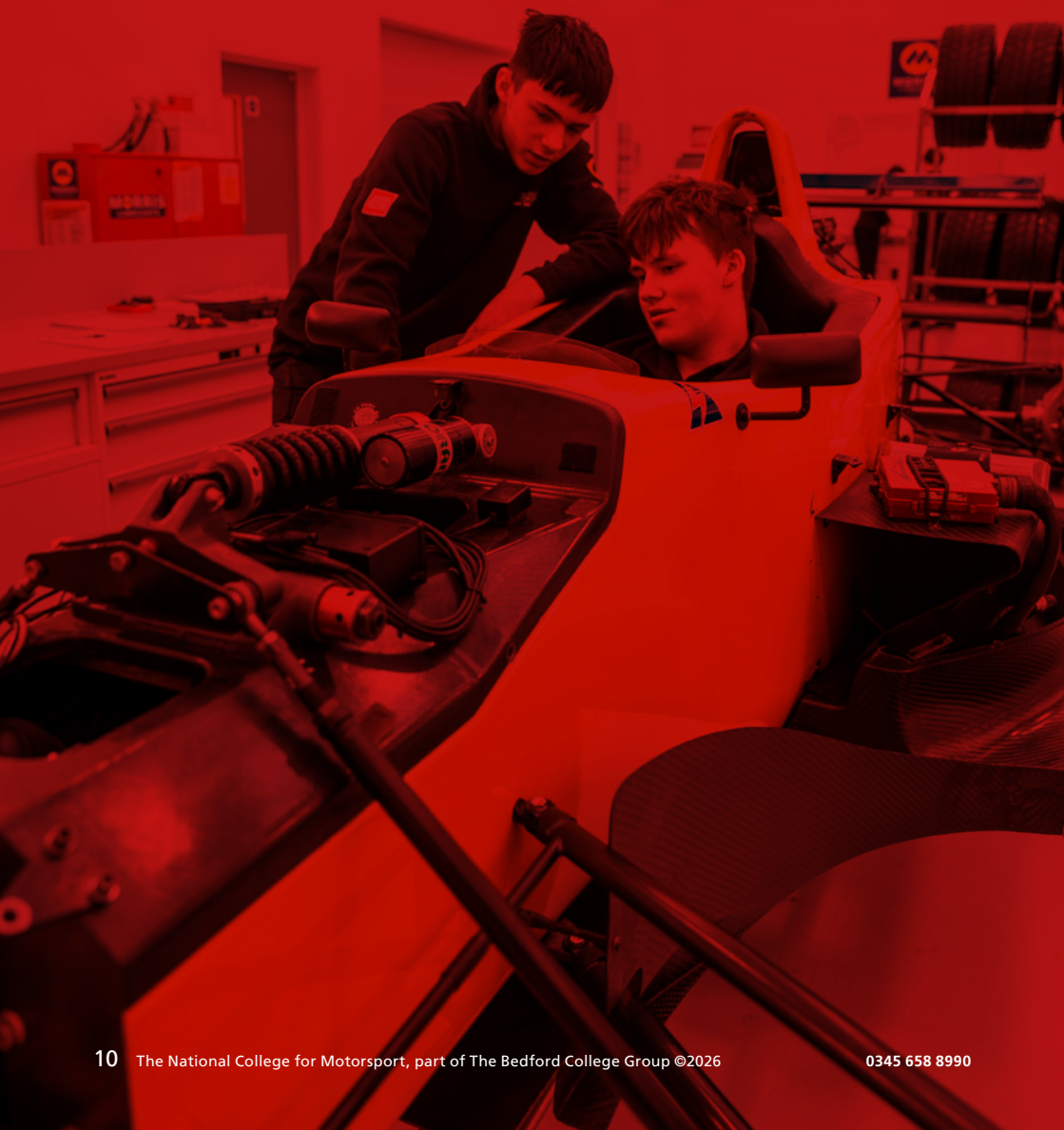
Equal Opportunities for All

We believe that the unique experiences, abilities and backgrounds of each individual at the College add to the overall learning experience and we work to ensure that we provide equal opportunities for all.

