



The
FUTURE
is yours

2022/23

School Leavers'
Course guide





Welcome

Welcome to Walsall College - one of the most successful colleges in the country. We are here to help you develop the skills and gain the qualifications that employers want, as well as prepare you for higher education and the world of work.

By joining us, you will belong to a college highly regarded for our teaching and learning, state-of-the-art facilities, support services and success rates.

Whether you are coming to college to follow your passion or discover your talent, we have plenty of things to inspire you with. In this prospectus you will find information about our wide range of full-time courses, apprenticeships and the careers our vocational qualifications can lead you to.

You can also read about some of the success stories of previous students - Rais Howett, an engineering student now embarking on an Apprenticeship with the RAF (page 44), and Alfonso May, who's performing arts qualification has secured him a place at London College of Music (page 73) who is currently touring the world as a professional dancer.

If you are aiming for university, then you will be in the right place, as over 450 of our full time students go onto university every year. Many students also choose to stay here to

study for a degree and benefit from smaller class sizes, more one-to-one support and significantly lower costs compared to university.

We are also working with more employers than ever before to ensure you get access to real work experience opportunities and a chance to showcase your skills on live industry briefs, to give you that all important competitive edge when you apply for jobs or university places.

We have an extensive range of facilities across our five campuses with the latest state-of-the-art equipment modelled on industry standards, so you can be sure that you will be gaining skills that employers are looking for.

Walsall College is also a place to make friends and be part of the local community. Our Students' Union team will help you settle into life here and provide social activities and events to ensure you make the most of your time with us.

We are not just an exceptional college, we are a vibrant and safe place to study; a place where everyone is welcomed and supported in reaching their full potential. That's why employers and our community partners have high praise for our students.

We hope you find the course you are looking for, where our dedicated and passionate staff will provide you with all the support you need for powering your future - we look forward to welcoming you to Walsall College.

"Walsall College is uniquely and proudly vocational, delivering technical, professional and community education. Our greatest passion is unleashing the potential of individuals, communities and businesses; our greatest legacy is the talent of our students: skilled, professional and enterprising."

Jatinder Sharma OBE - Principal & Chief Executive

Welcome To Walsall College

HELLO

Apprenticeships

Gain a qualification as you work – from Healthcare to Teaching, Dental to Plumbing

Business & Computing

- Accounting and Finance • Business Administration, Marketing and Management
- Customer Service and Warehousing • Law • Computing

Construction, Engineering & Science

- Bricklaying • Building Maintenance • Plastering • Signmaking • Carpentry and Joinery • Painting and Decorating
- Professional Construction • Engineering, Machining and Manufacturing • Electrical Installation
- Plumbing, Gas and Sustainable Technologies • Motor Vehicle Technologies and Repair • Science

Creative Industries

- Art & Design • Fashion, Photography, Graphics and Creative Media • Music
- Performing Arts (Acting and Dance)

Health & Protective Services

- Childcare and Education • Health & Social Care • Pharmacy and Dental • Protective Services

Services To People

- Aviation Operations, Travel and Tourism • Barbering and Hairdressing • Beauty Therapy
- Cookery and Catering • Hospitality and Events Management • Sport and Fitness

Foundation Learning

- Supported Learning • Achieving Together • Pathways to the Future • Life Skills
- ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)

GCSE retakes and A Levels

- English Language • Maths • Biology • Chemistry • Physics
- A Levels - Coming soon! (See page 108)

DID YOU KNOW...

WE HAVE 14,000 STUDENTS 

YOU CAN STUDY UP TO DEGREE LEVEL WITH US 

FREE BUS PASS
Available to full time students
*subject to eligibility

FREE breakfast
Students get a **FREE** breakfast
*between 8.00am and 8.45am

COLLEGE BURSARIES AVAILABLE for equipment and childcare
*subject to eligibility

ENGLISH & MATHS
is an **IMPORTANT PART OF OUR STUDY PROGRAMMES**

FANCY A CUPPA
We have an onsite Starbucks 

FREE WI-FI ON CAMPUS 

99% of our students know how to stay safe online
Induction Survey – 2020/21

97% of our students feel they have received the right advice and guidance, to help them progress to what they want to do next.
End of year survey 18/19

We are one of the LARGEST PROVIDERS OF 16-18 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING in the West Midlands

96% of our students would recommend us to others
Induction Survey 2020/21

#1 FAN

we work with over 800 apprentice employers

cashless
Your ID card is a Smart Card, it can be pre-loaded with money to use at the College tills

96% of our students feel their course has helped them take the next steps into education/employment
End of year survey 18/19

BIGGEST SIXTH FORM in Walsall

WHAT IS V6?

Walsall College's V6 is a sixth form with a difference, our unique range of vocational and technical qualifications are highly valued by employers and universities. Whatever your aspiration, we will get you there.

We offer a wraparound study programme for most V6 courses that may include functional skills or GCSE English and/or maths as well as work experience opportunities and a programme of personal development. There are clubs and societies to join and opportunities to volunteer as well as attending educational trips both locally and further afield.

You will expand your digital literacy and take part in enrichment activities to explore wider issues such as culture, equality and diversity and the values that will support you to be a good citizen, and able to contribute positively within your community and beyond.

You will leave with much more than a qualification, you will become a **Walsall College Graduate**, gaining the wider personal development and employability skills to give you an edge.

You can achieve your goals with a vocational qualification. So whether you're driven by going to university or getting that dream job, you can get there the V6 way!



Become A Walsall College Graduate

Being successful in your chosen career is much more than achieving a qualification. Even when you can skilfully cut hair, lay bricks, or design websites, there is much more required to give you the advantage over others who go for that job or place at university.

You will need to stand out from the crowd. We will teach you the skills to do your job - and to do it brilliantly, but at Walsall College, you'll learn so much more than that.

You'll become a Walsall College Graduate:

- **Skilled** - You will have the industry skills, knowledge and experience to thrive in the workplace, from day one of employment.
- **Professional** - You will be job ready, with bags of initiative, communication skills and the ability to work well as part of a team.
- **Enterprising** - You will be resourceful, adaptable to the changing needs of business and able to innovate.

You will leave the College having become a well-rounded individual, ready to make an instant

contribution to your career - with a whole range of skills that employers want, from team-working to problem solving and communicating. It means that you're prepared for anything. Wherever your career takes you - onward, upward or even in a completely different direction, you've got the transferable skills to make it a success.

Go for gold

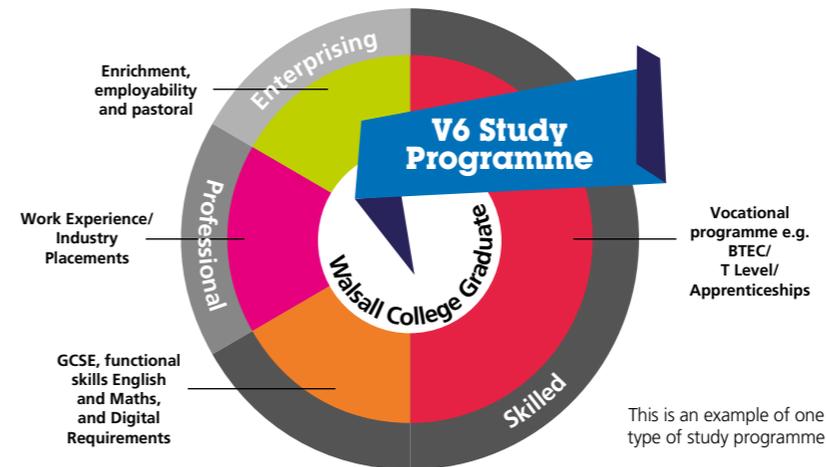
At the end of the year you will receive a personal profile pack showcasing your holistic skills and achievements ready for you to take to your next steps interview. Really shine and you'll get a silver or gold award, showing employers and universities that you go above and beyond in developing your transferable skills. Our outstanding Gold award winners are recognised at a prestigious end of year ceremony to celebrate and shine a light on their success.



WHAT MAKES UP A V6 STUDY PROGRAMME...

Your study programme (course) will include a number of elements. Each study programme will be unique to your individual needs to support your career ambitions.

- **Vocational qualification**
For most students this will make up the majority of their study programme. A mix of practical and theory, the qualification will stretch your understanding of the subject.
- **English and maths (GCSEs/Functional Skills)**
You will work towards achieving a 4-9 grade in GCSE English and maths. If you have already achieved this, you will continue to build on your skills in these subjects.
- **Work experience/industry placement**
You will undertake meaningful work experience/industry placements related to the vocational area of the study programme, to develop employability skills and apply your learning in real life situations.
- **Enrichment**
Your programme will also include other activities designed to support and help you develop the job related skills, experience, confidence and digital literacy required to progress to employment or higher education. This includes activities such as tutorials, personal and social development, volunteering and sport.
- **Personal development**
Alongside your programme, tutors will help you develop the skills you need to become responsible, respectful and active citizens. Through enrichment activities you will deepen your understanding of British values, develop a broader knowledge of physical and mental health and have access to impartial careers advice.



WORK EXPERIENCE

At Walsall College we understand how meaningful work experience and industry placements can be when providing Student's with a valuable understanding of the working environment, in addition to supporting Students decisions on a future career or study options. Work experience and industry placements are a critical and mandatory part of the study programme experience and have been put into place to enable Students to gain real-life, hands-on experience of a work place, building on existing skills and developing new ones.

Student's choosing their own Industry Placements

We understand that some of our students may wish to take ownership of their work placement, and we encourage them to find their own placement. We do have a team of placement officers who can support students to find a suitable work placement and make sure that the placement is relevant to their studies and all health & safety checks are carried out with the employer.

What are the benefits of doing a placement?

Gaining the real life experience

Mastering in a particular job field

Increased Confidence

Mentor support

Develop transferable skills

APPLY TO WALSALL COLLEGE

Don't forget to apply early to get on to the course you want!

+ Apply

Fill in your application form

Complete the online form, fill in the form at the back of this guide or call us for a paper copy if that's easier.

Interview

Come and meet us

We'll invite you in for an interview with the subject tutor - it's a great chance to talk about the course, and discuss how it can help you achieve the career you want. It might also include an initial assessment - perhaps a portfolio review or an audition. We'll also invite you and your parent/s or guardian to an admissions evening to really get a feel for the College.

✓ You're In

Congratulations - you've been offered a place!

If you haven't taken your GCSEs yet, you'll get a conditional offer - just enrol when you get the results and/or all other conditions are met. If you don't get the results you need, **please don't panic** - we're right here to help you look at different options. Just bring along some ID to enrolment (a passport, driving licence, national ID card, national insurance card, certificate of entitlement to funding or bank credit/debit card).

Home Start Course

Start your course!

Welcome to Walsall College, Courses kick off in September with induction activities and a Freshers' Week called 'The Big Hello'!

Visit us

Come along to an Open Day and discover for yourself why Walsall College is a brilliant place to start your journey for your ambitions! For fast track entrance to our Open Days, register your details on our website www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/planmyvisit.



01922 657000
 walsallcollege.ac.uk
 info@walsallcollege.ac.uk

WORKING WITH PARENTS

The support and encouragement you give your child at home can make a big difference to their success at College.

Parents' role

Encourage your child

to complete homework on time. It is set regularly and is essential to their independent learning.

Make sure they attend regularly

Missing coursework deadlines or exams can really affect your child's chances of success. If they are ill, please call 01922 657000 to report their absence.

Remind them to look after their belongings

and leave expensive equipment at home. It may cost you a lot of money to replace items.

Talk to us

Come along to our termly parents' evenings so that we can chat about your child's progress.

“

The College helped my daughter realise her dream. The teachers filled her with confidence and belief that anything is possible.

Parent of V6 student

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Our role

Expect regular updates

We'll keep you informed about your child's behaviour, homework, exams, assessments, successes and areas for improvement. You'll get a termly update, as well as an invitation to parents' evenings.

Personal guidance and support for your child

Each child has a personal tutor who is responsible for their care, progress and achievement. They're always on hand to help them reach their full potential - and help with any difficulties.

THE TRUTH ABOUT COLLEGE

When speaking to parents, who understandably want the best for their children, we have found that there are many common misconceptions and myths around college life and vocational qualifications. Here is some factual information that we hope will help you make a more informed decision about your child applying for college...

Fact 1: A vocational route can lead to university

After successfully completing a Level 3 vocational qualification (e.g BTEC, CACHE, NCFE or T Level) your child has achieved the equivalent to 3 A Level qualifications. This entitles your child to apply for university in the same way an A Level student can. Most universities accept BTEC qualifications, in fact, some may prefer BTEC courses to A Levels for some of their courses!*

Alternatively your child could stay with Walsall College to study higher education at a fraction of the cost of university.

Fact 2: Our students are high achievers

Vocational qualifications are a fantastic route into work and equip students with the essential skills employers are looking for. To complete a Level 3 qualification at Walsall College we normally ask for 5 GCSEs grade C/ 4 or above including English and Maths. Dependent on your child's chosen career route, it can be essential to hold a vocational qualification. Just read some of the student success stories in this guide to see how far your child could progress with a vocational qualification.

Fact 3: Our students sign a Ready, Respectful, Safe agreement

On joining Walsall College all of our students sign a Ready, Respectful, Safe agreement. In the rare instance where a student

misbehaves and breaks this agreement, staff work quickly to help get them back on track. However, if the behaviour continues there is a strict positive behaviour management and disciplinary system that will be actioned to ensure that the students' behaviour does not affect other students in their class and their own and others learning experience.

Fact 4: We offer second to none impartial advice and guidance

From award winning Careers Guidance Officers, to support with additional learning needs, Walsall College offers all the support your child needs to succeed. Find out more on page 12. We also hold an annual HE Fair, inform students about external careers, employability and HE events plus run dedicated employer led events and activities. These include talks from industry professionals and universities to broaden students' horizons, raise their aspirations and inform them of all the career options available in their chosen field. Some of the employers we work with include Walsall Football Club, Balfour Beatty, Bell Decorating Academy and many more! You can view our full CEIAG programme on our website.

Fact 5: World of work opportunities

Students are encouraged to complete industry placements to help boost their industry awareness, confidence and professional mindset, giving them a competitive edge when progressing to university and/or employment. Students are never alone during the process of

completing their work experience. We have an Industry Placement Team supporting them in finding suitable placements, as well as staying in contact with them throughout their time in the workplace.

Fact 6: English and maths is a mandatory part of our study programme

Students aged 16-18 at the start of the course will be expected to study Maths and English as mandatory requirements and as a part of their study programme, if not previously achieved at C/4 or above at school. If your child has obtained a grade D/3 on their English or Maths GCSE, we can support them towards working to a grade C/4. This will be studied alongside a full time course.

Fact 7: Safeguarding is taken seriously at College

We work hard to keep your child safe and well. There is a safeguarding policy which is available on the College website. Please work with us to keep your child safe.

Fact 8: A sympathetic ear and a guiding hand are always available

Our doors are always open, so whether a student has a problem relating to their academic or personal life, emotional wellbeing or behaviour, we have a dedicated Pastoral Team that can provide additional support outside of the classroom.

*Please check entry criteria for specific university courses

T LEVELS

WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels. The 2-year qualification brings classroom and work placement together, on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers and businesses.

You'll spend 80% time in the classroom and 20% on a minimum of 315 hours placement to equip you with the knowledge and skills employers are looking for.

Your T Level will help you to step up straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

Wherever your future is heading, take it to the next level.

T Levels. The Next Level Qualification.

We currently offer the following T Levels:

- ↗ Digital
- ↗ Construction
- ↗ Health
- ↗ Education & Childcare
- ↗ Management and Administration
- ↗ Engineering and Manufacturing

Apply now for September 2022!

For more information, visit: [gov.uk/dfes/t-levels](https://www.gov.uk/dfes/t-levels)

80%
in the classroom

20%
minimum of 315
hours on placement

GET WORK READY... PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Industry placements and work related activity provide you with a valuable opportunity to gain real life, hands on experience in a workplace environment linked to your area of study.

315 hrs placement

As part of the new T Levels you will be expected to undertake a minimum of 315 hours in an industry placement related to your chosen course.

36 hr placement and work related activities

All our study programmes link to the world of work. Wherever possible we place you in live industry settings and present you with scenarios that you could face in future jobs. You will spend a minimum of 36 hrs of your study programmes doing work related activities. These include:

- External work placement
- Supported internship
- Masterclass
- Employer visit
- Employer projects
- Employer talks

What do our Employers say:

"We know hands-on experience is extremely beneficial to young people starting out in their chosen field. We were happy for the college's painting and decorating students to assist with our maintenance, demonstrating how teams like ours work around the school timetable to maintain our welcoming and inspiring environment."

John Nicholson,
Regional Facilities Manager
at E-Act

"We were delighted to support Walsall College's virtual work experience week for their engineering students. We want to encourage these talented young people to consider careers in rail and construction, bringing innovative, fresh ideas to develop transportation infrastructure in the UK."

Rose Rees,
Head of Engagement and Skills
at Midland Metro Alliance



Autotech Academy's Work Experience Week competition

Autotech Academy gifted automotive student Leah Rollason a Teng Tools toolkit, worth over £1,000, following a competition on tyre markings. Four other students received runner-up prizes.

Dave Walker, National Careers Manager at Autotech Academy commented: "By doing something more knowledge-based rather than technical, the students demonstrated a different aspect of their training; something that will appeal to their future employers."

Leah said: "It was a chance to be in a workplace situation where I could prove I can research and communicate well. When something like this comes up for me again professionally in future, I know I'll be ready for it."



ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED



What's the first thing that people notice here at Walsall College? It's our welcoming and friendly atmosphere - and all the support you need to achieve your ambitions.

