

# What jobs can you do?



## **ADAM THOMAS** Salon owner

Adam's first encounter with hairdressing started at 13 when he was employed on Saturdays in a local salon. At 14 he then attended Weston College with a school link programme. Adam progressed in his qualifications from a full-time level 2 programme to an apprenticeship. During his time at college, he participated in many competitions, often taking a top award. After finishing his training, he secured a role as a stylist and then worked his way to a manager position. With his impressive skills and experience, Adam took a leap of faith and Weston Hair Studio was born, now rated five stars in the good salon guide. The salon has competed over the last two years in Weston's Top Model, an annual community show. This year, they took first place in front of a sell-out crowd. Adam completes photo shoots for fashion boutiques and up and coming models. Returning to college, Adam is currently taking his Assessors award. He also delivers practical sessions and skills workshops to apprenticeship learners.



## **JESSICA HILL** Junior Barbering Council

Jess started her hairdressing journey at 16 on a level 2 ladies hairdressing course at her local college. She now sits on the Junior Hair Council and works as a freelancer in a busy barbershop. While simultaneously gaining two qualifications, she worked weekends in a few salons before turning to barbering. She went on to another college programme and gained her level 3 qualification in men's hair, and continued learning additional skills once she started her first barbering job. Her employer encouraged her to apply for the Junior Hair Council, where she is helping to encourage young hairdressers/barbers into education. She has plans to have her own business, if not a chain in the near future.



## **ERICA BURNAND** VTCT Subject Matter Expert

Erica first started working evenings and weekends for a local chain of hair salons, whilst completing her GCSEs and A levels at school. At the beginning of the second year at college studying Business and Finance, she started working towards her apprenticeship. Once qualified, Erica started as a junior stylist and worked her way up to a creative director in the Chester salon. After a relocation to Edinburgh for three years, Erica worked in the salon and the training school for Cheynes Hairdressing and Training. After these experiences she moved into academia, working in an FE College for sixteen years. Erica's next career move was to work part-time as a contractor for VTCT as an item writer and examiner alongside being a lecturer, before becoming a full-time Subject Matter Expert (Assessment) – Hair and Barbering at VTCT.

# Choosing your career in Hairdressing or Barbering



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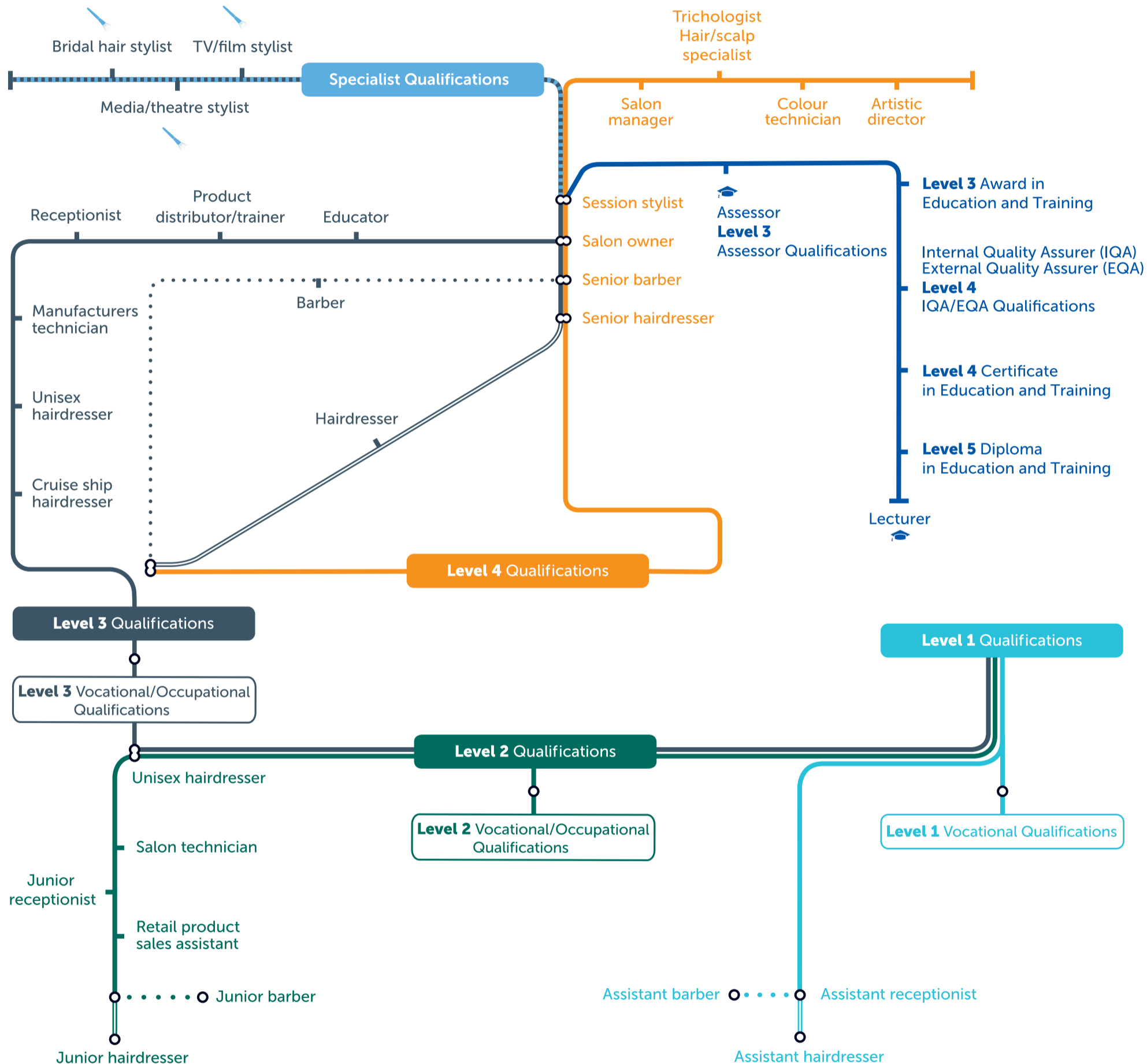
# Take a look at where a career in Hairdressing or Barbering can take you...



Are you collaborative, ambitious and inspired by up and coming trends?

If you are, then a career in hairdressing and barbering may be for you. Hairdressing and barbering are part of an innovative, creative industry that thrives off top trends and hot topics from the ever-changing pop culture. Progressing from level one to level four takes hard work and determination, but is definitely doable.

There is a lot to learn when you want to be at the top of your game. Your studies will cover science, customer care and health & safety. Depending on the type and level of course, you may need to study business studies or management. There are lots of different options to choose from and all can lead to an interesting and rewarding career. You could be on the road travelling with celebrities and theatre stars or owning your own business.



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- Level 1 Hairdressing & Barbering general route
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  - Level 1 Barbering route
  - Level 2 Hairdressing & Barbering general route
  - Level 2 Hairdressing route
  - Level 2 Barbering route
  - Level 3 Hairdressing & Barbering general route
  - Level 3 Hairdressing route
  - Level 3 Barbering route
  - Level 3 Hair, Beauty & Specialist route
  - Level 4 Hairdressing & Barbering route
  - Progression qualifications
  - Education & Training sector
  - Combined Hairdressing & Beauty sector

**“The opportunities are endless when it comes to a career in Hairdressing and Barbering”**