Additional Support

Our Additional Support team can help you with everything from developing assignment skills to helping you to access specialist support staff if you have dyslexia, hearing or visual impairments. Just identify that you need additional support on your application form and we will invite you in to discuss how we can help.

OUR STUDY PROGRAMMES



Level 2

RACE TECHNICIAN STUDY PROGRAMMES

In today's competitive market, employers and universities are looking for much more than just a qualification; so alongside your industry-recognised qualification you'll also improve your personal and employability skills and gain valuable work experience to get you ready for your next step.

GCSE English and maths are essential qualifications. We only accept applicants with a minimum of grade 3 in these subjects. If you have a grade 3, you'll be supported to re-sit your GCSEs to help you achieve a grade 4 or above.

Location:

Silverstone Park, Silverstone Circuit

Duration:

Two consecutive days in College plus additional online sessions two days a week for one year.

Entry requirements:

GCSEs at grade 3 or above in English and maths. You will be asked to attend an information event.

What qualifications will I gain?

- EAL Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)
- English and maths qualifications if required

What will I study?

This study programme includes race car preparation techniques, engine and transmission units, as well as an introduction to motorsport industry working practices. The course also contains a significant practical element within the study programme.

What will I be able to do after I complete this study programme?

Once you have completed the Level 2 Race Technician study programme you will be invited to progress onto the Level 3 Race Technician programme. You may also progress onto a Race Technician Apprenticeship during the programme if employment with a race team is secured.

Are there any additional costs?

All students will have to purchase uniforms at an approximate cost of £300 (cost could be subject to change).



Level 2

RACE TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP

Location:

Apprenticeships take place in the workplace with race teams.

Duration:

18 months

Entry requirements:

You must have completed the Race Technician Level 2 study programme and be in full-time employment with a race or rally team as a Race Technician.

What qualifications will I gain?

- EAL Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Knowledge)
- EAL Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Operations (Skills)
- English and maths qualifications if required

What will I study?

An apprenticeship is a great way to earn while you learn, working as part of a race team. You will be travelling extensively with a race team and

working hands-on in the pit lane, gaining practical experience in all aspects of motorsport. You will gain experience in stripping and rebuilding a motorsport vehicle and inspecting motorsport vehicles during events. The job of a Race Technician requires dedication and involves a lot of travelling and long work hours.

How will my work be assessed?

An assessor will regularly visit you in your workplace to observe you at work and to assess evidence of work that you have completed.

What will I be able to do after I complete this study programme?

After completing the Level 2 Race Technician Apprenticeship, you can progress into employment in international motorsport or go on to further study.



“*Jack’s Story*”

Since starting the course, I’ve had the chance to work on real race cars like Formula Renault and BMWs, which has been incredible. Getting that hands-on experience has helped me understand the real differences between motorsport vehicles and standard road cars. I’ve learned so much already - not just technical skills, but how to work as part of a team, stay focused and keep high standards in everything I do.

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Level 3 RACE TECHNICIAN STUDY PROGRAMME

A photograph of two male students in a workshop setting, focused on working on a car engine. The student in the foreground is using a tool to adjust a component on the engine block. The student in the background is holding a power tool, possibly a drill. They are both wearing dark-colored polo shirts with a logo on the chest. The background shows a workshop environment with various tools and equipment.

Location:

Silverstone Park, Silverstone Circuit

Duration:

Two consecutive days with additional online sessions each week

Entry requirements:

- Completion of the Race Technician Level 2 study programme
- Must have GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. Students entering with Functional Skills Level 2 will be required to resit their GCSEs

What qualifications will I gain?

EAL Level 3 Diploma in Engineering Technology (Motorsport)

What will I study?

This course is open to students who have successfully completed the Race Technician Level 2 study programme and is a great next step to realising your ambition to work within the motorsport industry.

This course includes advanced race car preparation, steering and suspension systems, fault diagnosis and braking system units.

What will I be able to do after I complete this study programme?

The course will prepare you for progression into employment in the motorsport industry.

Are there any additional costs?

Returning students may need to purchase additional uniform at an approximate cost of £100 (cost could be subject to change).



“Caitlin’s Story

Studying at NC4M has also helped me build the confidence to talk to race teams and look for work experience. I’ve already done a placement with Elite Motorsport, where I got to be in the paddock during testing and work as part of the team. I’ve also been helping a motorsport team based in Brackley, using what I’ve learned at college to support them with repairs and improvements.

