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locations, timings and other details  
for your registered competition can  
be found here!

# FEDEC Inter-College Skills Competition Week 2026

## **Competitions Guide**

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## Introduction

Congratulations on being selected for the FEDEC Inter-College Skills Competitions, week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026!

Various competitions are taking place across the week at different campuses across FEDEC (Federation of Essex Colleges). Across the five days, 10 competitions will take place, with over 100 participants representing Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow, South Essex and USP. Each competition follows a WorldSkills UK-approved brief and mark scheme, ensuring consistency and international benchmarking. The briefs can be found on the FEDEC Website: [FEDEC Skills Competition | FEDEC](#)

The Federation of Essex Colleges wish you luck competing and look forward to seeing you ALL on the Friday 30<sup>th</sup> at the Awards Ceremony, where Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will be announced, medals presented and all who competed will receive a certificate of participation regardless of where you placed.

## Competition details

Please click on the competition you are participating in, below, for details of your specific event and we hope you have an enriching and enjoyable experience.

Plumbing

Hairdressing

Beauty

Electrical

Bricklaying

Engineering (Mechanical)

Hospitality (Catering)

Cyber Security

Science

Health and Social Care

## Plumbing

These events are being held at **Colchester Institute, Braintree Campus:**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 9.45am and should report to main reception.

**Address:** Colchester Institute, Church Lane, Braintree CM7 5SN

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring steel toe capped safety boots and work clothes. (*All tools will be provided*)

**Departure time:** 3.00pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Ross Brady, Area Head of MES, 01206 712674, [ross.brady@colchester.ac.uk](mailto:ross.brady@colchester.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Hairdressing

These events are being held at **Chelmsford College, Princes Road Campus:**

**Date:** 27th January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 10.00am and should report to the Hair and Beauty Reception

**Address:** Chelmsford College, Princes Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9DE

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site – the college will be in touch to request registration numbers prior to the event

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring ALL products/equipment/tools and consumables. (Workstation, Client Chair and Trolley only will be provided).

**Departure time:** 3.00pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contacts on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Jane Woolley, Head of Service industries, 01245293156, [Woolleyj@chelmsford.ac.uk](mailto:Woolleyj@chelmsford.ac.uk)

Leigh Field, Deputy Head of Service Industries, 01245293156, [Fieldl@chelmsford.ac.uk](mailto:Fieldl@chelmsford.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Beauty

These events are being held at **Chelmsford College, Princes Road Campus:**

**Date:** 27th January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 9.00am and should report to the Hair and Beauty Reception

**Address:** Chelmsford College, Princes Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9DE

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site – the college will be in touch to request registration numbers prior to the event

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring ALL products/equipment/tools and consumables. (Couch and Trolley only will be provided).

**Departure time:** 3.00pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contacts on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Jane Woolley, Head of Service industries, 01245293156, [Woolleyj@chelmsford.ac.uk](mailto:Woolleyj@chelmsford.ac.uk)

Leigh Field, Deputy Head of Service Industries, 01245293156, [Fieldl@chelmsford.ac.uk](mailto:Fieldl@chelmsford.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Electrical

These events are being held at **Harlow College, Harlow Campus**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 10.30am and should report to main reception.

**Address:** Harlow College, Velizy Avenue, Harlow, CM20 3EZ

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site

**Essential Equipment:** Participants should wear their own college lanyards whilst on site.

**Departure time:** 3.30pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contacts on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Laura Wedgbury-Glew, Assistant Principal, [lwedgbury-glew@harlow-college.ac.uk](mailto:lwedgbury-glew@harlow-college.ac.uk)

Mark Strange, Head of Academy, [mstrange@harlow-college.ac.uk](mailto:mstrange@harlow-college.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Bricklaying

These events are being held at **South Essex College, Stephenson Road Campus:**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 8.30am and should report to main reception where staff will take you to the relevant department, workshops and refreshments

**Address:** South Essex College, No. 28 & No. 30 Stephenson Road (off Progress Road) Southend-on-Sea, SS9 5LY **Parking:** Free parking is available onsite, please register your car at reception

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to wear appropriate PPE for tasks.