Supporting you

If you need advice and support

Our award winning Careers Guidance Team can help you find the answers. They can advise you on matching your skills to your career, tell you which qualifications you'll need to get your dream job and help you get any additional support you might need. There is a whole range of support available to ensure your time at Walsall College is enjoyable and that you reach your full potential.

Support for Students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

We are committed to providing outstanding provision and inclusive support for our SEND students. Letting us know details of your additional needs early on allows us to plan in advance to ensure the correct starting point at college and the proper support is put into place from the offset. If you are aged 16-25 yrs and you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) we have to go through a formal consultation process with the Local Authority responsible for your EHCP.

Please contact us on inclusivesupport@walsallcollege.ac.uk if you have any queries.

We have a wide range of courses that may be suitable for students with high needs/EHCP/SEND. Our specialist tutors and support staff work with smaller groups and our courses are designed to prepare students for adulthood, promote independence, personal and social development. We experience fantastic success in supporting our students to achieve their qualifications, build on their holistic skills and to progress onto higher level courses or into employment/voluntary work and both supported and independent living.

We support students with a wide range of additional needs including; autism spectrum disorder, physical disabilities, hearing impairment, visual impairment, learning difficulties, specific learning difficulties, mental health and medical conditions.

The support mechanisms we provide include; support from our highly skilled Learning Mentors, 1:1 support, small group support, support in class, support at break/lunch times, transport meet and greet, 1:1 assignment support sessions, specialist dyslexia support, examination access arrangements assessments, BSL interpreter, specialist language support and notetaking. An individual support plan will be implemented to support the student's college journey.

We are recognised for having specialist Deaf Academy provision for students with hearing impairment. We have a team of highly skilled Educational Interpreters and Notetakers who provide access and support in all lessons. In addition to this we provide high quality specialist language support sessions, bespoke to the individual students needs.

Our goal is to ensure that all our SEND students can access individualised support to allow students to learn within an inclusive and accessible environment to enable them to be successful and to achieve their full potential.

Ofsted recognised our provision for high needs students as Outstanding.

If things are getting on top of you

Our free personal counselling service is here to help.

If you need somewhere to study

If you need somewhere to study our Learning Resources Centre has everything you need - thousands of books, magazines and papers; computers and digital resources; and fantastic staff to help you find what you want.

Pastoral support

Each student has access to a Pastoral Support Officer

outside of the classroom, who can support students with their behaviour, attendance and social and personal development to achieve their potential, both academically and personally.

Student finance

If you're struggling with the cost of study

Just ask our Customer Service Team about help that might be available. We may be able to help with expenses like travel, equipment and exams - including a FREE bus pass*.

*Subject to eligibility, terms and conditions apply.

Fees

If you are under 19 the courses in this prospectus are free. If you are 19 or over there may be a cost attached. Please contact the Customer Service Team for further information. You may be able to get help with the cost of the course dependent on your circumstances.



Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity

Equality & Diversity

We welcome and celebrate the unique talent and experience of each individual student. We're proud to have built a community that celebrates its diversity, and makes sure everyone is valued, supported and respected.

If you're worried about your own or someone else's safety

Everyone needs a safe environment to thrive.

Here at Walsall College, we're committed to making sure that you're kept safe from harm, such as neglect, bullying or abuse. If you're in an unsafe situation at home, at College or anywhere else, we're here to support you and involve people who can help. Contact us at: safeguardingteam@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Help us to keep your child safe

We are passionate about safeguarding our students and helping them to keep themselves safe. We need parents/guardians

to help us do this. With increasing online threats, young people need help to stay safe when using the internet and parents/guardians should be mindful of the online content that their child is accessing. There are lots of external organisations who can support parents and young people, such as, the NSPCC and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) or you can contact the College's Safeguarding Team if you are worried.

smart card

FREE* bursaries

- **FREE Bus Passes for 16-18 yr olds***
- **FREE College Meals for 16-18 yr olds***
- **Bursaries available for Equipment and Childcare***

Funds may be available to you if you are over 16 and need help with travel, equipment, exams, childcare or the cost of studying in general.

Find out more from our website or speak to our Customer Service Team on **01922 657000** for more information on eligibility.

*Terms and conditions apply. An online bursary form must be submitted to assess if you are eligible.

Find out more:
www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/smartcard



FREE Breakfast for all*

Start your day the right way!
Students get **FREE** breakfast*

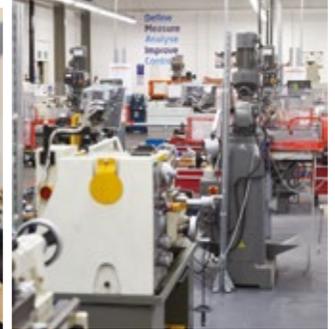
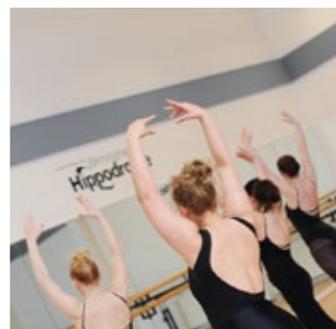
*between 8am - 8.45am
Hawbush Campus:
8.30am - 9am

FANTASTIC FACILITIES FANTASTIC PROSPECTS

Step into our campuses for the first time and you'll be impressed. We've invested millions in our campuses to give you the very best equipment and facilities. How can we be so sure? Because we've worked with industry leaders - the very people who will want to employ you - to create them.

It's the perfect place to study. We have:

- Drop in learning decks that have all the latest technology
- Free Wi-fi
- Free job search and support
- Starbucks
- Onsite award winning Littleton Restaurant
- Onsite nursery
- Music campus with recording studio and equipment
- Cisco Networking Academy/ Oracle Academy
- Bell Painting and Decorating Academy
- Dulux Academy
- Theatre and dance space
- Hairdressing Salon and Barber Shop
- Digital Innovation Hub
- Beauty Therapy Spa including sauna, jacuzzi and steam room
- Sports Hall
- Workshops in: Brickwork, Engineering, Gas, Plumbing, Plastering, Motor Vehicle, Carpentry, Welding and more
- Onsite gym
- Sports hall with badminton courts
- Sports training and injury clinic
- Conference/meeting rooms
- Dedicated Engineering Campus that includes: Solid works and Autodesk suite, 3D printing technologies, CNC machines, Electronics Lab and Hydraulics and pneumatics training rigs and more!



HOW TO GET HERE

Most of Walsall College's campuses are just a short walk from Walsall's main bus and train station which welcomes routes from all over the West Midlands and Staffordshire area. Choose to join us and you may even be eligible for a FREE Bus Pass*.

*subject to eligibility

If you're wondering how to get here

Wisemore Campus is just a few minutes walk from the railway station and central bus stops in Walsall town centre - and within walking distance of our Green Lane Campus, Digital Engineering Skills Centre, Broadway Campus and The Hub. To reach our Hawbush Campus jump on bus 31 or 32 in Walsall which comes every few minutes and you will be onsite in 16 minutes. Our inclusive Support Team can advise non-independent travellers and arrange disabled parking spaces.

Car parking for students

Students may park on the Wisemore Campus car park free of charge after 4.30pm (Monday to Friday). On Saturdays and Sundays, the Wisemore car park becomes a council-run pay and display.

Bike stands

There are bike stands available at all of our campuses.

Buses to Walsall

No.	From	
4	Blackheath via West Bromwich	32 Lower Farm via Bloxwich
4H	Hayley Green via Halesowen, Blackheath & West Bromwich	34 Bilston via Darlaston
4M	Merry Hill Shopping Centre via Blackheath & West Bromwich	36 Walsall to Alumwell to circular
6	Sutton Coldfield via Mere Green, Little Aston and Aldridge	37 Willenhall via Lodge Farm and Darlaston
7	Walsall Wood via Aldridge	39 Stowlawn via Bilston and Darlaston
7A	Castlefort via Walsall Wood and Aldridge	41 Willenhall via New Invention Bentley
8	Brownhills to via Clayhanger, Pelsall Lane and Rushall	45 West Bromwich via Charlemont Farm, Stone Cross and Yew Tree
8A	Pelsall via Pelsall Lane and Rushall	51 Birmingham - Walsall via Great Barr
9	Bloxwich via Pelsall, High Heath and Rushall	69 Wolverhampton via New Cross Hospital Wood End New Invention Beechdale
10	Brownhills via Streets Corner	70 Bloxwich to Walsall Bus Station via Dudley Fields and Beechdale
10A	Lichfield via Brownhills Coppice Road	70A Walsall to Beechdale to Circular via Green Lane Sainsburys
11	Merry Hill to Dudley to Walsall via Powis Avenue Wood Green Road	77 Sutton Coldfield via New Oscott Streetly Barr Beacon
11A	Merry Hill to Dudley to Walsall via Gospel Oak Myvod	529 Wolverhampton via Willenhall
19	Bloxwich via Blakenall Goscote	934 Birmingham via Kingstanding Pheasey
29	Bloxwich via Blakenall	935 Birmingham via Kingstanding Streetly
31	Mossley via Bloxwich	997 Birmingham via Perry Barr Old Oscott Pheasey Aldridge
		X51 Cannock to Birmingham via Walsall and Great Barr

Trains to Walsall

Direct trains are available from the following stations:

Birmingham New Street, Tame Bridge Parkway, Bloxwich, Bloxwich North, Landywood, Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley Town, Rugeley Trent Valley,

Wolverhampton, Coseley, Tipton, Dudley Port, Sandwell & Dudley, Smethwick Galton Bridge, Smethwick Rolfe Street, Duddeston, Aston, Witton, Perry Barr, Hamstead.

1 Wisemore Campus

Littleton St West, WS2 8ES
This campus includes fully-fitted areas for the study of business, creative arts, health, protective services and computing. There is also a performance area, a hair and beauty training salon and a nursery.

1 Broadway Campus

Littleton St West, WS2 8ES
An exclusive space just for music students and set in a listed building with its own grounds, students have access to state of the art instruments to enable them to perfect their musical talents.

1 The Hub

Littleton St West, WS2 8ES
Whether you need a great restaurant to meet up with friends, a gym and fitness classes, a meeting space, business start-up advice or business training, The Hub is open to students and the general public.



2 Green Lane Campus
Long Acre St, WS2 8HX
This campus is the centre for construction trades/services. Modelled on industry standards, the centre has simulated workshop areas for trades, including painting and decorating, brickwork and carpentry.

3 Digital Engineering Skills Centre
Portland St, WS2 8AB
Our Digital Engineering Skills Centre (DESC) includes a wide range of state-of-the-art equipment to meet the needs of the engineering and advanced construction industries.

4 Hawbush Campus
Beeches Road, WS3 1AG
Based in Leamore, this campus offers a variety of courses for 19+ Adults and Supported Learners including maths, English, ICT, horticulture & gardening, health & social care, childcare and many more.

5 Whitehall Campus
Weston St, WS1 4EQ
Based in the heart of the community, this campus offers Community Interpretation, ESOL reading, speaking, listening and writing classes as well as Functional Maths and ICT skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND LEVELS

The table below shows typical entry requirements for each level, although your chosen course may have specific requirements, so please check individual course requirements.

Vocational courses	Entry requirements	Equivalent	When completed
LEVEL 6 Bachelor Degree final year, Top-Up Degree Level 6, Degree Apprenticeship	Successful completion of Level 5 related qualification or related industry experience and an interview	BA Hons	Continue to Masters or use your skills to start work
LEVEL 5 Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) Foundation Degree, Higher Level Apprenticeships	Successful completion of Level 4 related qualification or related industry experience and an interview	to Bachelor Degree Year 2	Progress to university or use your skills to start work
LEVEL 4 Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher Level Apprenticeships	A Levels or successful completion of Level 3 related qualifications or related industry experience and an interview	to Bachelor Degree Year 1	Progress to university or use your skills to start work
LEVEL 3 Level 3 Apprenticeships, BTEC Diplomas, Access to HE, T Levels	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course)*. Or successful completion of Level 2 related qualification and interview.	to A Levels	Progress to university, HE at Walsall College or use your skills to start work
LEVEL 2 Level 2 Apprenticeships, BTEC Awards/Certificates/Diplomas, NVQ, VRQ	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3-1 (including a curriculum-related subject, English Language and/or Maths). Or successful completion of Level 1 related qualification and interview.	to GCSEs	Progress to Level 3 study or use skills to start work
LEVEL 1 BTEC Awards/Certificates/Diplomas, NVQ, VRQ	No formal qualifications required but applicants will be invited in for an interview		Progress to Level 2 study
ENTRY Skills for life, vocational studies	No formal qualifications required but applicants will be invited in for an interview and assessment		Progress to Level 1 study

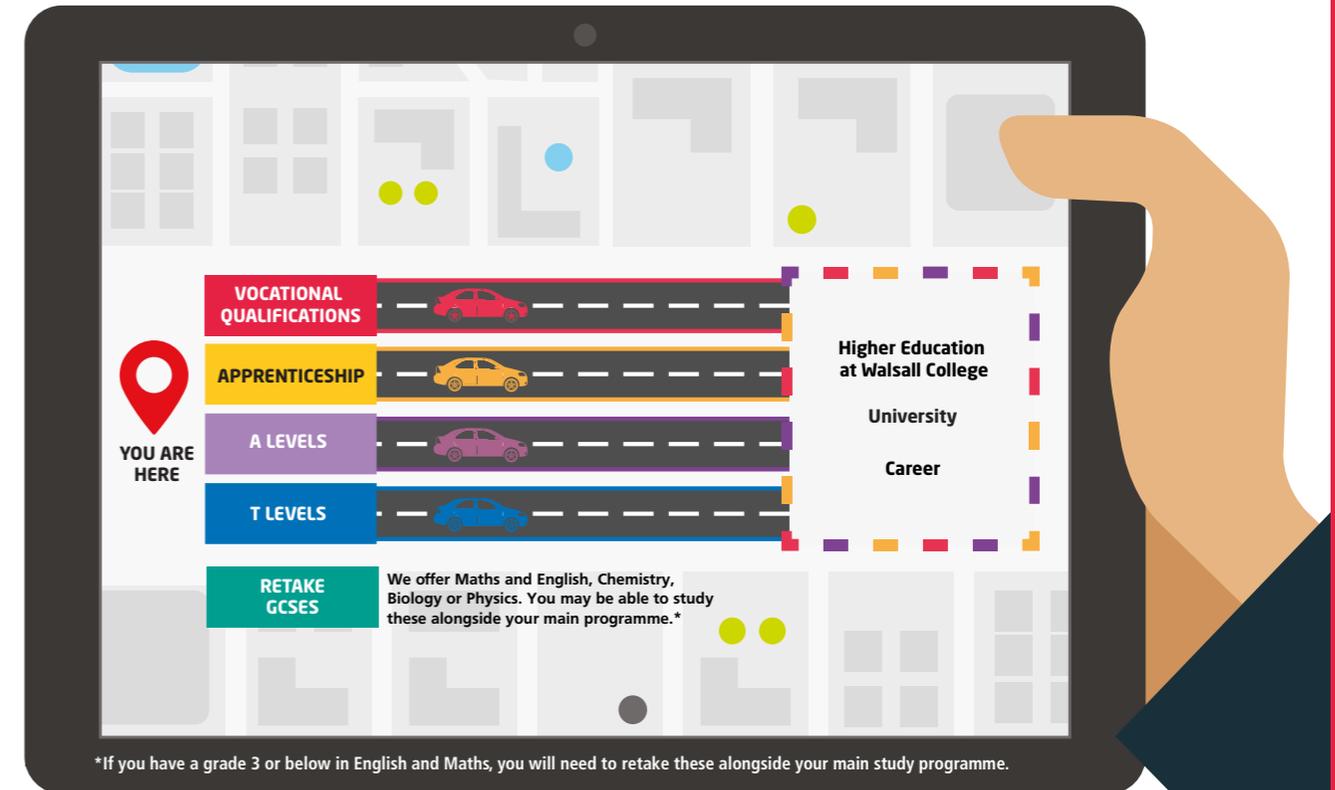
*T Levels may require higher grades. Please see individual courses for requirements.

You can study up to Level 6 at Walsall College

For all courses you will be required to have an interview, an initial assessment and a reference. There may be more specific requirements for your particular course e.g. for creative arts courses you may require a portfolio of work. If you have disabilities or learning difficulties, you may not need to meet some entry requirements - our Inclusive Support Team can advise you, call **01922 688536** for further advice.

CHOOSING ROUTES TO SUCCESS

A Levels are not the only route to success as vocational qualifications will help you reach your career destination in the same time. A level 3 BTEC, T Level and Advanced Apprenticeship are all the equivalent to A Levels. Choose the right journey for you...



Right Student - Right Course

Our ambition is that whilst you are a student at Walsall College, you will not only have a great time, but you will also be very successful.

How does it work?

We will look at your qualifications, your initial assessment and any other relevant information in order to agree with you the best route to achieve your goal.

We will:

- Discuss this with you during your interview and look at your results again when you enrol
- Review your progress with you through tutorials
- Tell you what you need to do to progress with clear targets to give you every chance to help you reach your full potential.

JOIN THE STUDENTS UNION AND BE MORE ENTERPRISING



Join the Students' Union and there are so many ways to enjoy yourself, enrich your CV and improve your chances of landing that dream job...

Make Friends

The induction & Big Hello both take place in September and are a great chance to make friends and find out what we've got to offer. The Student Lounge offers games consoles, pool tables, table tennis, and PCs - it's your place to relax and enjoy your free time.

