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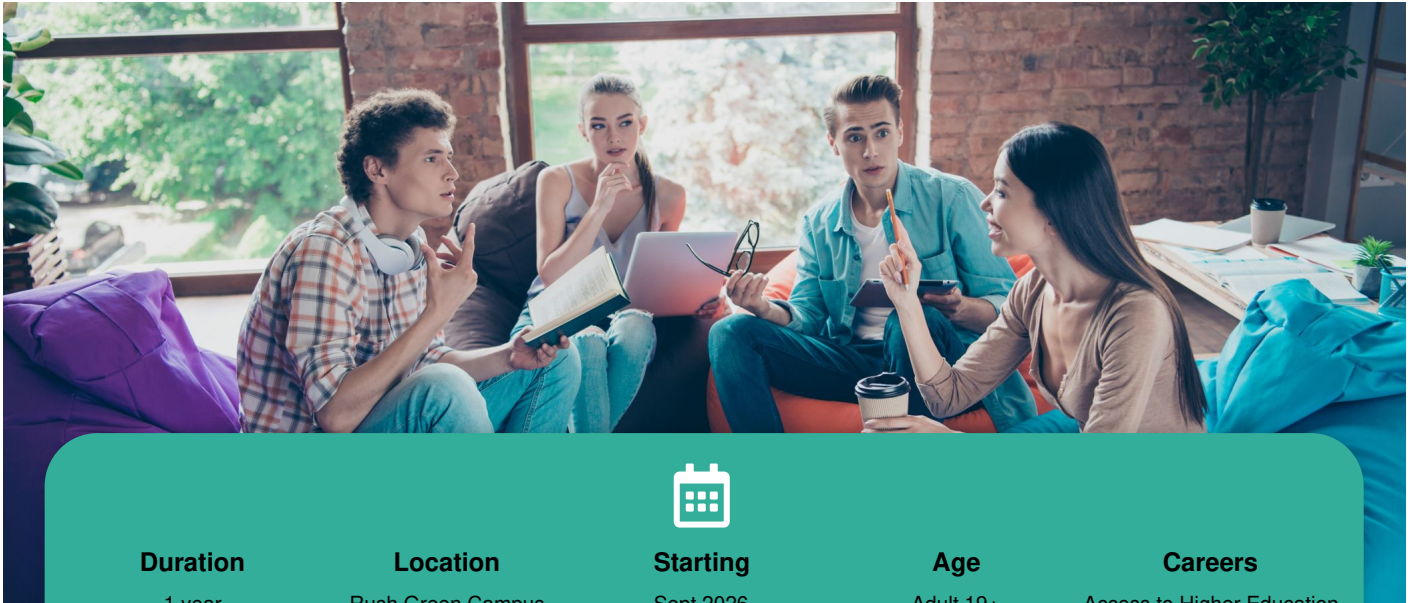**Level**

Access to Higher Education Diploma (Computer Science)

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Duration	Location	Starting	Age	Careers
1 year	Rush Green Campus	Sept 2026	Adult 19+	Access to Higher Education Digital & IT

Course fees per year

ADULT 19+

£3,928

The above fees include tuition and exam fees.
You may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan to help with the course fees. Contact us to discuss what Financial support is available.

Overview

This nationally recognised access course enables adult learners to move into Higher Education.

Perfect for those who have been out of education for some time, you will be able to progress directly onto a higher education course at university on completion of this Access to Higher Education Diploma.

What you'll learn

This Access to Higher Education Diploma (Computing) aims to provide a balance of essential study skills with specialist subject knowledge to prepare you for university.

The following units are available on this course:

- Computing
- Databases
- Mathematics
- Networking
- Programming
- Website design

Assessments / Exams

Learners will be assessed through coursework, presentations, debates and exams.

Entry requirements

Access to HE Diploma courses are for students aged 19+ by 31st August in the year in which they start the Access programme.

You'll need to have completed a Level 2 qualification in ICT, Computing or Digital. We also require English & Maths qualifications - either GCSE grade 4 (C) or above - or Functional Skills Level 2 - in both subjects.

We recommend finding relevant work experience in either voluntary or paid employment to support your UCAS application. Universities often expect students to have some work experience before they start a course, however this is not compulsory.

Although the Access to Higher Education courses are most suitable for ages 19+, they may also be available for 16- 18 learners with funding.

Don't worry if you don't currently meet the entry requirements, as you may be able to study our **Certificate in Progression** course specifically designed for adults returning to education.

What this course leads to

On completion of this Access to Higher Education Diploma, you will have the qualifications needed to apply to university, where you can study areas including:

- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- Business and Information Systems
- Network Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Cyber Security and Games Design degrees.

Full 60 Credit Diploma with 45 credits graded units and 15 ungraded study skills.

Maximum UCAS 144 points from the course.

If you have a Level 2 functional skills qualification, it is important that you check with your chosen university to ensure it will be accepted as part of the entry requirements for your degree programme.

Visit this course on our website: *https://barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses/0000000569*

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