**Departure time:** Approx. 3.00pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Ian Smith, Head of School for Construction and Automotive,  
[ian.smith@southessex.ac.uk](mailto:ian.smith@southessex.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Engineering (Mechanical)

These events are being held at **South Essex College, Luckyn Lane Campus:**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 8.30am and should report to main reception where staff will take you to the relevant department, workshops and refreshments

**Address:** South Essex College, Luckyn Lane, Basildon, SS14 3AX

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site – the college will be in touch to request registration numbers prior to the event. Please ensure at the front gate you press the buzzer for entry into the College.

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring steel toe capped safety boots, overalls or work clothes.

**Departure time:** Approx 3pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

John Chauhan, Head of School for Engineering, [john.chauhan@southessex.ac.uk](mailto:john.chauhan@southessex.ac.uk),  
Tel: 0345 52 12345

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Hospitality (Catering)

These events are being held at **South Essex College, Thurrock Campus:**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 8.45am and should report to the West Wing Reception

**Address:** South Essex College, High Street, Grays, Essex, RM17 6TF

**Parking:** Parking is very limited on site, so we would advise competitors and accompanying staff/models to travel by train (nearest station is Grays Station [Grays Station | National Rail](#)). There is pay and display parking available in close proximity to the college at Thames Road, Grays, RM17 6JP (this is a 5 minute walk to the campus) [Overview | Grays Beach Riverside Park | Thurrock Council](#)

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring kitchen whites and chef shoes please.

**Departure time:** Approx 3pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Jo Muckle, Head of School Service Industries, 01375 362545

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Cyber Security

These events are being held at **South Essex College, Basildon Campus:**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 9.30am and should report to main reception

**Address:** South Essex College, College Way, Basildon, SS14 1GP. (If you are using Sat Nav please use postcode SS14 1DF)

**Parking:** No parking is available on site but there is free parking in the car park opposite the college building – **please register your car at reception.**

**Departure time:** 3.00pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided but food must be consumed in the room provided, not in the Labs (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Rathi Raman, Head of School (Creative Media, Business & IT),  
[rathi.raman@southessex.ac.uk](mailto:rathi.raman@southessex.ac.uk)

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Science

These events are being held at **South Essex College, Southend Campus:**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 9.00am and report to main reception. Please ask for Tim Thresher.

**Address:** South Essex College, Luker Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1ND

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site – the college will be in touch to request registration numbers prior to the event.

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to bring lab coats. Visitor lanyards will be provided and must be worn around site. Food and drink must not be consumed in the labs but separate room will be provided for this.

**Departure time:** Approx 3.30pm

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Tim Thresher, Head of School, [Tim.thresher@southsessex.ac.uk](mailto:Tim.thresher@southsessex.ac.uk), Tel: 0345 52 12345

**Awards:** Awards will be announced and presented at the awards ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> January at USP College Seevic Campus (see page 8 for details of this event which we hope you will join us at!)

## Health and Social Care

These events are being held at **USP College, Seevic Campus:**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Arrival Time:** Participants should arrive at 8.45am and should report to main reception.

**Address:** USP College, Runnymede Chase, Benfleet, SS7 1TW

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site

**Essential Equipment:** Participants will need to wear lanyards please. Attire for the tasks should be either uniforms worn in settings if you have one, or black joggers/leggings/jeans/polo – smart/casual.

**Departure time:** 3.00pm (competitions will end around 12noon, but the overall award ceremony will then commence at 1pm which we encourage you to stay for -see page 8 for details!)

**Other Information:** Light lunch will be provided (*please ensure you report any dietary requirements on the registration form*)

**Host Contact on the day should you have any concerns or questions:**

Kara Stoker, Acting Curriculum Director of Health, [kara.stoker@uspcolllege.ac.uk](mailto:kara.stoker@uspcolllege.ac.uk),  
07905 615251

## Award Ceremony

This final celebratory event will take place at USP College, Seevic Campus.

The last competition takes place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Swiftly after this we will hold an awards ceremony during the afternoon to start at 1pm. ALL participants, of ALL competitions that have taken place during the week are invited to attend either in person or virtually. You may bring 1 guest to accompany you. All participants will receive a certificate, and we will announce Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners of each competition and an overall winning college.

**Arrival Time:** Participants (plus 1 guest) should arrive at 12.30pm and report to main reception (for a 1pm start).

**Address:** USP College, Runnymede Chase, Benfleet, SS7 1TW

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site

**Departure Time:** 3.00pm