Volunteer and impress employers

Get some great work experience when you volunteer and really stand out from the crowd. It's a brilliant way to boost your skills and show employers how enterprising you are. To find out about volunteering opportunities email: volunteer@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Speak Up

Only you can know what it's like to be a student and if you want to get more involved in the student experience then becoming a Student Rep, Student Union Officer or Student Governor could be the role for you. You will receive training, support and will help other students get their voice heard. To find out about these roles email: studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Make great savings

Walsall College Students' Union is affiliated to the National Union of Students who promote and represent students' rights and issues. Being part of the NUS enables students to engage with a range of national campaigns www.nus.org.uk

Students can also save money with the TOTUM card which offers over 200 discounts online and in store. Find out more at; www.totum.com

Have fun

We want you to enjoy your time at College and we have lots of events and activities throughout the year. We always want to hear if you have any ideas or suggestions so please feel free to drop in and see us when you start college or find us at;

Facebook: [WalsallSU](https://www.facebook.com/WalsallSU) Twitter: [@walsallsu](https://twitter.com/walsallsu)
Email: studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Discounts include:



Explore Walsall's waterfront, home to many restaurants including TGI Fridays and Nandos
Make the most of discounts from the following brands plus many more!

HEALTHY BODY, POSITIVE FUTURE

Alongside your study programmes, our state-of-the-art sports hall offers you the chance to come and have a go at football, cricket, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, tennis, badminton and dodgeball, as well as a range of dance and relaxation classes including yoga, pilates and zumba.

It's a great way to have fun, socialise and make new friends. There's also opportunities to get involved in volunteering and offsite activities and try something really exciting.

This year has seen college students involved in many activities including tennis and golf.

The best part is that it's all FREE! We have academies in basketball and football, they offer talented students an opportunity to work towards sporting success. For more information email howardmark@walsallcollege.ac.uk



We are part of the AoC Sports League scheme with teams in basketball and football.

STAY LOCAL AND GO FURTHER WITH OUR HE COURSES

With smaller classroom sizes, face to face learning and lower fees than most universities, your Walsall College education doesn't need to stop when you reach 18, or when you get a job. We offer a range of higher education courses including degrees, right here.

With our HI:ED university level courses, we can help you on the way to your dream job without going any further afield. And if university is your goal, you'll find it's a fantastic, cost-effective step on the way.

Access Courses (pre Higher Education)

Get the skills you need for HE - they're a great foundation to build on.

Higher National Certificate/Diplomas (HNCs-Level 4/HNDs-Level 5)

These offer a mix of the academic, practical and vocational classes. Enjoy your improved career prospects straightaway or top up to degree level.

Level 6 Top-Up Degrees

We're delighted to offer our one-year top-up designed to convert an existing qualification at Level 5 into a full BA or BSc Honours qualification at Level 6. It's aimed at successful HND/FdA (or equivalent) graduates who want to gain an affordable, accessible university level qualification. See our website to see what's on offer.

Work-based HE

Higher Apprenticeships

Get the higher level skills employers want - with the opportunity to enrol on higher level courses (may need additional qualifications for some higher level courses).

Professional Qualifications

Enhance your skills and career prospects with these higher level courses.

Foundation Degrees

Get the know-how and up-to-date specialist industry skills that employers need - then top-up to full degree level at the College or university if you like.



5 reasons to study higher education at Walsall College



Study our HNC/D and top-up courses at a fraction of the price of university with no compromise on quality.



Our close industry links will help you get the skills that employers are looking for and put you on course to the career you want.



£76m invested in 5 state of the art campuses over the last 6 years.



Our lessons are taught in small classes increasing the one-to-one support from your lecturer.



You can progress from a number of our HNC programmes, all the way to degree level. Our degrees are delivered in conjunction with Birmingham City University and Staffordshire University.



APPRENTICESHIPS

An Apprenticeship is a brilliant first step on the career path in many businesses. They're an excellent way of gaining nationally recognised qualifications whilst earning a wage, and combine practical 'hands on' work experience with academic knowledge. Put the skills you learn into practice on the job, in the workplace, in real life situations - what could prepare you better?



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You're paid to learn and you receive excellent training.

I love being in control of my schedule.

My work life is more flexible and I've benefitted more financially.

We have a range* of apprenticeships including:

- Accounts/Finance/Payroll/Taxation
- Assessor Coach
- Brickwork
- Business and Administration
- Carpentry/Joinery
- Chartered Management Degree
- Customer Service
- Dental Nursing
- Digital Marketing
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering Manufacturing
- Healthcare/Care Support
- Improving Operational Performance
- Learning Mentor
- Learning & Skills Teacher
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Operations/Departmental Manager
- Painting & Decorating
- Pharmacy Technician
- Plasterer
- Plumbing and Domestic Heating
- Property Maintenance
- Signmaking
- Teaching Assistant
- Team Leading/Supervisor

*Subject to change

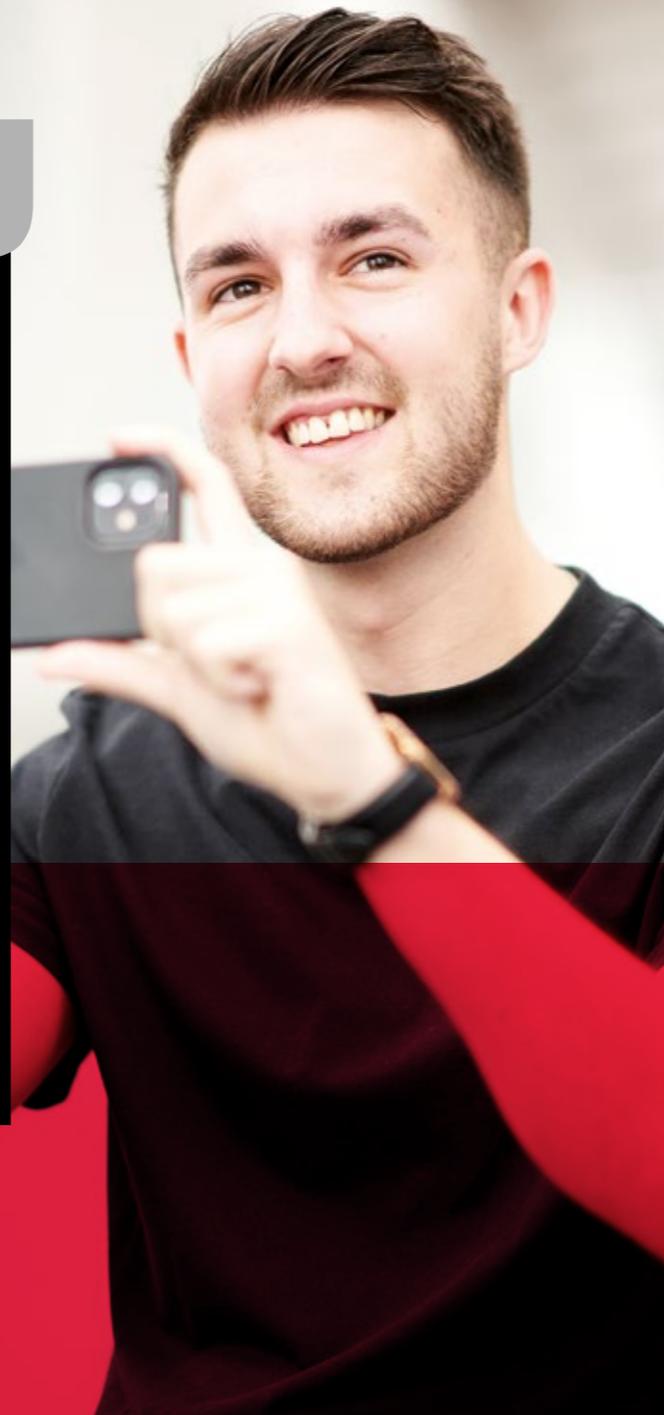
Cody Harper

Cody Harper completed a Digital Marketer Apprenticeship with NHS Black Country and West Birmingham CCGs and now works as a Creative Communications Assistant.

“Apprenticeships have been a massive surprise for me. I never thought I would ever work in an office. I expected it to be restrictive. It turns out to be the opposite if you make a role into something you want it to be.

“If you make the effort to earn the responsibility, show initiative and prove you can work on your own and with others, then you will have the career you always planned to.”

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We work with over
800 apprenticeship
employers!
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There are Apprenticeship standards available from Level 2 (GCSE) - Level 7 (Masters):

- Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Apprenticeship
- Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship

How do you become an apprentice?

You might already be employed but if not, to find job vacancies go to:

- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

If you are already employed...

If you want to further your qualifications in the job you are currently in, you could ask your employer if this is possible. Apprenticeship training won't cost your employer anything if you are between the ages of 16-18.

How much can you earn?

The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is £4.30* per hour (as of Apr 2021), but many employers pay more - the average salary is approximately £200 per week, but some employers could pay more.

What are the entry requirements?

Typically 4 GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above, including Maths and English, or a NVQ in a related subject, but each Apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so check with our Apprenticeships team.

What if you don't meet the entry criteria?

Don't worry, there are a number of routes you can follow to help you get the required skills to do an Apprenticeship. Please come in to the college to the Job Shop or call **01922 651129** and we can discuss your options.

HOW DOES AN APPRENTICESHIP WORK?

Initial Assessment

Before you begin your Apprenticeship, we will conduct an initial assessment with you. This will assess your English & Maths skills.

Developing Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours

Your Apprenticeship will develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you need to be able to work competently in the particular occupation you have chosen:

Knowledge - the information, technical detail, and 'know-how' that someone you develop and understand to successfully carry out your duties. Knowledge will be occupation-specific and generic.

Skills - the practical application of knowledge needed to successfully undertake your duties. These are learnt through on- and/or off-the-job training or experience.

Behaviours - mindsets, attitudes or approaches needed for competence. These may be similar across other Apprenticeships, for example, being adaptable and professional.

20% Off The Job Training

Off-the-job training is learning completed outside of your day-to-day work duties. This could be your time studying at college. This training is part of your normal (contracted) working hours.

Gateway

The 'Gateway' is a set of requirements that need to be met so your employer is able to put you forward for an 'End Point Assessment'.

This includes completion of the mandatory aspects of the Apprenticeship and any work that supports specified assessment methods.

End Point Assessment

End-point assessment (EPA) is an assessment of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you have learned throughout your Apprenticeship and which confirms that you are occupationally competent.



Download full course sheets from our website

* subject to change (correct at time of print)

YOUR ROUTE TO AN APPRENTICESHIP

Already have a job?

Apply directly to the College*

You will be invited to attend an initial assessment and college interview

If you meet the entry requirements...
Sign up and we will come to see you to get you enrolled

Looking for a job?

Apply directly to the College*
Come into the Job Shop

Apply for a job via
www.apprenticeships.gov.uk or
www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

You will be invited to attend an initial assessment and college interview

Don't meet the entry requirements?
Don't give up - we may have an alternative option for you.

There are many options, even if you don't get your chosen apprenticeship at your first attempt. You may just need to brush up on any missing skills - a traineeship could help you with this. If you have been unsuccessful at your first employer interview we will send you new opportunities as they come in.

We will help you search for apprenticeship jobs whilst you are completing these programmes

Meet the entry requirements?
We will send your application form to the employer for consideration

If you haven't applied for a particular job

If we don't have a suitable vacancy
If we have a suitable vacancy we will help you prepare for an interview

If you have applied for a job via NAS or the College

Interview with employer
Unsuccessful - we'll keep your details on file for future opportunities
Successful - sign up and we'll come and see you to get you enrolled

YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

*There are many ways to apply:
Online at: www.walsallcollege.ac.uk
Use the application form at the back of this prospectus
Come in to our Wisemore Campus
Call 01922 651129 and ask for an application form

Sign up for our Apprenticeship Vacancies Newsletter via our website www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

Apprenticeships are available in

1500

JOB ROLES

Covering more than

170

INDUSTRIES

from advertising to youth work and from environmental engineering to legal.

Source: amazingapprenticeships.com

SET YOURSELF UP FOR THE FUTURE
apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training, and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated

£150,000

over their lifetime.

Source: assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/787717/Guide-to-Apprenticeships-260219-LR.pdf

You don't pay fees,
apprenticeships are funded by the government and employers

You'll get at least

20 days

paid holiday per year, plus bank holidays.

SOURCE: <https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions>

DID YOU KNOW

THERE'S NO AGE LIMIT

on an apprenticeship

After an apprenticeship

90%

of people stay in employment.

Source: www.keits.co.uk/facts-about-apprenticeships.php

3,587 people started a degree apprenticeship in England in 2018/19

Source: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships>

Pay is dependent on the

INDUSTRY, LOCATION

and type of

APPRENTICESHIP,

for example some higher apprenticeships can pay as much as

£500 PER WEEK

Source: gettingofar.gov.uk

EARN AND LEARN

the current minimum wage rate for an apprentice is £4.30 per hour (April 2021)

Source: www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions

The same applies if you're **19 and over** and in the first year of your apprenticeship, after that you are entitled to the **National Minimum Wage**. However many employers pay more than this.

Eight in ten apprentices

80%

who completed or were still working towards an apprenticeship agreed their chances of going on to higher levels of training had increased.

In **2018/19**, there were

719,400

people participating in an apprenticeship in England, with 322,500 apprenticeship starts and 146,900 apprenticeship achievements.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn06113/#:~:text=Apprenticeship%20starts%20in%202018%2F19,funding%20system%20in%20May%202017.>

20%

of an apprentice's paid time is off-the-job. This is when you learn and develop in your role. 20% is equivalent to one day a week.

SOURCE: amazingapprenticeships.com

BUSINESS & COMPUTING

If you're a computer whizz, this is a great place to get the practical computing skills you'll need to work towards your dream career or perhaps you can see yourself busy in the boardroom, managing a team or holding your own in court?

This is the ideal launch pad for a stimulating professional career. Learn from people with a wealth of experience in the business world and benefit from our keen local industry knowledge and links.

Our Partners

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Microsoft

CISCO

ORACLE
ACADEMY

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The one-to-one support I received from my computing tutors was extremely helpful.

Example Careers...

Lawyer

Games Developer

Retail Manager

Accountant

Forensic IT

PR Officer

IT Technician

HR Officer

App Developer

Solicitor

Security Analyst

Barrister

Website Designer

And many more!

Our Facilities...

- State-of-the-art classrooms
- Help with business start-up
- The Risual Academy in partnership with Microsoft
- CISCO Networking Academy
- ORACLE Academy
- Our courses are taught by people with experience and links with the real world of business, IT and law

Accounting and Finance

Are you good with your finances? Know how to budget and keep an eye on those £s?

A job in accounting and finance could be your ideal career. Accountants keep a close eye on the money aspect of a business's operations, including looking at outgoing payments, bookkeeping and identifying spending trends. Perhaps you see yourself working in payroll where you look after staff salaries, pensions and benefits?

Our courses will get you trained up to develop a specialist understanding of the financial services sector and business accounting. Our accounting apprenticeships are run in conjunction with AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians).

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Account/Finance Assistant Apprenticeship Standard	12-14 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	All apprenticeship candidates will undertake a basic initial assessment and an interview during which suitability, commitment and interest for the programme will be determined.
Level 3			
Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship Standard	18-24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	5 GCSEs with Maths and English at Grade C/4, Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.
Payroll Administrator Apprenticeship Standard	18-24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business and Accounting	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths or English Language.
T Level in Accounting	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths and English Language. You will also be asked to sit a short written assessment to determine your appropriate level of study.

DID YOU KNOW...

Careers in banking and capital markets tend to attract the highest salaries and larger employers generally pay more than smaller ones. Salary packages may include benefits such as bonuses, profit-sharing schemes, medical insurance, pensions and car allowances.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chartered-accountant>



Skills you will develop include:

- Bookkeeping activities
- Working with sales and purchase ledgers
- Running calculations to ensure that records and payments are correct
- Recording of cash and data entry
- Using payroll software
- Compliance with legislative and contractual obligations
- Learn about the different types of pay, statutory payments and deductions
- Gender pay gap reporting
- Learn about pensions
- Understand accounting transactions
- Producing reports using computerised accounting software
- How to calculate VAT and submit a VAT return



Download full course sheets from our website

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Audit trainee, corporate recovery analyst, credit controller, tax accountant, accounts assistant, accounts payable clerk, accounts administrator, business accounts administrator, finance assistant junior, cost accountant assistant, assistant bookkeeper, junior cashier, junior credit control clerk, data input clerk, accounts receivable clerk, general administrator, bank reconciliation clerk, cash poster, finance administrator and more!

Employer links include:

- HSBC
- Handelsbanken
- Santander

You'll love:

- Working within the industry with a prospect of being employed at the end of the training
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Earning and learning (apprenticeships)

SALARIES

Starting salaries for accountants vary depending on the location, sector, size and type of firm.



Graduates entering this career can expect to earn salaries of up to

£30,000



During training, the average earning potential can be up to

£60,000



The average annual salary for a chartered accountant is

£84,500

with an average yearly bonus of £17,300.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chartered-accountant>

Business Administration, Marketing and Management

Whether your aim is to be an organisational whizz in the office, a customer service champion, marketing guru or hold your own in a business start-up, studying with us could help you get there.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Foundation in Business	1 year	Wisemore Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business	1 year	Wisemore Campus	1 or 2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above, and 3 GCSEs at grade D/3 including Maths and English or related qualifications at Level 1.*
BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate Marketing	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grade D/3 or above including English Language or a Level 1 related qualification.*
BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Esports (Video Gaming)	1 year	Wisemore Campus	1 or 2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above, and 3 GCSEs at grade D/3 including maths and English or related qualifications at Level 1 including maths and English.*
Level 3			
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and Marketing	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths or English Language.*
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and Management	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths or English Language.*
T Level in Management and Administration - Business Support	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths and English Language.*

*You will also be asked to sit a short written assessment to determine your appropriate level of study.



