

**Everything you
need to know
about joining
Walsall College**

September is always an exciting time for students joining sixth form / Year 12, especially if they are coming somewhere brand new. Although the current climate means we're uncertain about a lot of things, the one thing you (and your students) can be sure of is that Walsall College can fully support your move into further education and training.

Whether it's getting to university, onto an Apprenticeship or helping to discover an exciting career, we have hundreds of courses available to match your students' interests and ambitions. All you need to do is choose one and apply now.

How to get started?

Our FAQ's below explain all.

Can I still apply for a September course? How do I do this?

Yes you can.

Visit www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/all-subjects/ click on the subject area and then the course you are interested in and then click the red Apply Now button next to the Course Overview.

You will be offered a course place straightaway (subject to you meeting the entry requirement).

It's okay if you haven't yet decided what you want to study. This is the ideal opportunity for you to take a good look at all the course and careers information bursting from our website.

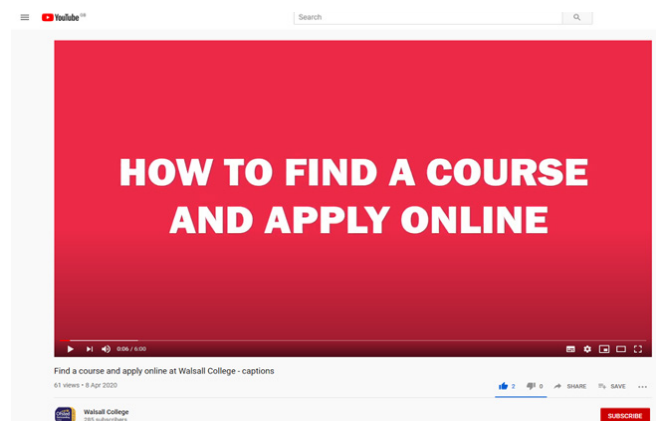
There's even some facts and figures about the local job market to give you an extra bit of career motivation.

You don't have to be on your own when you make your application. Our five-minute video guide takes you through the process step-by-step, which means help is always close at hand. You can find this video on both our website and our Youtube channel.

Still stuck on courses or with an application? Speaking to someone in the know always helps.

Our friendly Guidance Team can offer advice about the career paths and most suitable study/training routes to follow.

Email guidanceteam@walsallcollege.ac.uk to get all the inspiration and insight you need.



What if I don't yet know my predicted grades? Or if my grades don't match the entry requirements of the course I want to study?

We recommend that you are as realistic as possible about the grades you are likely to achieve (including those for English and Maths) and make your application in line with these.

We can assure you that we have a course place available to you, whatever your achievements and final grades are. Many of our subjects can be studied at Level 1, 2 and 3. If you do need to start your learning journey with us at a pre-GCSE or GCSE equivalent level you can do so and then progress on to the next level.

If your predicted grades for GCSE English and maths are below a 4, then don't panic. You will be able to study these qualifications with us, along with your full-time course.

You can also resit your GCSE English and maths in Autumn (2020). If you think you will need to do this and require special exam arrangements to be put in place, we encourage you to let us know about this as soon as you are able to.

If you are applying for an Apprenticeship which requires you to have achieved a Grade 4 or above in English and maths then our Apprenticeship Team can advise you of the options open to you.

Whatever happens, we'll make sure you enrol on the course most suited to your learning needs so that you achieve your best.

What happens after I put in my application?

Once you have applied, you will be contacted by a tutor by phone to talk through your application. As soon as it is safe to do so, you will be invited to attend a welcome session at the college. You will also receive further details about how to enrol for September.

In the meantime, we will:

- **Attend our Virtual Open Day Live Sessions on Facebook**
Although you can't come in to see us right now, you can still talk to our tutors and guidance staff via our Virtual Open Days.
These online, interactive events are your chance to:
 - Explore our courses, campus facilities and learning opportunities, just like you would at a real Open Day. This way, you know just why we're one of the most successful colleges in the country.
 - Receive careers advice from the experts.
 - Go through our online application process while we answer any questions you put to us.
 - You can watch back on any missed sessions via our College Facebook page or YouTube channel.

See the full list of events at

- **Keep in touch**

We have a lot of great things to tell you about the college. We will do this through regular email updates that cover everything from enrolment and term dates to all the support services we offer. And of course, we'll let you know our responses to any major updates from the government and Department for Education.

All the latest updates about the impact of the coronavirus outbreak can be found on our website - click on the link on our homepage.

Welcome Sessions

At Walsall College, we believe in the right student being on the right course. Before the college year starts, you will be invited in for a Welcome Session to take part in a number of activities so that you can get to know us better and we can learn more about you.

This is also a way for you to:

- Meet your teachers
- Tell us a bit about your hobbies, interests and achievements - perhaps by showing us some of your work
- Understand more about your college course and timetable
- Find your way around
- Discover our Walsall College Graduate Scheme - and how we prepare you for the world of work
- Start making new friends
- Be 100% certain you are on the college course that is best for you

If my college place is secure and my predicted grades match my course, does that mean I don't have to study anymore?

It's really important that you carry on studying. Your teachers (and the college) expect you to carry on with your work because this still counts towards your final grade.

We might also expect you to show what you've learned before you start and even after you start your course begins. If there are any gaps in your knowledge, these may affect your chances of doing well here with us.

What financial support do you offer and how do I apply for this?

We believe students should be able to enjoy their time at college without worrying about the cost of travel, equipment and meals. All students have access to free breakfast, while eligible students can get help with the following:

- Free college meals
- Smart card
- Bursaries
- 16 - 18 Bursaries

Our Student Services Team can tell you more about these during your enrolment.

Or you can visit

www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/financial-help/ for more details.

How do I find out about Apprenticeships?

We accept Apprenticeship enquiries and applications all the time and even now. Head to

www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/modes-of-study/apprenticeships/ and choose the job role or area you'd like to work in by hitting the Browse Courses button. Once you've decided on your Apprenticeship area and completed your details via the Enquire Now button, our Apprenticeship Team will be in touch.

What if I have another question?

If there's something we haven't told you about, feel free to get in touch. Email info@walsallcollege.ac.uk and we'll be happy to help.

You can also stay in touch with us on social media. You can also email the team on

jobshop@walsallcollege.ac.uk for further information.





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