NVQ Level 2 and Level 3
Hairdressing / Barbering

At Balby Carr you have the opportunity to achieve above the requirements for the Level 2 qualification; nine units in total are needed. You have the opportunity to achieve above that if you wish, through additional units within Level 2 or progression to Level 3. This will then give you full qualification and qualifies you as junior stylist. Some students that have already completed year 10/11 can complete level 2 in year 12, to do this you must be focused and plan your practical assessments well. On completion you can then move onto level NVQ Level 3 to do this you must also be working in a salon at least one day a week.

Entry Requirements for NVQ Level 2 in Hairdressing
It is desirable you have Grade D or above in English and Math's if you do not you can join the program and re-sit, or work on Allen tests in English and Math's.

What are NVQ’S
NVQs are qualifications based on national occupational standards that are set by industry relevant to the qualification. The standards are developed by the industries National Training Organisation (NTO), and HABIA the Hair and Beauty Council for England the standards define the skills and knowledge required in employment.

NVQs are work-based qualifications; the evidence you will need to gather will come from your performance at work or in a realistic work environment in school at Balby Carr also a one day a week work placement in your area. You will complete practical assessments, and written and oral knowledge tests, for each unit. There are now on line tests called GOLA. These are completed at the end of each unit.

NVQs are available at five different levels. You can enter the NVQ framework at any level, providing you have the appropriate skills and knowledge. This means you have the opportunity to work towards an NVQ, which suits your current level of skills and knowledge. This also means that you may be able to increase your skills and knowledge by working through the levels towards the next. There is a clear progression route to help you do this.

How does the NVQ system work?
You are assessed over a period in the workplace or realistic work environment by a qualified assessor who usually is someone who is familiar to you e.g. Teacher, Supervisor, training consultant, etc. At times the assessor will also be monitored by the external verifier who is one of your teachers. Then usually twice a year the external verifier comes in from City and Guilds to check both the assessor and internal verifier this is done to make sure all marking is done to the standards set by the awarding body.

Achieving your qualification
NVQ’s consist of mandatory, optional and additional units. To achieve a full qualification you must complete:

Mandatory Units
All the mandatory units have to be completed.

Optional Units
You must complete the minimum number of optional units out of those available. However, there is nothing stopping you completing more.
Additional Units
Additional units are not required to achieve the full qualifications, (unless you are undertaking an Apprenticeship programme) but they area included if you wish to gain them.

Optional units achieved above the minimum are shown on the Certificate of Unit Credit.

Course Content NVQ Level 2

There are 8 mandatory units:
- Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety (G20)
- Good customer service (G17)
- Customer consultation (G7)
- Shampoo and condition (GH8)
- Change hair colour (GH9)
- Styling hair (GH10)
- Set and dress hair (GH11)
- Cutting hair (GH12)

You are also required to take a number of optional units, depending on size, from:
- Salon reception (G4)
- Promote services or products (G18)
- Working effectively (G8)
- Plait and twisting (GH13)
- Perm and neutralising (GH14)
- Attach hair (GH15)

Students who successfully complete NVQ Level 2 Hairdressing have an opportunity to start Level NVQ Level 3; this can be done by unit of accreditation or full qualification this will depend on each student’s ability.

Course Content NVQ Level 3

There are 4 mandatory units:
- Safety control work operations (G22)
- Promoting services or products (GH18)
- Hairdressing consultations (G21)
- Cutting techniques (GH16)

Optional units
- Colouring hair (GH17)
- Colour correction (GH18)
- Creative styling and dressing (GH19)
- Dress long hair (GH20)
- Creative hairdressing skills (GH21)
- Promotional activities (H32)
- Perming (GH22)
- Hair extensions (GH23)
- Financial effectiveness (G11)
- Customer service improvements (G19)

21 credits are scored from the mandatory group and a minimum of 37 credits across the optional units this will be decided with your assessor.
Progression route

**At Balby Carr**

- **Level 1**  Assistant level
- **Level 2**  Basic skills of occupation i.e. some responsibility. Junior Stylist
- **Level 3**  Advanced skills level senior stylist

You can work as a stylist with Level 2. In salons, nation wide or over seas, on a Cruise Ship, Television, Theatre, or as a media stylist, it’s up to you. You can work for yourself or own salon with Level 2. The future is in your hands. If you want to aim higher you can progress to the local college if you want to extend your knowledge or work in a management position.

**At Doncaster College**

- **Level 4**  Management responsibilities Foundation Degree

From there to will qualify you for University if you want to teach or go onto research work.

**At Buxton or Blackpool**

- **Level 5**  Under graduate
- **Level 6**  Honors Degree

**Text Books**
- The City and Guilds text Book Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing ISBN 9780851931968
- The City and Guilds text Book Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing
- The Hairdressers Journal (weekly magazine)

**Logbooks**

You all have a logbook where all your practical assessments are recorded in here is all the information you will need to gain all the nine units need for qualification.

The book is set out in each unit with all the outcomes the ranges required and the knowledge for all the units.

You have a tracking system in your books this is all explained during your start to the new course and it builds up as you progress along the course.

The appeals procedure is given to you as a separate handout which you are required to put into the front of your logbook.

Glossaries, reading lists websites are all included in your logbook as these are up dated as often as they need to be to meet industry standards.

Practices for practical and online tests are done in revision lessons. Students are not entered until ready in both practical assessment and unit knowledge tests.

Students have one to one tutorials so they are aware of their progress and what they need to do.