Download full course sheets from our website

T Level in Management and Administration - Team Leadership / Management	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including GCSE Maths and English Language.*
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Esports (Video Gaming)	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification plus Maths and/or English at Level 2.*
Digital Marketer Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	Literacy, Numeracy and ICT at a minimum of Level 1 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
Team Leader/Supervisor Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 1 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
Business Administrator Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	Literacy, Numeracy and ICT at a minimum of Level 1 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

- Composing letters, reports, emails, leaflets using conventional layouts and formats, containing appropriate style, tone, spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Making and receiving calls
- Professionally welcoming visitors
- Organising business travel and accommodation
- Handling diary systems and booking meetings
- Customer communications
- Applying digital marketing
- Understanding social media advertising
- Branding products and services
- Generating customer loyalty
- Marketing an event
- Corporate social responsibility
- Understand different leadership styles
- Understand organisational cultures, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Understand hr systems and legal requirements and performance management

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Administrator in any sector, marketing specialist, social media manager, marketing analyst, digital marketing manager, events coordinator, data analyst, business development manager, personal assistant, human resources manager, operational researcher, business advisor, HR consultant, training and development manager, executive recruitment and more!

Employer links include:

- Job Change
- Luther Marketing
- The Dudley Group of Hospitals
- Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

You'll love:

- The diverse set of skills that will get you into employment or get you ready for higher education or even start your own business
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience
- Chance to get creative with marketing opportunities

Customer Service and Warehousing

Our customer service qualifications enable you to build on your communication skills and experience in dealing with customer expectations.

Whether in an office or on a shop floor or even online, poor customer service can do irreparable damage to a business's reputation. These training courses will aim to educate you on becoming a brand ambassador, ensuring you know how to deliver great customer experience and know how to navigate through any poor experiences.

Our warehousing course is for students who wish to seek employment in the ever demanding logistics sector. Students will develop skills in receiving, storing, processing and dispatching goods.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Customer Service Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard	12-15 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college (blended learning)	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 1.
Level 3			
Customer Service Specialist Apprenticeship Standard	12-18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day learning (blended)	5 GCSEs with Maths and English at Grade C/4, Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

Skills you will develop include:

- Dispatching goods for delivery, and auditing stock levels and records
- Maintain health and safety and security in logistic operations
- Move goods in logistics facilities
- Operate equipment to perform work requirements
- Pick goods to assemble orders for dispatch
- Understanding who customers are
- Managing expectations, recognising and knowing when to adapt your service style
- Understanding an organisation's core values
- Enabling a customer focused experience
- Using questioning skills to build a rapport with customers
- Selling skills
- Receiving goods from deliveries
- Maintaining the safety and quality of goods
- Dealing with customer conflict and challenge
- Develop use of clear explanations
- Understanding industry best practice

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Client relations associate, receptionist in any sector, concierge, call centre agent, customer service representative, customer service engineer, customer service supervisor/manager, patient care coordinator, technical support representative, bank clerk, retail manager, logistics and distribution manager, warehouse assistant, logistics coordinator and more!

Employer links include:

- Barhale
- Keyboard Specialists

You'll love:

- The diverse set of skills that will get you into employment in a retail, logistics/warehousing or any customer services role
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience
- Field trips and guest lecturers

Law

Want to become a lawyer, solicitor, barrister or legal executive? We can set you on the career path with these courses, which will get you ready to go to university and gain the professional degrees to become qualified.

If you want to be the one helping the lawyer and solicitors out with their paperwork and administration our courses can also get you prepared for a career as a legal secretary/administrator.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Level 2 Certificate in Law and Criminology	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grade D/3 or above or successful completion of a Level 1 related qualification.*
Level 3			
Level 3 Applied Law, Criminology & Psychology	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs grade C/4 in English Language and Maths or a Level 2 related qualification.*
Level 3 Applied Law and Criminology	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs grade C/4 in English Language and Maths or a Level 2 related qualification.*

Skills you will develop include:

- Understanding the legal environment
- Principles of criminal liability/contract liability/negligence
- Consumer rights
- Legal system, the history of law, criminal law and family law
- Changing awareness of crime
- Criminology theories
- Crime scene to courtroom
- Crime and punishment
- Business and marketing campaign
- Understanding British legal system

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A legal secretary, legal administrator, legal assistant, legal executive, solicitor, barrister and more!

Employer links include:

- West Midlands Police
- Walsall Magistrates Court

You'll love:

- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience
- Trips to magistrates courts and police stations



Download full course sheets from our website

*You will also be asked to sit a short written assessment to determine your appropriate level of study.

DID YOU KNOW...

Starting salaries for qualified solicitors in a regional firm or smaller commercial practice range from around **£27,000 to £60,000.**

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/solicitor>



Computing

Are you fascinated by technology and its constant evolution? Crack the code to a career in computing with one of our courses.

Whether your goal is to go into games design, software development, cyber security, programming, website development or create the next must-have app, we can help you get started.

We've invested heavily in our computing facilities and set up dedicated centres in partnership with industry leaders - the Risual Microsoft Academy and Cisco Academy – which means we have the latest technology at our disposal to deliver specialist qualifications. We've also established partnerships with Oracle and Code Club Academy.

With some of our computing and ICT courses, you can even study all the way up to degree level at a fraction of the cost of going to university.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Introductory in Information Technology	1 year	Wisemore Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Level 2 Computing (Foundation)	1 year	Wisemore Campus	GCSEs at grades D to E/3 - 2 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.

IT technical support staff diagnose and solve software and hardware problems for computer users.

STARTING SALARY
£16,000
WITH EXPERIENCE
£35,000

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/it-support-technician>

JUST UNDER
3 MILLION PEOPLE

were employed in the UK's digital tech economy - an increase of 11% within two years



SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/information-technology/overview-of-the-uks-it-industry>

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 3			
T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/GCSE grade 5 or above including both English Language and Mathematics, plus a college interview and initial assessment.
T Level in Digital Business Services	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/GCSE grade 5 or above including both English Language and Mathematics, plus a college interview and initial assessment.
T Level in Digital Support Services	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/GCSE grade 5 or above including both English Language and Mathematics, plus a college interview and initial assessment.
Level 3 Cyber Security and Computer Networks	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification plus Maths and/or English at Level 2.
Level 3 Software Development	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification plus Maths and/or English at Level 2.



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Wondering what skills you'll develop?
Turn the page >

Computing

Skills you will develop include:

- Improving productivity using IT
- IT user/software fundamentals
- Use presentation/spreadsheet/word processing/database software
- Internet safety/cyber security
- Web design
- Building computer systems
- Connect/configure hardware/software
- Transferable IT skills
- Learn about careers in computing
- Data analysing
- Legal and security implications
- Cloud computing technologies
- Application design, interface design and mobile technology
- Games design and programming
- System analysis and design
- Software development
- Computer science
- Problem solving
- Computer networks
- Database design and development

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

IT technical support, database administrator, field technician, network technician, infrastructure technician, network planner or cloud technician, junior digital content developer, 3D graphics technician, virtual reality software technician, software developer, digital identity planners, digital content developer, web application developer, software engineer, mobile application developer, application developer or software analyst, data analyst, data quality analyst, statistical data analyst, big data architect, digital data analyst, customer insight analyst, games designer, web developer and more!

Employer links include:

- CISCO
- Oracle
- Microsoft
- Fujitsu

You'll love:

- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience
- Opportunity to do additional qualifications such as CompTIA A+, CompTIA Mobility+ and Cisco IT Essentials
- Our purpose built CISCO and Oracle Academies

DID YOU KNOW...

The ENIAC was invented by J. Presper Eckert and John Mauchly at the University of Pennsylvania and began construction in 1943 and was not completed until 1946. It occupied about 1,800 square feet and used about 18,000 vacuum tubes, weighing almost 50 tons. Although a judge later ruled the ABC computer was the first digital computer, many still consider the ENIAC to be the first digital computer because it was fully functional.



SOURCE: <https://www.computerhope.com/issues/ch000984.htm#:~:text=The%20ENIAC%20was%20invented%20by,tubes%2C%20weighing%20almost%2050%20tons>

Did you know...we set up dedicated ICT centres in partnership with industry leaders

Muskan Shrivastava

Completed Level 3 Software Development and HNC Software Development and is now studying a HND Software Development.

"With software development, you can do your own thing, be imaginative and problem-solve. And you can put your work out there straightaway if you want to. It really surprises me when other people don't see this and think it's boring.

"The environment and facilities are really good. I'm planning to complete my full degree at the college, then look for work. There are already a lot of software development language-based roles out there so there's lots of choice. I feel like I'm getting all the experience I need for my career here."

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

Is sitting behind a desk not for you? Thinking about bricklaying, plumbing, painting, motor vehicle or engineering?

Get stuck into a construction, motor vehicle or engineering course and get the practical skills that are in high demand. If science is more your thing, open up a whole world of opportunities with our fascinating science qualifications.

Our Partners



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I learned a wide range of skills during the course but more importantly, I gained more confidence in myself.

Example Careers...

Scientist

Electrical Engineer

Plumber

Plasterer

Forensic Scientist

Project Manager

Vehicle Body Repairer

Surveyor

Architect

Carpenter

Site Manager

Bench Joiner

Painter and Decorator

Manufacturing Engineer

And many more!

Our Facilities...

- Fully installed automotive garage facility with state of the art diagnostic equipment
- Well equipped multipurpose science labs
- Dedicated engineering and advanced construction campus
- Purpose built workshops all fully equipped:
 - Brickwork • Gas • Plumbing
 - Painting and Decorating • Electrical
 - Carpentry and Joinery • Welding
 - Construction Multi-skills • Plastering
 - Maintenance • Motor Vehicle

Rais Howett

Completed an Achieving Together programme, followed by Level 1 Engineering. He is progressing on to a service-based communications specialist apprentice with the RAF.

"Digital skills and working with data are important to lots of jobs now. It's why I chose this apprenticeship."

"College has been a good learning curve for me. It's changed me as a person. I'm more self-disciplined and feel I can build trust with others. I've found I can talk to anyone here about anything. The college is great at helping learners in lots of ways such as career guidance, confidence-boosting or any personal issues."

See our Engineering Courses on page 54.



Bricklaying

Sitting behind a desk not your thing? A hands-on career as a bricklayer can be a very rewarding life long career, and with the construction industry growing over the next few years, your prospects will do too.

Our purpose built brick workshop at Green Lane Campus will give you the opportunity to lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches and other structures. You will also get the chance to work on restoration projects gaining real work experience.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Bricklaying	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Level 2 Bricklaying	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Level 1 in related subject, initial assessment and interview.
Bricklayer Apprenticeship Standard	30 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	An initial assessment/maths and English GCSE (or equivalent), and an interview.
Level 3			
Level 3 Bricklaying	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Level 2 in related subject, initial assessment and interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Construct block walling, brick walling, cavity walling
- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Knowledge of construction technology
- Mix and preparation of construction materials
- Masonry structures and cladding
- Understanding information, quantities and communication with others
- Construct chimneys and fireplace structures
- Construct decorative features
- Repair and maintain masonry
- Quality focussed
- Self-motivation



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A bricklayer, construction site supervisor, construction manager, construction site labourer, heritage restorer, stonemason and more!

Employer links include:

- Taylor Wimpey
- Lovell

You'll love:

- Visits to trade shows and material manufacturers
- Our large brick workshop (indoor and outdoor)
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on real life projects including restorations

Building Maintenance Operatives, Plastering and signmaking

Maintenance operatives are now common in the construction industry and require a broad range of skills. Our maintenance courses prepare you to look after properties and buildings and mould you into an all round handy-person capable of fixing a leak, to repairing a door frame to painting a wall.

Interested in plastering? A plasterer is someone who applies coats of plaster to walls, ceilings, or partitions for functional and decorative purposes. An in demand job that requires attention to detail and patience, plasterers can work on small-scale domestic jobs, repairs and restoration and on big commercial developments such as schools or hospitals.

Ever wondered what it takes to put signage up outside buildings? Our signage apprenticeships will teach you how to design, fabricate and install signage, covering everything from graphic design to electrical installation.

Not too sure what construction trade you want to go into? Our Multi-skills Construction course will give you a taster of each trade to help identify your passion before committing to a specific trade.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Entry Level			
Multi-skills Construction	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 1			
Building Maintenance Operative	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.

DID YOU KNOW...

There were

2.4 million

construction industry jobs in the UK in Q2 2019, that's 6.6% of all jobs. There are more construction jobs now than at any time since 2007

SOURCE: <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn01432>



Level 2			
Building Maintenance Operative	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Level 1 in related subject, initial assessment and an interview.
Intermediate Apprenticeship in Signmaking	12 - 18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grades E or above in Maths and English. An interview.
Plaster Apprenticeship Standard	24 - 36 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grades E/2 or above in Maths and English. An initial assessment and an interview.
Property Maintenance Operative Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 1 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.
Plasterer Apprenticeship Standard	24 - 36 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grades E or above in Maths and English. An interview.
Level 3			
Signage Technician Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	Achieve minimum Level 1 in English and Maths initial assessment and interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Pathways course introduces you to bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating, boarding and plastering and tiling
- Health and safety
- Customer service
- Looking at different types of construction methods
- Looking at different types of materials - traditional and modern
- Quality focussed
- Self-motivation
- Solid/fibrous plastering
- Identify and prepare materials, surfaces and equipment
- Preparing moulds and casts
- Carry out repairs to walls, doors, frames, skirting boards
- Understanding plumbing and drainage systems
- Safe use of hand tools such as screwdrivers, power drills, pliers, paper strippers and a variety other tools
- Record and report information
- Problem solving and flexible attitude



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A bricklayer, construction site supervisor, construction manager, construction site labourer, plasterer, carpenter, bricklayer, maintenance assistant, property engineer, facilities assistant, maintenance engineer, maintenance manager, maintenance technician, caretaker, janitor, multi-skilled technician, premises manager, sign fitter, signmaker and more!

Employer links include:

- E-ACT Academy
- Blythe Brothers

You'll love:

- Visits to trade shows and material manufacturers
- Our large workshops used for plastering, plumbing, carpentry, plumbing and painting & decorating
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on real life restorations

Carpentry and Joinery

**Are you a creative person who enjoys putting things together out of wood?
A career in carpentry could be for you!**

Carpenters and joiners make and install wooden structures, fittings and furniture. Carpenters must possess a skill in quality control, attention to detail as well as knowledge of maths, but this rewarding career has produced many skilled tradespeople, who successfully hold a lifelong career in this sector.

With our outstanding workshops and staff who have tonnes of industry knowledge and experience, train with us to get you on this exciting career path.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Level 2 Site Carpentry	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Successful completion of Level 1 qualification in a related subject and interview.
Level 2 Bench Joinery	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Successful completion of Level 1 qualification in a related subject and interview.
Carpentry and Joinery Apprenticeship Standard	18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 1 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.
Level 3			
Level 3 Site Carpentry	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Successful completion of Level 2 qualification in a related subject and interview.
Advanced Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 1 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Knowledge of construction technology
- Knowledge and analysing of technical information, quantities and communication with others
- Maintain and use carpentry and joinery hand tools
- Prepare and use carpentry and joinery portable power tools
- Produce woodworking joints
- Carry out fixing operations
- Carry out maintenance to non-structural carpentry work
- Carry out structural carcassing operations
- Set up and operate cutting and shaping

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Beam builders, brattice builders, building carpenters, commercial carpenters, construction carpenters, counter installers, custom wood stair builders, finish carpenters, hardwood floor installers, house carpenters, industrial carpenters, residential carpenters, rough carpenters, wood floor layers, sculptor and more!

Employer links include:

- Fisher Carpentry
- Martin Hart Shopfitting
- ADR Decorators

You'll love:

- Visits to trade shows and material manufacturers
- Our large carpentry workshop
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on real life projects including restorations



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Carpenter

**Starting salary £16,000
up to £38,000 with experience**

Depending on where you work, your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Discussing plans and following instructions
- Cutting and shaping timber for floorboards, doors, skirting boards and window frames
- Making and fitting wooden structures like staircases, door frames, roof timbers and partition walls
- Making and assembling fitted and free-standing furniture
- Installing kitchens, cupboards and shelving
- Building temporary wooden supports to hold setting concrete in place

SOURCE:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/carpenter>



Painting and Decorating

Find yourself looking at home decor ideas on Pinterest? Or watching home renovation programmes on TV? Make a career out of your hobby with these painting and decorating courses.

Painters and decorators bring everyday spaces to life. They prepare and apply paint, wallpaper and other finishes to surfaces, inside and out. As a painter and decorator, you'd be in high demand. You could play a key role in transforming residential, commercial and industrial projects, or specialise in renovations or maintaining heritage buildings.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Painting and Decorating	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Level 2 Painting and Decorating	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Level 1 qualification in related subject, interview and initial assessment.
Painter and Decorator Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 1 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview
Level 2			
Painting and Decorating (Level 3 Diploma)	1 year	Green Lane Campus	Level 2 diploma in Painting and Decorating

Libby Howard

"Working as a painter/decorator is really enjoyable. You see the visual impact of your work straightaway."

"The difference is obvious, even if you're just applying a fresh coat of paint. Especially if you're changing from a lighter colour shade to dark, or vice-versa."

"I've definitely matured thanks to my Apprenticeship," added Libby. "I still like to have a laugh with others at work and in class, but now I know how to knuckle down and concentrate."

"The work I'm doing is much better too. It's more slick."