I’ve made great friends here - everyone shares the same interest in motorsport, and that makes the atmosphere fun and supportive. The facilities are amazing, and being right next to Silverstone means we’re always close to the action.

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“ TJ’s Story

Studying at NC4M has given me real insight into what it’s like to work as part of a professional race team – both on and off the track. As part of the programme, we complete a minimum of 50 hours’ work experience with professional racing teams, which allows us to apply the skills we’ve learned on site to real events and race weekends.

In the workshop, our practical sessions cover every aspect of a race car – from gearboxes and suspension to braking systems – and we work on the cars in groups, just like in the industry.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many days a week will I study at College?

Your course will take place over two consecutive days each week throughout the academic year. You will also take part in additional online sessions and be expected to complete some work experience outside of your timetabled College sessions.

If I need accommodation, where will I stay?

The majority of our students come from outside of Northamptonshire and choose to stay at local Bed & Breakfast accommodation in the nearby village of Silverstone during their timetabled sessions. Our students have enjoyed good relationships with the local accommodation providers over the years, however, the College is unable to arrange accommodation on behalf of our students.

How do I get to the College?

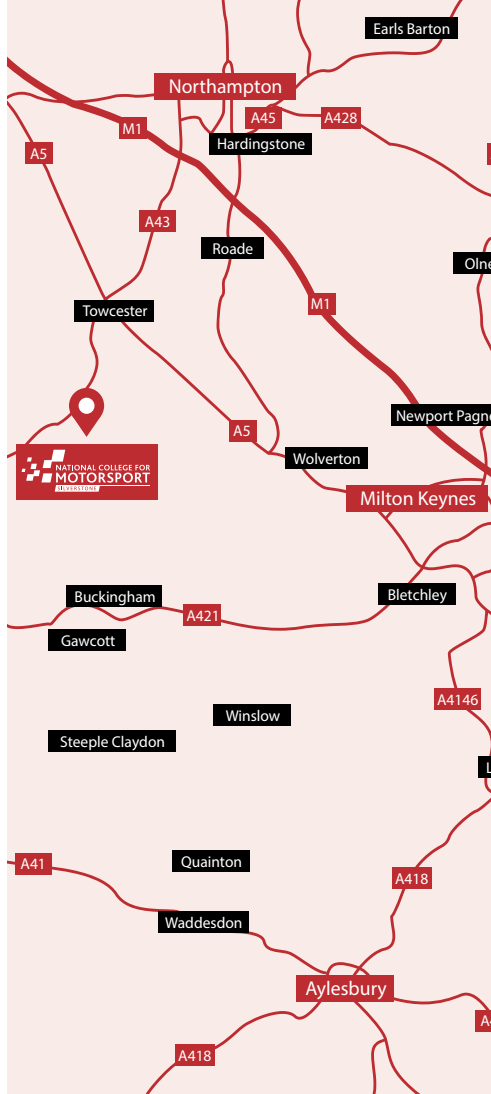
The National College for Motorsport is located within the Technology Park, which is directly next to the Silverstone racetrack. Silverstone is situated approximately 90 minutes north of central London and 60 minutes south of Birmingham. Road access is exceptionally easy along the A43 dual carriageway from either the M40 or M1. There is free student parking at the College.

How will you keep my child safe?

We take the wellbeing and safety of every single student very seriously. We strive to ensure a safe and welcoming environment at The National College for Motorsport and have safeguarding and anti-bullying policies in place. Access on to our site is by ID Card only and you will be expected to wear your ID lanyard at all times whilst at College.

Your route to studying at the National College for Motorsport

- 1** Come along to an Open Day
Book your place at the next event at www.bedfordcollegigroup.ac.uk/events
- 2** Apply online
You can apply at any time, but we recommend that you do so as early as possible.
- 3** Receive an offer
We will arrange an interview or information, advice and guidance session with you so you can find out more about your course. You will have the opportunity to chat with a tutor who will make you an offer.
- 4** Attend your Discovery Day and enrol
This is your chance to meet your tutors and classmates.
- 5** Start your study programme
You will start your exciting study programme in September 2027.



Where can you find us?

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