Glossary of Terms

ALO (Activate Learning Online)	Our online learning platform is Activate Learning Online, which we call ALO. As an applicant with an offer, you will have an IT account and a log-in to ALO where you can complete some online activities before you become a student.
Applicant	A person who has applied for a course and has an application in progress.
Apply, application, applied	When you fill out a form to say you would like to join a specific programme you become an applicant and we will work with you through the application steps until you become a student.
Conditional Offer, offered	Your programme offer is a letter or email that we send to you to say we are expecting you to join a particular programme and reminding you about the conditions of entry. Your offer does not mean that you are a student nor guarantees you have a place yet, but we hope so.
Conditions of entry	To be accepted on a programme we often need to see that you have achieved specific GCSE grades, passed an assessment or that you have participated in some preparation activities.
Enrol, enrolment	Enrolment is the stage where we have confirmed that you have met any entry requirements and that the programme is right for you and provided all requirements (ID, visa or immigration evidence, if appropriate, examination grades, photo for your Student ID). You formally sign to say you agree to becoming a student. You are not officially a student until you have received your enrolment confirmation email.
Faculty	Your faculty is the department in college that deliver your pathways.
FE Clearing	Any late applicant after GCSE results day joins a Clearing session, these sessions are made available to discuss joining a programme. If there is a suitable programme, and spaces available, we will enrol you.
Financial support	A wide range of bursaries are available, helping you with the cost of studying with us. All bursaries are subject to you meeting eligibility criteria.
Further Education	Any post-secondary education, not part of higher education
ID card	As an enrolled student you will get a card which shows our picture and ID number. The card contains a chip that you give you entry to college buildings and you must wear it around your neck at all times, so we know that you are a student.

ID number	As an applicant, you will be given a unique number which we use during your application and will stay with you if you become a student and throughout your time at college.
Late applicant	A person applying after 1 March.
Meet the Teaching Team event	An opportunity for you to connect with your future teachers and fellow applicants starting in September. During this event, you can ask questions about the course, gain insights into course expectations, key dates, communication channels, and the next steps in your educational journey.
Open Event	Your opportunity to explore the campus and facilities; meet our tutors, teachers and support staff and apply for your course.
Pathway	Your opportunity to explore the campus and facilities; meet our tutors, teachers and support staff and apply for your course.
Programme	A programme of learning is what you study at college which will include several parts including your main qualification, English and maths if required, digital skills, personal development, attributes and behaviours and work experience.