Skills you will develop include:

- Prepare work areas including dust sheets and protection to furniture
- Identify hazards and risks
- Select, use, maintain and store paint, tools, wallcoverings, spray equipment, steps, ladders and towers safely
- Maintain work procedures and methods
- Apply paint systems by brush and roller
- Apply papers to ceilings and walls
- Apply water-borne paint systems using high volume low pressure (hvlp) spray equipment
- Erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms
- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Preparing surfaces for decorating by filling holes and sealing cracks
- Produce specialist decorative finishes
- Customer service skills
- Calculating the materials needed for a project

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A self employed painter and decorator can work in industries such as private houses, schools, hospitals, shops, offices, local authorities. You could also work for painting contractors, building contractors, construction firms or specialist areas such as restoration work or industrial painting.

Employer links include:

- Bell Group
- Dulux
- E-ACT

You'll love:

- Visits to trade shows and material manufacturers
- Our Bell Academy and Dulux Academy
- Our large painting and decorating workshop
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on real life projects including restorations

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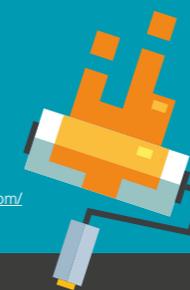
INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT:

37,611

MARKET SIZE

£4bn

SOURCE: <https://www.ibisworld.com/united-kingdom/market-research-reports/painting-industry/>



SALARIES

Start at: **£17,000** → Earn up to: **£32,000**

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/painter-and-decorator>

Professional Construction

Ever wondered what the professional side of the construction industry looks like? See yourself heading up building projects and managing large construction contracts? These T Level courses will get you into the office at a construction site, into jobs as an architecture technician or quantity surveying.

With a keen interest in science as well as maths, these courses will get you into well paid and high flying careers that can really take you places.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Foundation in construction design, surveying and planning	1 year	Digital Engineering Skills Centre	4 GCSEs at grades D/GCSE grades 3 or above (including English Language and Maths). Or a relevant Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
T Level Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning	2 years	Digital Engineering Skills Centre and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	GCSEs at grades C/GCSE grade 5 or above in English Language and Mathematics and preferably within a Science discipline, plus an interview and initial assessment.



DID YOU KNOW...
HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION
 is one of the **FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES**
 in the UK

SOURCE: <https://www.ibisworld.com/united-kingdom/industry-trends/fastest-growing-industries/>



Skills you will develop include:

- How construction projects are run
- Why materials are selected and used
- Methods of building design including the latest building information modelling and geospatial surveying techniques
- Quality processes and relationship management
- How digital technology is used within the construction industry
- Scientific principles in construction
- Health and safety
- CAD (computer aided design)
- Sustainability solutions
- Building technologies
- Aspects of law
- Commercial business techniques
- Relationship management
- Science - material properties, chemical composition, degradation, failure, etc.
- Project management
- The commercial elements associated with construction



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Surveying technician/quantity surveyor, digital engineering technician, building services engineering design technician, architectural technician, construction design coordinator, project management and more!

Employer links include:

- Balfour Beatty VINCI
- HS2
- Cameron Homes
- Turner & Townsend

You'll love:

- Spending 20% of your course on a meaningful work placement
- Our links with big employers such as Balfour Beatty VINCI
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- The opportunity to learn the professional side of the construction industry

Construction Site Supervisor

Start on £25,000 and earn up to £45,000 with experience

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Supervising workers and subcontractors
- Helping project managers to plan work
- Managing orders and deliveries of construction materials
- Organising staff work schedules
- Checking work is carried out safely
- Completing records for site reports
- Attending site management meetings

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/construction-site-supervisor>



Engineering, Machining and Manufacturing

Are you interested in the detail of how things work and how they're put together? Then you could be on your way to a rewarding career in engineering.

Learn practical and technical skills in our engineering and manufacturing workshop, which is equipped with industry standard technology that will help you gain basic hand skills, milling, turning and surface grinding skills, as well as give you a good grasp of electrical engineering, computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D modelling using Softworks and Fusion 360.

While in our welding workshop, we have two state-of-the-art virtual reality welding simulators and five welding bays with the latest downdraft extraction tables and portable extraction, covering MIG, TIG and Arc welding. These are some of the most advanced training systems currently available and allow students to work with real 3D objects combined with virtual computer-generated images to achieve the most realistic welding experience possible.

Whether you want to go straight into employment, on to an apprenticeship or in to higher education, our engineering courses can lead to a range of progression opportunities within the sector.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Engineering Machinist Certificate	1 year	Digital Engineering Skills Centre	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Engineering Machinist	1 year	Digital Engineering Skills Centre	GCSE grade C/4 in English Language and Maths. Or a relevant Level 1 related qualification.
Engineering Operative Apprenticeship Standard	12 - 18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 1 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.
Level 3			
T Level in Maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing (Maintenance engineering technologies: Mechanical)	2 years	Digital Engineering Skills Centre and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 (including English Language and Maths).
Engineering Technician Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	1 GCSE in related subject, Level 2 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Engineering health and safety
- Engineering principles
- 3D printing
- Rapid prototyping through CNC machinery
- Principles of mechanical engineering
- Machining materials by turning
- Machining materials by milling
- Detailed fitting of materials
- Hydraulics and pneumatics
- Electrical and electronic principles
- Mathematics for engineering technicians
- Producing engineering drawings
- Carrying out mechanical assembly



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, HNC at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Engineering operative, engineering maintenance technician, mechanical engineering technician, sheet metal worker, toolmaker/machine setter, welder and more!

Employer links include:

- Perkins
- Next Gen Makers
- Encoders UK

You'll love:

- Our trips and master-classes
- Purpose built engineering campus
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities



DID YOU KNOW...

The engineering sector is experiencing a shortage of skilled workers, which means that there are plenty of opportunities for qualified graduates.

You could try breaking into an area experiencing growth, such as:

Nuclear Energy

The government wants nuclear power to eventually provide reliable, low carbon and cost competitive electricity. To meet this target, the workforce is required to expand by 7,000 to 8,000 per year until 2021.

Food & Drink Manufacturing

FDI research estimates that the food and drink industry will need 140,000 new recruits by 2024 in order to meet market demands.

Mechanical, Electrical, Electronic, Chemical and Software Engineers

Particularly sought after, with design, production and maintenance opportunities existing in numerous industries.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/engineering-and-manufacturing/overview-of-the-engineering-and-manufacturing-sector-in-the-uk>

Electrical Installation

Does working in electrical technology spark your interest? There's a lot to be excited about. Renewable energy and smart heating are among the big topics of the moment, especially as cities like Birmingham are working towards becoming a 'low carbon economy'.

Whether it's powering people's homes or working on large-scale energy projects, there are lots of jobs in the sector that will be in demand - in or out of a recession.

Our hands-on electrician courses will help you develop the skills to become a qualified electrician. With lessons taking place in an electrical workshop that's been built to industry standards, you'll learn about all of the required electrical principals and installation techniques.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Entry Level			
Pathways into Plumbing and Electrical Studies	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 1			
Electrical Installation	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Electrical Installation	1 year	Green Lane Campus	A relevant Level 1 related electrical qualification or high levels of maths and English.
Level 3			
Electrical Installation	1 year	Green Lane Campus	A relevant Level 2 related electrical qualification and working toward higher levels of maths and English.
Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician Apprenticeship Standard	42 - 48 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grades C or above in Maths and English or Level 1 in Functional Skills Maths and English or equivalent.
T Level Construction: Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation Specialism)	2 years	Green Lane Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	GCSEs at grades C/5 or above in English Language, Mathematics and a Science discipline. There will also be an interview and initial assessment.

Skills you will develop include:

- Electrical installation wiring and terminations
- Fabrication techniques for electrical installation
- Electrical science and technology
- The structure of the construction industry
- Fundamental safe working practices
- Environmental and sustainability measures in domestic dwellings
- Health and safety in building services engineering
- Principles of electrical science
- Electrical installations technology
- Installation of wiring systems and enclosures
- Apply the principles, practices and legislation for the inspection, testing, commissioning and certification of electrotechnical systems and equipment
- Organise the work environment
- Maintaining the tools and equipment



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Installation electrician, maintenance electrician, electrical fitter, electrical winder, electrician (marine), panel builder, telecommunication operative and more!

Employer links include:

- Yodel
- Balfour Beatty VINCI
- Fridge Systems

You'll love:

- Our trips and masterclasses
- Purpose built electrical installation workshop
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities

ELECTRICIAN

Graduate starting salaries are around
£24,000 → £28,000

Average salaries for experienced senior engineers range from
£35,000 → £60,000

Salaries for specialist or chartered engineers can reach
£85,000 plus

Salaries vary widely according to location, the size of the employing organisation and the nature of its business. (Income figures are intended as a guide only.)

Working hours

You'll typically work around 40 hours a week. You may need to work extra and unsocial hours to meet deadlines or resolve design difficulties. Some jobs offer flexible working.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/electrical-engineer>



Plumbing, Gas and Sustainable Technologies

Every day, hundreds of houses across the UK need their heating, water and sanitation systems repaired. You know what that means? Job stability. With a great salary on offer, this is a rewarding career where you can progress quickly and no two days will be the same.

Our plumbing and gas courses are taught by experienced tutors in purpose-built workshops. There are bespoke work benches, with a range of plumbing tools and equipment to use to carry out practical activities.

Classroom activities include installing and repairing heating systems, along with water networks too. You'll learn from an interactive board, where your tutor will explain all the technicalities of the installations. With all this combined, you'll have enough skills and knowledge to ignite your plumbing and gas career!

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Entry Level			
Pathways into Plumbing and Electrical Studies	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 1			
Plumbing Certificate	1 year	Green Lane Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
Plumbing Technical Certificate	1 year	Green Lane Campus	A relevant Level 1 related qualification and a good knowledge of English Language and Maths.
Level 3			
Plumbing Advanced Technical Diploma	1 year	Green Lane Campus	A relevant Level 2 related qualification and a good knowledge of English Language and Maths.
Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician Apprenticeship Standard	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE in related subject and English Language and Maths, a Level 2 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.
T Level Construction: Building Services Engineering (Plumbing, Heating or Gas Specialism)	2 years	Green Lane Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	GCSEs at grades C/5 or above in English Language, Mathematics and a Science discipline. There will also be an interview and initial assessment.

Skills you will develop include:

- Copper and steel pipework installations
- Domestic electrical wiring
- Brazing methods
- Jointing and pressure testing of completed systems
- Safe working practices
- Environmental and sustainability measures
- Site preparation for working
- Above ground drainage
- Low carbon steel pipework
- Installation, repair and maintenance of plumbing systems
- Plumbing science
- Electrical principles and processes for building services engineering
- Scientific principles for domestic, industrial and commercial plumbing
- Common plumbing processes
- Cold water systems
- Domestic hot water systems
- Domestic gas principles
- Sanitation
- Central heating systems
- Drainage systems

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Opportunities within the industry allow the student to further diversify into installation and maintenance, gas, renewable energy or other related industries such as oil installations and jobs such as becoming a domestic plumber, commercial plumber or heating engineer and more!

Employer links include:

- Worcester Bosch
- Alpha Heating Innovation
- Gerebit
- Midwest Mechanical and Electrical Services

You'll love:

- Our trips and masterclasses
- Purpose built gas and plumbing workshops
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities



Download full course sheets from our website

PLUMBER

Starting salary: **£15,000** → With experience: **£40,000**

As a plumber, you will:

- Find out from the customer what the problem is
- Give time and cost estimates for jobs
- Install water, drainage and heating systems
- Cut, shape and join pipes and fittings
- Service gas and oil-fired central heating systems and radiators
- Find and fix faults
- Install or repair domestic appliances like showers and washing machines
- Respond to emergency call-outs, like boiler breakdowns or blocked drains
- Fit weather-proof materials, joints and flashings to roofs, chimneys and walls

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/plumber>

Motor Vehicle Technologies and Repair

Are you excited by emerging vehicle technologies? Build on your passion by studying with us and embarking on a journey towards a career as a vehicle technician.

Our state-of-the-art Motor Vehicle facilities expose students to the latest diagnostic & repair equipment and resources – it is the ideal environment to develop the skills needed to begin or further a career in the motor vehicle industry. Motor vehicle students will have access to local and national employers who will enhance their experience through a variety of activities.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Diploma in Vehicle technologies & repair	1 year	Wisemore	Appropriate level of Maths and English and successful completion if dexterity assessment.
Level 2			
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Vehicle Technologies & repair	1 year	Wisemore	Relevant level one vocational qualification. Appropriate GCSE Maths and English grades.
Auto Care Apprenticeship Standard	20 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	English and Maths GCSEs at grade D/3 or above or related Level 1 qualification. Initial assessment and Interview.
Level 3			
T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing (Maintenance, Installation, and Repair: Light and Electric Vehicles)	2 years	Wisemore and Digital Engineering Skills Centre and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 (including English Language and Maths).
Level 3 BTEC Engineering (Motor Vehicle Pathway)	2 years	Wisemore	GCSE grade C/4 or above including English, Maths and Science.
Motor Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship Standard (Light Vehicle)	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grade C/4 in English Language and Maths, a Level 2 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.
Advanced Apprenticeship in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Heavy Vehicle)	24 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college	GCSE grade C/4 in English Language and Maths, a Level 2 in a related subject, initial assessment and interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Customer care and satisfaction
- Electric / Hybrid vehicle technologies & systems
- Vehicle steering & suspension systems
- Vehicle braking systems
- Diagnostic procedures
- Vehicle electronic systems
- Vehicle engine systems



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Valeter, glazing technician, electric hybrid vehicle technician, electrical installation technician, auto technician, fastfit technician, lift truck technician, tyre technician, light vehicle service technician, recovery driver, roadside assistance technician, customer service advisor, mobile tyre fitter, motorcycle service technician, vehicle returns inspector, vehicle rental service technician, heavy vehicle technician, MOT inspector, motorsport technician, vehicle damage assessor, dealer manager and more!

Employer links include:

- Halfords
- Electude UK
- West Midlands Ambulance Service
- West Midlands Fire Service

You'll love:

- Exposure to the very latest technologies and resources
- Our trips and masterclasses
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities

DID YOU KNOW...

The UK automotive industry is a vital part of the UK economy worth more than £78.9 billion turnover and adding £15.3 billion value to the UK economy.



SOURCE: <https://www.smmmt.co.uk/industry-topics/uk-automotive/#:~:text=The%20UK%20automotive%20industry%20is,value%20to%20the%20UK%20economy.&text=More%20than%2030%20manufacturers%20build,the%20world's%20most%20skilled%20engineers>

SALARY



Car Manufacturing Worker

Starts at: **£15,000** → Earn up to: **£25,000**

Automotive Engineers

Starts at: **£20,000** → Earn up to: **£45,000**

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/automotive-engineer>

Science

If you're intrigued by the role science plays in our everyday lives, studying with us could open up a world of exciting career opportunities within the field.

You'll enhance your scientific knowledge in all areas of science, including chemistry, biology and physics in our dedicated labs, where you'll also carry out your own exciting experiments and research projects.

Our courses provide a great starting point for students looking to progress on to university and specialise in a range of careers, such as medicine, environmental health, forensics, research and food science. Come experiment with us!

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Biology GCSE	1 year	Wisemore Campus	To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Math and English at grade C/4 or above. If you are 16-19 you will need to be enrolled onto a full time study programme to access this course.
Chemistry GCSE	1 year	Wisemore Campus	To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Math and English at grade C/4 or above. If you are 16-19 you will need to be enrolled onto a full time study programme to access this course.
Physics GCSE	1 year	Wisemore Campus	To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Math and English at grade C/4 or above. If you are 16-19 you will need to be enrolled onto a full time study programme to access this course.
OCR Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs with minimum of grade 3 .
Level 3			
A Level Biology / A Level Chemistry / A Level Physics	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSE's at minimum of grade 5 including Science. Maths & English

Skills you will develop include:

- Fundamentals of science
- Careers in science
- Scientific investigation and practical skills
- Perceptions of science
- Using mathematical tools in science
- Using statistics in science
- Physiology of human body systems
- Biochemistry and biochemical techniques
- Microbiology techniques
- Genetics and genetic engineering
- Medical physics techniques
- Disease and infections



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Progression

You can move on to university or employment.

Aspire to become:

These courses provide a great stepping stone for learners interested in the following careers: forensic science, industry and technology, environment and manufacturing, biomedical science and genetics, food science, medical support, pharmacy and more!

Employer links include:

- Aston University
- Birmingham City University

You'll love:

- Dedicated labs
- Our trips and masterclasses
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities



CLIMATE SCIENTIST

Starting salary: **£20,000** → With experience: **£55,000**

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Gathering and analysing data from the atmosphere, oceans and land
- Creating computer models to simulate the effects of changes to climate
- Designing and building scientific instruments and sensors
- Studying past climates to understand what might happen in the future
- Monitoring ice packs, sea levels and temperatures

And much more!

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/climate-scientist>

DID YOU KNOW...

Science and tech industries to add **£14 billion** a year to the economy by 2025.

The sector has the potential to create **56,000** **ADDITIONAL JOBS** according to analysis commissioned by the ABPI.

SOURCE: <https://www.abpi.org.uk/media-centre/news/2019/may/science-and-tech-industries-to-add-14-billion-a-year-to-economy-by-2025/>



Set your **imagination** free

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The arts have the power to set the imagination free, move and challenge people. Do you want to study something you love and at the same time develop a range of transferable skills including creative thinking, communicating ideas and problem solving, which are relevant in many jobs?

There are so many jobs to choose from in this exciting fast growing sector, from advertising to animation, design to dance, music to museums. Join us and you'll learn from the experts - real artists, designers, musicians and performers - in amazing facilities. We've even got our own theatre!

Our Partners



Example Careers...

Illustrator

Jewellery Designer

Product Designer

Animator

Photographer

Music Producer

TV Presenter

UX/UI Designer

Furniture Designer

Web Designer

TV Production Designer

Tattooist

Graphic Designer

And many more!

Our Facilities...

- Theatre space/dance studios
- Fully equipped photography studio with portable back drops and lighting. A large black and white darkroom and digital studio
- Two fully equipped fashion studios with large pattern cutting tables supported by a production room with lockstitch, overlocking machines and industrial steam irons
- Art workshops/printmaking
- Ceramics workshop
- Media suite
- Painting and drawing studios
- Video editing and graphic design studios
- Music Academy building

Art and Design

Whatever your creative career goals, we have a wide range of art and design courses to help you get to where you want to be, whether that's a job straight after college, being your own boss or university-level study.

These courses let you explore many mediums such as fine art, printmaking, sculpture, 3D design, graphics, fashion, textiles, photography and installation. Let's get creative!

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.
Level 3			
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.
Level 3/4 Pre-Degree Foundation Diploma in Art & Design	1 year	Wisemore Campus	Interview with portfolio. 1 A Level grade C (or equivalent Level 3 qualification) in a subject and a strong GCSE profile including English at grade C/4 or above. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.

Photography

Starting salary:

£17,500



With experience:

£45,000

Career tips:

- You'll need a portfolio of your work to show your skills, interests and experience in photography. It'll also help you to get noticed if you post examples of your work online.

You could work in a creative studio.

- Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers and physically demanding



SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/photographer>

Skills you will develop include:

- 2D/3D visual communication
- Using ideas to explore, develop and produce art and design
- Building an art and design portfolio
- Working on live briefs
- Develop your skills in fine art, photography, sculpture, 3D design, graphics, textiles, printmaking, illustration
- Study contextual and cultural studies



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DID YOU KNOW...

A fast growing sector that has become pivotal to the UK economy, creative arts and design encompasses careers as diverse as advertising, fashion, film and graphic design.

While the majority of companies may be small, the sector also has large well-established organisations that recruit graduates.

Examples include:

- Advertising** - AMV BBDO, Grey UK, Leo Burnett, McCann
- Cultural Heritage** - English Heritage, National Trust, National Museum Wales, Victoria and Albert Museum
- Design** - Jaguar Land Rover, Harrods, AKQA, Big Active
- Fashion** - ASOS, Burberry, John Lewis & Partners, Next
- Film/TV** - Ealing Studios, Endemol Shine UK, Pinewood Studios, Sony Pictures, ITV, BBC
- Music** - Opera North, Sony Music UK, Universal Music Group, Warner Music Group
- Publishing** - Bloomsbury, Harper Collins UK, Oxford University Press, Penguin Random House.
- Video Games** - Rockstar North, Codemasters, Sports Interactive, Creative Assembly.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/creative-arts-and-design/overview-of-the-creative-arts-sector-in-the-uk>

Progression

You can move onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Animator, architect, bookbinder, book designer, calligrapher, ceramicist, exhibition designer, fashion designer, fine artist, furniture conservator/restorer, furniture designer, glass blower, graffiti artist, graphic designer (print/web based), illustrator, industrial/product designer, interior and spatial designer, jewellery designer, landscape architect, make-up artist, museum/gallery conservator, museum/gallery curator, art historian, photographer (fine art, wedding, press, sport, wildlife, portrait, etc), printmaker, production designer, theatre/television/film, tattooist, textile designer, typographer and more!

Employer links include:

- The New Art Gallery Walsall
- Birmingham Art Gallery

You'll love:

- Our trips and masterclasses
- Our amazing art and design workshops
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on live briefs set by employers
- Final year exhibitions and producing a varied portfolio



Fashion, Photography, Graphics and Creative Media

If you want to focus on a specialised area within the creative industry such as fashion or photography, our courses below can help you on your way. Many of our students can complete a Level 2 in Art and Design and then progress onto a specialised pathway.

Whatever your journey - we will help you get to your dream career! And with our amazing industry standard art studios, workshops and equipment - you really are in the best place to achieve your creative potential.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Skills	1 year	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1. Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including Art, English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including Art, English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including Art, English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification. Admission is by portfolio-based interview.
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production (TV & Film)	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification.
Level 3 Diploma in Games Design (Video Game Art)	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C) including English and Maths. A passion for games with a strong ability in traditional and digital visual rendering and/or a minimum Merit grade Level 2 qualification in the subject area. Admission will be by portfolio-based interview.

Skills you will develop include:

- Photography
- Illustration/painting
- Typography
- Packaging design
- Advertising and marketing
- Editorial design
- Corporate identity
- Generating ideas
- Printmaking
- Computer graphics
- Web page design
- 2D/3D design
- Producing exhibitions/installations
- Producing garments, pattern construction and printed textiles
- Fashion visualisation and promotion
- Using filming cameras
- Examine pre-production, production and post-production in creating moving image (media)
- Producing documentaries, social action videos and advertisements
- Looking at the television/film industry



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Progression

You can move onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Animator, architect, art director, artworker, bookbinder, book designer, calligrapher, ceramicist, creative director, documentary maker, exhibition designer, fashion designer, fine artist, film director, furniture conservator/restorer, furniture designer, glass blower, graffiti artist, graphic designer (print/web based), illustrator, industrial/product designer, interior and spatial designer, jewellery designer, landscape architect, make-up artist, medical illustrator, museum/gallery conservator, museum/gallery curator, art historian, photographer (fine art, wedding, press, sport, wildlife, portrait, etc), printmaker, production designer, theatre/television/film, tattooist, textile designer, typographer, signmaker/fabricator/fitter, UX designer and more!

Employer links include:

- The New Art Gallery Walsall
- Birmingham Art Gallery
- The Custard Factory
- The Mockingbird Cinema

You'll love:

- Our trips and masterclasses
- Our amazing workshops and classrooms built for purpose
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Working on live briefs set by employers
- Final year exhibitions/catwalk show and producing a varied portfolio to get you into work or university
- Working with our in house production company Future Flames

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Graphic designers create visual branding, adverts, brochures, magazines, website designs, product packaging and displays.

From
£16,000



With experience:
£50,000

In your day-to-day duties you could be:

- discussing the client's requirements and coming up with creative ideas
- working out budgets and deadlines
- producing rough drafts and presenting your ideas
- preparing designs using specialist software
- producing a final layout
- making presentations to clients for feedback and approval
- explaining requirements to photographers, printers or games developers
- keeping up with design trends and developments in software tools



SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/graphic-designer>

Music

These courses are a great introduction to the music industry for aspiring performing musicians, private music tutors or as preparation for entry into higher education.

The courses include group and solo performance work, the use of specialist technology for performance and production, development of musical skills, academic study along with seminars with industry specialists and practising musicians.

We have our own Music 'campus' where students can take advantage of recording studios, rehearsal spaces and an array of musical instruments and equipment.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 3 Level 2 Diploma in Music	1 year	Broadway Campus	5 GCSEs at grades D-G/3-1 or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3 Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music	2 years (total)	Broadway Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification.

2 Pathways:

Year 1 - BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music or Music Production

Year 2 - BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music or Music Production

SALARIES

Your income will vary widely depending on, for example, whether you're working freelance or as part of an orchestra, or whether you're performing a gig in a pub or in a concert venue.

You would normally negotiate gig fees on a case-by-case basis. However, the Musicians' Union (MU) provides minimum casual stage rates for groups performing on stage (usually in a theatre or concert venue) ranging from **£150 to £167** (for a single performance plus rehearsal on the same day), as well as a national gig rate for groups performing in pubs, clubs and functions ranging from **£128 to £170**.

In orchestras, your salary will depend on the orchestra you work for, your grade and experience. For example, salaries for BBC orchestra players can range from **£35,049 to £55,380**. Rates for freelance orchestral players can range from **£156 to £177**.

SOURCE: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/musician>



Skills you will develop include:

- Music performance techniques
- Music technology and production techniques
- Developing music skills
- Understanding the music business
- Working and developing as a musical ensemble
- Understanding the sound and music industry
- Aural perception skills
- Music events management
- Music theory and harmony
- Sequencing systems and techniques
- Songwriting
- Current studio techniques



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Progression

You can move onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A session musician, music producer, sound engineer, recording engineer, work in music management and promotion, artist manager, tour manager, booking agent, publicist, composer, events management, teaching, stage management, sound engineer, music journalism, musical theatre, songwriting, composition writer, community musician, music therapist and more!

Employer links include:

- Walsall Council
- Resonance
- PMT

You'll love:

- Our trips to local and European music and cultural venues
- Our dedicated music campus
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Opportunities to perform live at events

DID YOU KNOW...

Digital music revenue in the UK experienced double-digit growth rates last year.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST PROJECTIONS, REVENUES WILL EXCEED **\$1.2 billion** U.S DOLLARS by 2025

with music streaming accounting for the lion's share of earnings.



Performing Arts (Acting and Dance)

If you know you're destined for stardom on stage and screen, we can help you gain a full skill-set that'll prepare you for any role! We offer a practical course that covers singing, acting and dance, as well as technical theatre skills that'll help you no matter what side of the stage you stand on.

You'll work with multi-talented lecturers and professional directors, choreographers and musical directors from around the world, helping you develop your natural talents to a highly advanced level.

We'll offer you the chance to specialise in the areas that most interest you, developing your creative ideas and producing your own work to help you focus on where your skills lie.

You'll work in small group workshops that focus on you as an individual, with one-to-one sessions available to help you learn too. If you've got the talent, we've got the experience and facilities to nurture it to success in the industry. Our stage awaits you...

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Level 2 Technical Diploma in Performing Arts	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting & Dance)	2 years	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification. An audition and interview.

CHOREOGRAPHER

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- turning ideas into steps
- fitting movements to music
- working with producers, costume designers and musical directors
- choosing music
- auditioning and rehearsing dancers
- recording dance steps using a notation system
- if you're self employed, spending time marketing yourself and dealing with your own tax and accounts
- if you run your own dance company, hiring staff and applying for funding

Over the period to 2027

58.5%

of the workforce is projected to retire, creating

11,000
JOB OPENINGS

SOURCE: http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lm/

Skills you will develop include:

- Working in the performing arts industry
- Performing arts production process
- Acting skills and techniques
- Musical theatre performance
- Performing scripted plays
- Devising plays
- The development of drama
- Management of projects
- Self-analysis and reflection



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Progression

You can move onto a HNC/HND at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Actor, dancer, teacher, musical theatre performer, presenter, choreographer, theatre management, theatre director, backstage production, costume design, prop design, set design, community arts worker, theatre/dance company administrator, personal trainer, physical therapist, dance medicine specialist, lighting operator/designer, stage manager, theatre producer, youth and community work and more!

Employer links include:

- The Hippodrome
- The Birmingham Rep
- Birmingham MAC

You'll love:

- Our trips to venues such as the National Theatre or Royal Shakespeare Company
- Our dedicated theatre and dance spaces
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Opportunities to perform in front of audiences
- Attend workshops with professional actors/dancers



Alfanso May

Alfanso May completed Level 2 and Level 3 Performing Arts and will continue his training at London College of Music (part of the University of West London)

"My lecturers are so supportive. They're willing to adapt the learning to suit you if you're struggling. And they always make sure you understand the purpose of what's being taught."

"My career doesn't have to fit into one box. I want to be able to write my own story; doing things a performer might not typically do such as writing and directing. The most important thing I've discovered through my training is to give an audience something they can immerse themselves in."

HEALTH & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

If you dream of a protective service career that's essential to society, these courses are a great start. We work closely with key services like West Midlands Police, the Fire Service and the Ministry of Defence to give our students a real flavour of working life and make sure our courses are providing the exact skills employers are looking for.

If you're a natural carer, you'll find your skills in great demand. Our childcare and health and social care courses are an ideal start to a career in this wide ranging and rewarding area. We've got strong links with Walsall Manor Hospital and you can even put theory into practice at our own on-site nursery.

Our Partners



The best part about being at my placement was when I became a key worker, as I was given more responsibility. My placement also offered me a job.

Example Careers...

Teacher
Armed Forces
Child Minder
Firefighter
Occupational Health
Nurse
Social Worker
Teaching Assistant
Paramedic
Police Officer
Nursery Nurse
Care Assistant
Outreach Worker
Mental Health Nurse
And many more!

Our Facilities...

- We have an onsite nursery open to the public, staff and students. We also have a virtual nursery where students can learn all the key skills to looking after children
- Close links with Walsall Manor Hospital
- Fantastic work experience opportunities
- Many of our students gain useful additional qualifications as well as gaining practical experience.

Childcare and Education

Working with children is one of the most rewarding career paths you can follow. Our range of courses help you take the first step towards starting your career within this sector.

These courses are ideal if you want to work in a childcare setting like a nursery or teach young children within a school.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Entry Level			
CACHE Entry Level Certificate in Caring for Children	1 year	Wisemore Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 1			
CACHE Level 1 Foundation Diploma in Caring for Children	1 year	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades E to F/2 - 1 (including English Language and Maths).
Level 2			
CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D/3 - 1 (including English Language and Maths). Or a relevant Level 1 related qualification.
CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D/3 - 1 (grade 4 for English Language and Maths). Or a relevant Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
T Level in Education and Childcare	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grades C/5 or above including both English Language and Maths, plus a college interview and initial assessment.
Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Standard	21 months	Workplace	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

- Learn about human growth and development
- Supporting babies and young children through play, musical and craft activities
- Respecting children and sharing learning experiences
- Providing a safe and clean environment
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children
- Understanding the communication needs of children with learning difficulties
- Paediatric first aid skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Healthy eating and nutrition for children and families
- Observation, assessment and planning activities
- Develop an understanding of the school, its values, policies and procedures
- All learners to be DBS checked



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Early years teacher, nursery worker, childminder, educational psychologist, education consultant, further education teacher, careers advisor, learning mentor, primary school teacher, private tutor, secondary school teacher, special educational needs teacher, teaching assistant, child protection officer, early years educator, nursery manager, education technician, education welfare officer, health promotion specialist, play worker, youth worker and many more!

Employer links include:

- Nurseries and primary schools across Walsall, West Bromwich, Cannock and Birmingham.

You'll love:

- Our on-site Forest School
- State of the art facilities
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities

Loreta Vizule



Completed Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education and is now a Nursery Assistant at Bentley West Children's Centre

"I'm passionate about meeting lots of children and helping them achieve. Walsall College is very aware of the needs of deaf students, so they provided me with all kinds of help. I was initially worried that my Level 3 course might be too much of a challenge for me, but I made sure I was focused and then I achieved the grades I wanted. I'm proud of this."

Health and Social Care

If you want a rewarding career working in the health and social care profession, our courses can help you gain the skills and confidence to pursue a fulfilling career within this field.

Whether you're interested in nursing, residential care or social work, you'll get a chance to study a broad spectrum of topics, including nutrition, psychology, communication, health education and caring for children, young people and the elderly.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care	1 year	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades E to F/2 - 1 (including English Language and Maths).
Level 2			
Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject), or a Level 1 related qualification.
Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard	15 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	All apprenticeship candidates will undertake a basic initial assessment and an interview during which suitability, commitment and interest for the programme will be determined.
Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship Standard	15 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	All apprenticeship candidates will undertake a basic initial assessment and an interview during which suitability, commitment and interest for the programme will be determined.
Level 3			
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care	2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language/Literature and/or Maths, or a Level 2 related qualification (minimum Extended Diploma) at overall Merit grade.
Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard	18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 3 (continued)			
Senior Healthcare Worker Apprenticeship Standard	18 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
T Level in Health (Adult Nursing)	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English Language and Dual Science. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.
T Level in Health (supporting the midwifery team)	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English Language and Dual Science. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.
T Level in Health (supporting the mental health team)	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English Language and Dual Science. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.
T Level in Health (supporting the therapy teams)	2 years	Wisemore Campus and 315 hours at an industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.	5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English Language and Dual Science. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.

Skills you will develop include:

- Develop communication with adults and children
- Learn about human growth and development
- Promoting healthy eating
- Health and social care values
- Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
- Learn about anatomy and physiology
- Health and safety
- Supporting with social activities, monitoring health, assisting with eating, mobility and personal care
- All learners to be DBS checked

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Employer links include:

- Walsall Council
- Royal College of Nursing
- NHS
- Walsall Manor Hospital
- New Cross Hospital

You'll love:

- Our trips and masterclasses
- Practical activities
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities of 100 hours

Pharmacy and Dental

Whether you're looking to start your career as a dental nurse or a pharmacy dispenser, we have a range of apprenticeships to help. You'll be taught by our professionals who all have experience of working in the industry.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Pharmacy Services Assistant Apprenticeship Standard	15 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	4 GCSE grades D/3 or above including Science, Maths and English. Grade C/4 or above are desirable.
Level 3			
Pharmacy Technician (integrated) Apprenticeship Standard	27 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.
Dental Nurse (integrated) Apprenticeship Standard	21 months	4 days in workplace, 1 day in college/ virtual delivery	Literacy and Numeracy at a minimum of Level 2 and have a grade C/4 or above in Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

Pharmacy

- Dispensing procedures and practices
- The different types of prescriptions
- Doses and forms of medicines
- Issues that may affect how medicines are taken
- The management of medicines and the supply chain
- Pre-packing, assembling and labelling medicines
- Order, receive, maintain and issue pharmaceutical stock

Dental Nurse

- Learn about dental and regional anatomy
- Respiratory and circulatory systems
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Materials, equipment and resources
- Transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention
- Clinical skills

Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Pharmacy assistant/technician, dispensing assistant, pharmacy assessor, clinical technician, dental therapist, dental hygienist, orthodontic dentist, and more!

Employer links include:

- NHS

You'll love:

- Earning whilst learning
- Our assessors have a wealth of industry experience
- Learning skills and gaining proper work experience



Download full course sheets from our website

Protective Services

If you want to play a vital role in the welfare and safety of people, you could get started by signing up to one of our protective services courses.

Whether you want to work for the police, fire, prison service or the armed forces, studying at Walsall College will help you develop your fitness, team working and leadership skills and knowledge of the sector.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 First Diploma in Public Services	1 year	Wisemore Campus	You won't need any formal qualifications.
Level 2			
BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Public Services	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D/3 or above, or a relevant Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Protective Services	1-2 years	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths, or a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

- Wellbeing and fitness
- Volunteering
- Security work
- Public service incidents
- Assisting the public
- Events and expedition skills
- Planning and participating in events
- Crime and its effect on society
- Outdoor and adventurous activities (land based and water based)
- Responding to emergency service incidents
- Aspects of the legal system and current affairs



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Progression

You can move on to university or employment.

Aspire to become:

The armed forces, police service, fire service, prison service, security, revenue and customs, youth and community work and many more!

Employer links include:

- West Midlands Police
- Ministry of Defence
- West Midlands Fire Service

You'll love:

- Our residential stays and expedition trips
- Our close links with local service organisations will give you a chance to speak to professionals
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Mandatory work experience opportunities

SERVICES TO PEOPLE

People will always want to look good, eat well, keep fit and have fun! When you're working in a job that's all about people, you can't beat good customer-facing experience.

At Walsall College, it's all about preparing you for the real challenges of work - with incredible real-life facilities and those all important industry links.

Our Partners

Francesco
GROUP

WELLA

The Littleton

THE
Hub
EAT-PLAY-MEET-INNOVATE-LEARN



Example Careers...

Cabin Crew

Salon Manager

Beauty Therapist

Chef

Fitness Centre Manager

Make-up Artist

Tour Guide

Event Manager

Sports Coach

Travel Agent

Holiday Resort Rep

Event Management

Hairdresser / Barber

And many more!

Our Facilities...

- The Graduate Academy is our commercial hair and beauty salon partnered with the Francesco Group. Students get the chance to see the daily running of a successful salon
- Work in our fantastic award winning restaurant The Littleton as well as gain experiences in our conference and banquet suites based at The Hub
- Use our superb sports facilities including dance and fitness studios, sports training and injury clinic, sports hall with badminton courts, jacuzzi, sauna and steam room.

Aviation Operations, Travel and Tourism

Fancy a career that takes you around the world? Our travel courses could help you land your dream job.

Whether you want to work as a member of a cabin crew or ground crew team, travel agent, airline agent, pilot, in a hotel or at visitor attractions, we'll help you get a first class qualification with the skills and knowledge to set you on your way.

We work with some of the biggest names in the travel industry, including Virgin Atlantic, British Airways and Cooperative Travel, so when vacancies become available, you'll be the first to know about them. Plus, you'll also receive tips from the experts on how to stand out from the crowd during recruitment days. Study with us and see your career literally take off!

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Air Cabin Crew	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 2 Diploma In Aviation Operations/Airport Studies	1 year	Wisemore Campus	3 GCSEs at grades D/3 or above including English Language and/or Maths, and a Level 1 course relevant qualification.
Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Diploma in Aviation Operations/Airport Studies	1 year	Wisemore Campus	Level 2 qualification in curriculum-related subject. 3 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Prior work experience or a keen desire to work within the aviation sector.
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths and a Level 2 related qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

- Promoting package holidays
- Sales and customer services
- Tourism in the UK and the world
- Overseas resort operations
- Interpersonal skills
- Airline and aviation operations
- Health, safety and security
- Emergency procedures
- Crew room duties
- First aid
- Role of cabin crew
- Preparing for employment as cabin crew
- Check-in procedure and travel documentation
- Passenger baggage handling
- Support passengers with special requirements



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Progression

You can move on to university or employment.

Aspire to become:

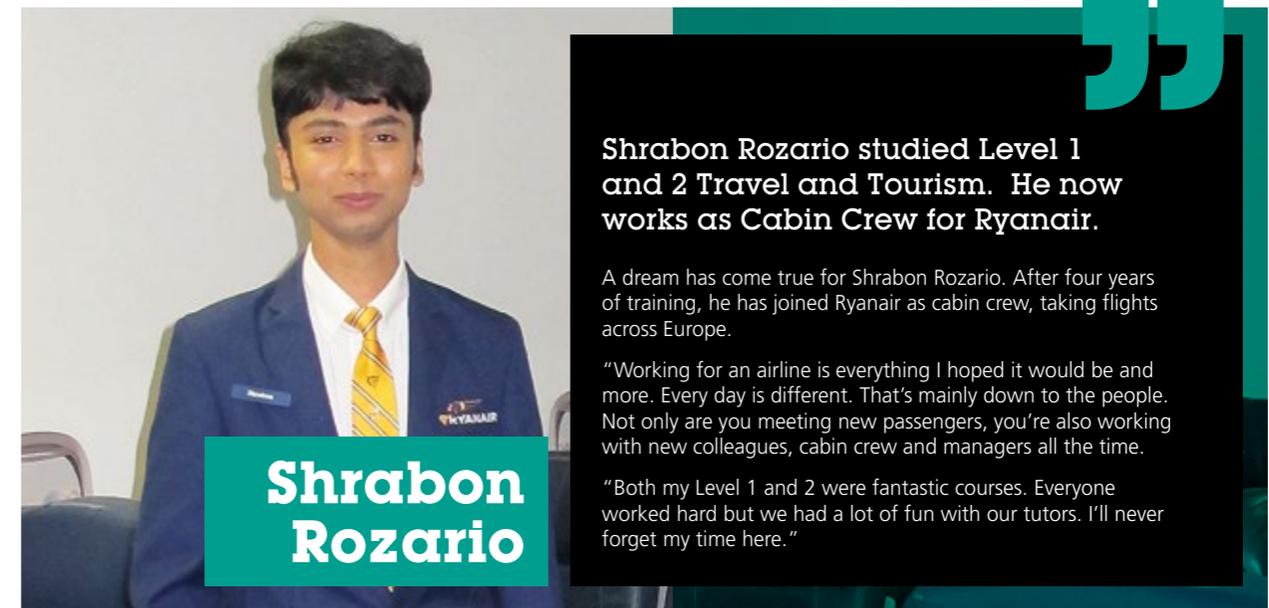
Passenger liaison, ramp work, cargo operations, ground handling, cabin crew, customer service, passenger check-in agent, resort representative, travel consultant, tourist information centre, tour guide, air traffic controller, airport security, airport manager, dispatcher, hotel manager, travel agent, cruise ship steward, theme park worker, heritage officer, museum assistant, port operative, visitor attraction general manager and more!

Employer links include:

- Jet2
- British Airways
- Virgin Atlantic
- Cooperative Travel
- TUI

You'll love:

- Opportunities to go on trips nationally and abroad
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Attend lectures given by industry experts
- Mandatory work experience



Shrabon Rozario studied Level 1 and 2 Travel and Tourism. He now works as Cabin Crew for Ryanair.

A dream has come true for Shrabon Rozario. After four years of training, he has joined Ryanair as cabin crew, taking flights across Europe.

"Working for an airline is everything I hoped it would be and more. Every day is different. That's mainly down to the people. Not only are you meeting new passengers, you're also working with new colleagues, cabin crew and managers all the time.

"Both my Level 1 and 2 were fantastic courses. Everyone worked hard but we had a lot of fun with our tutors. I'll never forget my time here."

Shrabon Rozario

Barbering and Hairdressing

People will always need a haircut, so training to become a hairdresser or a barber offers guaranteed job security.

Our modern commercial hair salon is the perfect environment for budding hairdressers and barbers to learn the technical skills and creative flair that's needed to make the industry cut. Students also have plenty of opportunities to test their skills against others and turn the heads of industry professionals by entering national competitions.

We have a proven track record of producing competition winners and finalists, thanks to our highly-qualified tutors who know what it takes to be a cut above the rest.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Diploma in Barbering	1 year	Wisemore Campus	No formal qualifications needed
Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing	1 year	Wisemore Campus	No formal qualifications needed
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Barbering	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Or a Level 1 related hairdressing qualification.
Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Or a Level 1 related hairdressing qualification.
Level 2 Diploma in Womens Hairdressing	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Or a Level 1 related hairdressing qualification.

INDUSTRY STATISTICS

There are over **43,000**

hair and beauty businesses within the UK (A rise of 1000 since 2018)



Source: <https://www.nhbf.co.uk/documents/hair-and-beauty-industry-statistics/#:~:text=There%20are%20over%2043%2C000%20hair,of%20less%20than%20%C2%A399k>

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 3			
Level 3 Diploma in Barbering	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Plus prior experience within the barbering industry. Must have a Level 2 hairdressing qualification or equivalent.
Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Plus prior experience within the hairdressing industry. Must have a Level 2 hairdressing qualification or equivalent.

Skills you will develop include:

- Professionalism and values
- Behaviours and communication
- Safe working practices (health and safety)
- Consultation skills
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp
- Cut hair using a range of techniques to create a variety of looks
- Colour and lighten hair using a range of techniques and colour correction
- Style and finish men's hair and cut facial hair into shape with shaving services
- Permed hair
- Hair extensions
- Bridal hair
- Promote and sell products/services



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Progression

You can move on to a higher level Apprenticeship, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Barber, hairdresser, salon manager, mobile stylist, influencer on social media, TV stylist, hairdressing photographer, hair loss specialist, hairdressing marketeer, prison barber, colour technician, funeral home hair stylist, sales rep, bridal stylist and more!

Employer links include:

- Francesco Group
- Wella
- FG Man

You'll love:

- Our masterclasses with industry professionals
- Our amazing salon and barber shop open to the public
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Entering exciting competitions
- Producing a range of styles for your portfolio of work

BARBER SALARY

From: **£14,000** → To: **£25,000**
depending on experience

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/barber>



Beauty Therapy

If you want to help people look and feel good about themselves, studying a beauty course with us could get you on your way.

Our state-of-the-art beauty salon and training facilities will teach you skills needed to become a qualified therapist to work in a salon, spa, hotel, cosmetic company or even on cruise liners. You will also be introduced to some of the best in the business – professional masterclasses with industry experts will give you an insight into some of the latest beauty trends and techniques as well as help inspire your own career choice.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Diploma in Beauty Therapy	1 year	Wisemore Campus	No formal qualifications needed
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy	1 year	Wisemore Campus	2 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English (Language or Literature). Or a Level 1 related beauty qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy	1 year	Wisemore Campus	3 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Or a Level 2 related beauty qualification. Must have a Level 2 Beauty qualification or equivalent.
Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology	1 year	Wisemore Campus	3 GCSEs at grades C/4 and above which must include English. Or a Level 2 related nail qualification. Must have a Level 2 Beauty qualification or equivalent.

"We estimate that UK consumers spent a total of

£27.2bn

on beauty products and services in 2018, 2 percent of UK household's total consumer spending.

£10.4bn (38%)

of this expenditure was spent on personal care and maintenance products"

SOURCE: https://britishbeautycouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Value_of_beauty_FINAL.pdf



Skills you will develop include:

- Introduction to hair and beauty industry
- Health and safety
- Skin care
- Make-up skills
- Manicure and pedicure
- Salon reception duties
- Waxing
- Eyelash and eyebrow treatments
- Nail art/gel and acrylic
- Tanning
- Promote and sell products and services to clients
- Anatomy physiology
- Provide body massage
- Provide facial electrotherapy treatments
- Provide body electrotherapy treatments
- Provide dry spa treatments



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Progression

You can move on to higher education or employment.

Aspire to become:

Beauty therapist, nail technician, dermatologist, eyelash technician, spa owner, beauty consultant, mobile make-up artist, influencer on social media, special effects make-up artist, beauty writer, hair removal technician, massage therapist, stylist, cosmetic surgeon, aesthetician, cosmetologist, model and more!

Employer links include:

- Hoar Cross Hall
- Dermalogica
- Louella Belle

You'll love:

- Our masterclasses with industry professionals
- Our amazing beauty salon/spa open to the public
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Producing a range of nail styles for your portfolio

BEAUTY THERAPIST SALARY

From: **£15,000** → To: **£20,000**

In your day to day tasks you may:

- Give a facial by cleansing, massaging and toning a client's skin
- Do a makeover by applying and advising on make-up
- Shape eyebrows and colour eyelashes
- Give a manicure, pedicure or other nail treatment like extensions and nail art
- Remove unwanted facial and body hair
- Give electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape
- Do non-surgical skin improvement treatments
- Offer UV (ultraviolet) and spray tanning

SOURCE: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/beauty-therapist>



Jack Truman

Jack Truman studied the Level 2 Certificate in Professional Cookery and Level 3 Advanced Diploma for Professional Chefs. He is working temporarily at The Littleton while progressing on to the HNC Hospitality Management.

“Studying in the college kitchens and through work placements means that you get training in pretty much every area of professional cookery. This gives you more choice and lets you find out where you shine. Now I’m interested in finding out more about the work involved in running an entire kitchen and putting events together.

“Getting your first big break as a chef can be tough. Especially as employers will look at people with lots of experience. But I think the right qualifications are an advantage too. They prove how skilled and committed you are. With the college, you get both things in one go.”



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Cookery and Catering

Exciting, fast-paced, and creative are just some of the ways to describe a career in cooking. And the courses we offer provide the key ingredients for success.

You’ll learn how to perfect your culinary skills in our professional training kitchens under the guidance of our expert tutors who’ve all come from the industry. You’ll also have the chance to gain experience in some of the best-known restaurants in the Midlands, including our onsite award-winning restaurant, The Littleton, headed up by two AA rosette-winning chefs.

You’ll also meet some of the best chefs in the business through a series of professional masterclasses. Through these, you’ll learn other tricks of the trade and sample a wide range of cuisines.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Hospitality	1 year	Wisemore Campus	No formal qualifications needed
Level 2			
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3			
Level 3 Advanced Diploma for Professional Chefs (Kitchen & Larder)	1 year	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Previous industry experience, or through completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Skills you will develop include:

- Preparing and cooking food
- Serving food and drink and delivering customer service
- Promoting and running a hospitality event
- Boiling, poaching and steaming
- Stewing and braising
- Baking, roasting and grilling
- Deep frying and shallow frying
- Cold food preparation
- How to use different knives, tools and equipment
- Organise yourself as a chef, working safely and hygienically
- Producing vegetarian, meat, poultry and game, fish, shellfish dishes, pastry and chocolate dishes

Progression

You can move on to the HNC Hospitality Event Management at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Executive chef, sous chef, events caterer, pastry chef, private/personal chef, recipe developer, food writer, food stylist, restaurant owner, food service manager, food scientist and more!

Employer links include:

- Quorn
- Maribel Restaurant
- Fairlawns Hotel
- Five Rivers
- The Boat - Lichfield

You’ll love:

- Gain experience at our award winning restaurant The Littleton
- Opportunities to go on trips to food shows and festivals
- Attend lectures given by industry experts

Hospitality and Event Management

Prefer a front-of-house role such as coordinating events, restaurant management and customer service/marketing?

If so, we have courses that will train you to deliver the best possible service for wow-factor events. With The Hub, the college's enterprise venue playing host to around a hundred events each year, from networking breakfasts and afternoon teas to award ceremonies, students can experience the buzz of supporting these showcase and celebratory activities.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1 Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Hospitality	1 year	Wisemore Campus	No formal qualifications needed
Level 2 Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality & Events	1 year	Wisemore Campus	4 GCSEs at grades D to G/3 - 1 (including a curriculum-related subject). Or a Level 1 related qualification.
Level 3 Level 3 Extended Diploma in Hospitality with Events	1 year	Wisemore Campus	5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Previous industry experience, or through completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification.

THE UK EVENTS INDUSTRY IS NOW WORTH

£39.1 bn

according to the new Events are GREAT Britain report from the Business Visits & Events Partnership (BVEP).

SOURCE: [https://www.hbaa.org.uk/content/new-report-values-uk-events-industry-%C2%A3391bn#:~:text=The%20UK%20events%20industry%20is,%26%20Events%20Partnership%20\(BVEP\).](https://www.hbaa.org.uk/content/new-report-values-uk-events-industry-%C2%A3391bn#:~:text=The%20UK%20events%20industry%20is,%26%20Events%20Partnership%20(BVEP).)



Skills you will develop include:

- Food and beverage service
- Promoting and running an event
- Food safety and health and safety
- Menu planning
- Barista skills
- Financial control
- Alcoholic beverage service
- Food service organisation
- Marketing



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Progression

You can move on to the HNC Hospitality Event Management at Walsall College, university or employment.

Aspire to become:

Event management, restaurant management, conference centre manager, food and beverage manager, hotel manager (worldwide), wedding planner, and more!

Employer links include:

- Shropshire Events
- The Mount
- Cheals Restaurant
- Mytton & Mermaid Shrewsbury
- Hundren House Hotel

You'll love:

- Gaining live experience at our award winning restaurant and business hub
- Attend lectures given by industry experts and guest speakers



Zara Jabbar

Completed Level 3 Travel and Tourism, Level 3 Extended Diploma, HNC & HND Hospitality Management, progressing to Hospitality and Tourism Management TOP-UP degree at University College Birmingham

"Hospitality is about making people feel valued. The more welcome people feel in a venue or location, the more likely it is they will remember it for the right reasons.

"Self-belief used to be an issue for me. This changed when I got involved in events at college, serving refreshments at Open Days and working as bar staff at The Littleton. My courses have encouraged me to try out a few travel and hospitality industry job roles and work in different places before I find my niche. Eventually, I'd love to own my own travel agency."

Sport and Fitness

If you've got your heart set on having an active career as a sports coach, physiotherapist, personal trainer or PE teacher, to name but a few, our sport courses can help you get on the right track.

Our fantastic sport facilities include dance and fitness studios, a sports training and injury clinic, fully-equipped gym and sports hall with badminton courts, and will all give you a great training base to develop your skills.

We have excellent links with local sports clubs and leagues, that'll also give you the chance to gain meaningful work experience and take part in competitions at the highest level. Score big, study sports with us.

Courses available:	Duration:	Location:	Entry requirements:
Level 1			
Level 1 Diploma in Active Sport and Leisure	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	No formal qualifications needed
Level 2			
Level 2 Diploma in Promoting Health & Wellness	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grades D/3-9 and above (including a curriculum-related subject and Maths and English).
Level 2 Diploma in Sport	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grades D/3-9 and above (including a curriculum-related subject and Maths and English).
Level 3			
Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training (Gym Based)	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above (including a PE, Maths and English).
Level 3 Diploma In Sports Massage and Exercise Referral	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above (Maths and English). And have one of the following: Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing or equivalent, Level 3 Certificate in Personal Training, Level 3 Diploma in Teaching Pilates, Level 3 Diploma in Teaching Yoga
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development	1 year	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths and a relevant Level 2 course.
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Development/Performance/Science	2 years	Wisemore Campus/ The Hub	4 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above including English Language and Maths and a relevant Level 2 course.

Skills you will develop include:

- Exercise and fitness activities
- Anatomy and physiology
- Planning own fitness programme and preparing goals
- Working in a team
- Health, safety and welfare
- Diet, nutrition, food groups and digestion
- Know how to promote health for wellness
- Delivery of effective customer service
- Developing coaching skills
- Look at the healthcare systems and exercise referral process
- Principles of soft tissue dysfunction
- Fundamentals of sports massage treatments
- Looking at self employment
- Sports psychology
- Rules, regulations and officiating



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Progression

You can move on to university or employment.

Aspire to become:

A sports coach, fitness instructor, personal trainer, footballer, sports centre manager, sports massage therapist, sport and exercise psychologist, exercise physiologist, PE teacher, nutritionist and more!

Employer links include:

- Aston Villa Football Club
- Walsall Football Club

You'll love:

- Our gym and sports injury clinic based at The Hub
- Opportunities to go play sports competitions in football and basketball
- Tutors all have a wealth of industry experience
- Opportunity to complete Duke of Edinburgh (bronze/silver)
- Trips to sports stadiums and practical activities

PERSONAL TRAINING

The industry is expected to continue growing over the next five years,

benefitting from rising consumer confidence over much of the period following five years of declining confidence as a result of economic uncertainty surrounding the UK's exit from the European Union. This is expected to lead to faster growth than in the previous five-year period as consumers are less likely to cut back on discretionary spending, of which personal trainers falls into, resulting in higher demand for industry services.

SOURCE: <https://www.ibisworld.com/united-kingdom/market-research-reports/personal-trainers-industry/>





We are part of the Association of Colleges (AoC) Sports League scheme with teams in basketball and football.

ACADEMY OF SPORT: BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL

Combine professional football coaching with sports qualifications.

These academies offer a great opportunity for talented, young sports students, who want to continue with their education, whilst working towards sporting success.

Each specialist centre harnesses the talents of both male and female players who display above average ability. Walsall College is proud to have close links with Walsall Football Club and local semi-professional clubs. Students who display outstanding levels of ability and commitment will be recommended to these clubs for further progression opportunities.

If you join the scheme you will take part in high level sports coaching whilst studying for nationally recognised Sport Diplomas.

You must be aged between 16-19 on 31st August in the year you want to start the course.

To find out more, please email
howardmark@walsallcollege.ac.uk
or call 01922 688360



James Roberts

James Roberts studied a Level 2 Diploma in Sport and is now studying Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development

“Studying at college is great. I’m with people who love sport as much as I do. My teachers are always fully supportive too. They never just leave you to get on with something; help is available when you need it.

“Work experience is part of the college’s sports courses. I started out doing some voluntary coaching at my old primary school. On top of this, I got involved with The Inspire Group who offer different sports-based activities to 4-11 year-olds.

“The more coaching I do, the more beneficial I find it.”

FOUNDATION LEARNING

At Walsall College, we passionately believe that education should be available to everyone who can benefit from it. Most of our courses are working towards progression on to other vocational courses, employment or independent living.

Our Partners



PROUD TO SUPPORT
THE PRINCE'S TRUST

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The support workers available to me had a real understanding of all the challenges I might face in and outside the classroom

Achieving Together

Achieving Together is designed for young people who have not had the best experience at school. You'll learn key employability skills, English, Maths and IT skills, and how to become an active citizen in the community.

ESOL

We offer English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) for 16-19 year olds.

Supported Learning

Our courses can be stepping stones to either higher levels of study or greater independence and we offer individualised personal support plans that are tailor made to suit your specific needs and include vocational courses at Entry Level 3 and Level 1.

Our Facilities...

We offer:

- Notetakers
- BSL interpreters
- Learning mentors
- Support for personal care needs

Whether you want to improve your skills for further education, training or employment, we can help you find your dream role.

Foundation Learning

Supported Learning

Supported Internship

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You won't need any formal qualifications however you should be working at Entry Level 3 to Level 1, and be able to independently access a work placement with minimal support. Suitability to the course will be assessed by a course tutor.

Ideal for: SEND students who, with the right level of guidance and support, are ready and prepared to learn skills to make the step into employment.

You'll learn: skills which will help you to gain and maintain employment, whilst also learning on the job skills through your Internship placement.

Expect: to develop your employability skills during an internship with a local employer and study English and Maths.

You'll love: the support you'll get from tutors during your placement to help you get the most out of your experience.

What next? Progress onto a Traineeship, Apprenticeship or employment based on your interests and skills.



Supported Learning

Level 1 in Art & Design

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you want to develop your creativity by exploring a variety of art and design techniques and gain more confidence in applying these skills.

You'll learn: different art and design methods including painting and drawing, 3D design, photography, computer generated graphics, textiles and printmaking.

Expect: to work on personal projects and build up your own portfolio of artwork.

You'll love: field trips to local art galleries and museums.

What next? Level 2 Art & Design courses within Creative Industries and/or employment.



Supported Learning

Level 1 in Performing Arts

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you want to develop your confidence and communication skills by exploring a variety of different performing arts techniques.

You'll learn: a range of practical performance skills including acting, dancing and music, as well as social skills and health and safety knowledge.

Expect: individual and group activities, real life scenarios and practical, written and verbal assessments.

You'll love: performing on stage during various productions.

What next? Mainstream Performing Arts course, Social Services provision.



Supported Learning

Level 1 Media

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you have a keen interest in video and audio production and want to improve your media skills within a supported learning environment.

You'll learn: about the media industry and aspects of video and audio production, including film making.

Expect: to work on a variety of projects which will allow you to explore different media techniques.

You'll love: working on live projects which will allow you to improve your media skills.

What next? Progression to Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production.



Supported Learning

SLDD Sport Academy Level 1

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you have a keen interest in Sports, and if you have a learning difficulty or need to improve your English and Maths skills to support you to progress.

You'll learn: the skills to participate and coach a wide range of sports through practical and theory sessions.

Expect: opportunities to compete regionally in a range of sports. You can expect to be part of the SLDD Football Team who compete on a regional and national level.

You'll love: the range of practical sports activities available to students.

What next? Progression to mainstream Sports, Supported Internship or other mainstream courses.



Supported Learning

Introduction to Hospitality and Catering Entry Level 3/Level 1

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you have an interest in cooking and want to learn the skills you need to work in the hospitality and catering sector.

You'll learn: about a range of practical food preparation and production skills and food hygiene.

Expect: to study Functional Skills in Maths, English and ICT as part of this course.

You'll love: working in industry standard kitchens and opportunities for work experience in a range of settings.

What next? Level 2 course within mainstream catering, opportunities to progress into Apprenticeships and/or employment.



Foundation Learning

Supported Learning

Skills for Employment Entry Level 3

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You won't need any formal qualifications however you should be working at Entry Level 2 to Entry Level 3, and be able to independently access a work placement with minimal support. Suitability to the course will be assessed by a course tutor.

Ideal if: you want to gain the foundation skills required in the workplace to help you get a job.

You'll learn: about dealing with problems in daily life, preparing for work and exploring job opportunities available to you.

Expect: to study Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT with exam based assessments.

You'll love: the chance to gain real life work experience with a local employer.

What next? Supported Internship, a mainstream vocational course, paid or voluntary employment.



Supported Learning

Skills for Progression Entry Level 2

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you want to develop your academic, social and vocational skills within a supported learning environment.

You'll learn: practical skills in a range of subjects such as catering, care, motor vehicle, art and design, performing arts, media, sports and gardening.

Expect: to study Functional Skills in Maths, English and ICT as part of this course.

You'll love: the support you'll get from tutors and the chance to meet new people and make friends.

What next? Progress onto higher level courses within Foundation Learning/ mainstream, based on your interests and skills. Other routes include social services provision, voluntary and/or paid employment.



Supported Learning

Skills for Independence Entry Level 2

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you want to improve your ability to live more independently by developing your cooking, social and communications skills.

You'll learn: about shopping and basic food preparation, personal safety, community participation and safety in the home.

Expect: individual and group activities, real life scenarios and practical, written and verbal assessments.

You'll love: The opportunity to develop independent living skills in a community based venue.

What next? There may be possible progression options to higher level courses within Foundation Learning, based on your interests/skills. Other routes include social services provision, voluntary and/or paid employment.



Life Skills

Personal Progress Entry Level 1

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

Ideal if: you want to improve your life and living skills to help prepare you for adulthood.

You'll learn: skills which are needed in daily life such as basic food preparation, personal safety and communication skills.

Expect: to learn in a variety of settings including the local community.

You'll love: the practical activities which will support you to improve a wide range of skills

What next? You may be able to progress to higher level courses within Foundation Learning, other progression routes include social care provision.



Pathways to the Future

Pathways to the Future

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Hawbush Campus

Entry Requirements:

You won't need any formal qualifications. Suitability to the course will be assessed by a course tutor.

Ideal if: The course is designed to support students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to develop a wide range of skills to progress to higher levels of study and to prepare them for adulthood. This course is ideal if you would benefit from accessing provision at a smaller campus.

You'll learn: The course will include subjects such as English and Maths and other subjects to support students to develop their Independent Living skills, personal and social development and Employability Skills.

Expect: to gain nationally recognised academic or vocational qualifications and improve your confidence and self-esteem.

You'll love: Being able to learn new skills in a small nurturing environment.

What next? Progression to further education, training or employment.



Achieving Together

Achieving Together

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

You won't need any formal qualifications.

Ideal if: you are aged between 14-19 years and may have had negative mainstream education experiences. You may have received or are predicted low GCSE grades but want support and guidance in deciding and achieving your career goals. You may be Elective Home Educated and want to re-engage in Further Education.

You'll learn: key employability, Prince's Trust scheme, English, Maths and IT skills, and how to become an active citizen in the community.

Expect: to gain nationally recognised academic or vocational qualifications and improve your confidence and self-esteem.

You'll love: off-site field trips and team building activities.

What next? Progression to further education, training or employment.



ESOL (16-19)

English for Speakers of other Languages

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

No formal qualifications are required.

Ideal if: English is your second language.

You'll learn: how to communicate effectively in the English Language.

Expect: The opportunity to develop your Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening Skills, alongside planning for your chosen career goals and the steps required to reach that goal.

You'll love: The opportunity to develop independent English skills which will support you in gaining access to the vocational programme of your choice.

What next? Progression to further education, training or employment.



Jonathan Morris

Being named the Association of Colleges 2021 Higher Education Student of the Year tops off Jonathan Morris' incredible student journey with Walsall College.

It is a journey that began with him studying an Entry Level 2 Skills for Working Life course, before progressing from Level 1 creative media all the way up to HND (Level 6).

"College life and learning helped me discover my passion for filmmaking and how it could help me build my dream career. Everything left me feeling inspired, such as getting out there and doing things, being in charge of what I made and learning to collaborate with other students.

"The work I've done at the college and the encouragement from everyone here has also helped change the perceptions I had of myself."

GCSEs and A Levels

Getting the best GCSE results you can couldn't be more important. They're the first step on your way to getting the career you want. It's not just schools that take them seriously, it's colleges, universities and employers too.

Study for your GCSE retakes here at Walsall College and we'll give you the supportive environment you need to build the foundations of your career.

GCSEs

GCSEs

English Language GCSE - Level 2

Duration:

32 weeks

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

If you obtained a grade D/2-3 in your GCSE English, we can support you towards working to a grade 4 or above. Entry to the course is to be dependent on written assessment result.

Ideal if: you want to progress to further or Higher Education or into employment.

You'll learn: how to analyse a range of texts including non-fiction and fiction. You will be given the opportunity to develop your understanding of the English we use in the daily world through a range of on screen and/or paper texts. You will develop your writing skills to enable you to express ideas and information clearly and accurately.

Expect: to gain academic or vocational qualifications and improve your confidence and self-esteem.

You'll love: the new opportunities for progression that this qualification will open up for you.

What next? Progress to further education.

GCSEs

Maths GCSE - Level 2

Duration:

32 weeks

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

If you obtained a grade D/2-3 in your GCSE Maths, we can support you towards working to a grade 4 or above. Entry to the course is to be dependent on written assessment result.

Ideal if: you want to progress to further or Higher Education or access to more career opportunities.

You'll learn: how to solve mathematical problems across a range of topics including number and algebra and space and measurement. And how to use maths to solve problems that might occur in real life.

Expect: to gain academic or vocational qualifications and improve your confidence and self-esteem.

You'll love: the foundation for many other courses or job opportunities gaining this qualification will provide.

What next? Progress to further education.

GCSEs

Biology GCSE - Level 2

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Maths and English at grade C/4 or above and pass an interview to determine suitability to study an additional qualification alongside a full study programme.

Ideal if: you have an interest in science and want to pursue a career in the biomedical or biotechnology industry.

You'll learn: how the human body responds to internal and external changes, medical and recreational drugs and new methods of producing plants and animals with preferred characteristics.

Expect: a hands-on course taught by tutors with industry experience in simulated laboratories conditions.

You'll love: staging experiments and taking part in the annual science fair.

What next? Progress to further education.

GCSEs

Chemistry GCSE - Level 2

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Maths and English at grade C/grade 4 or above. Entry to the course is to be dependent on written assessment result.

Ideal if: you have an interest in science and want to pursue a career in the biomedical or pharmaceutical industry.

You'll learn: about chemical reactions, different rocks, metals and fuels, making polymers, atmospheric changes, human effects on the environment and sub-atomic particles.

Expect: a hands-on course taught by tutors with industry experience in simulated laboratories conditions.

You'll love: staging experiments and taking part in the annual science fair.

What next? Progress to further education.

GCSEs

Physics GCSE - Level 2

Duration:

1 year

Location:

Wisemore Campus

Entry Requirements:

To study this alongside your main subject, you will need to have obtained Maths and English at grade C/grade 4 or above. Entry to the course is to be dependent on written assessment result.

Ideal if: You are interested in science and wish to pursue a career in a related industry.

You'll learn: Electricity and electrical principles, forces and motion, waves, electromagnetic spectrum, energy, radioactivity, gases.

Expect: a hands-on course taught by tutors with industry experience in simulated laboratories conditions.

You'll love: staging experiments and taking part in the annual science fair.

What next? Progress to further education.

If you obtained a Grade D/grade 2-3 on your English and Maths GCSE, we can offer you support working towards a grade C/grade 4. If you are aged 16-18 these courses must be taken alongside a full time course.

COMING SOON...

A Level programmes like no other.....

Walsall College is working with employers and universities to develop an exciting new A Level offer. Our aim is to bring together a suite of qualifications that guide students towards key job markets, ensuring you are career ready.

To join the waiting list for the **new A Level course guide** scan the QR code:



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Privacy Notice

Walsall College collects and processes personal data relating to potential learners to manage effectively, the administration of their education and to meet its statutory obligations as part of the College's public task. Walsall College is committed to being transparent about the data it collects and uses that data lawfully in line with its data protection obligation. For our full privacy notice, please see the Walsall College website.

Your personal information may be shared with third parties for education, training, employment and well-being purposes, including for research. This will only take place where the law allows it and the sharing in compliance with data protection legislation. For further information on which organisation we regularly share personal data with, please read our full privacy notice on the Walsall College website.

If you need help accessing this prospectus or would like it in another format e.g. braille, widget or audio, please contact us on **01922 688536**. Deaf Users Minicom: **01922 657064**.

We may share your information upon request with the Police, where knowledge of or involvement with a crime is suspected. All information provided will be dealt with in accordance with the College's Data Protection Policy, which can be found on the Walsall College website.

Your personal data will not be used for marketing or survey purposes without your consent. If you would like to opt in to receive marketing from Walsall College or to be included in surveys, please email info@walsallcollege.ac.uk for more information.

Health & Safety Statement Walsall College's Smoke-free Policy

For the health and wellbeing of everyone here at Walsall College, we have a smoke-free policy for students and employees. There is no smoking which also includes E Cigarettes in any area across all campuses, except in our designated smoking areas. It includes no smoking in college vehicles or when you're carrying passengers in your own vehicle on college business. Smokers - please be respectful towards non-smokers and use the bins to keep smoking areas clean.

- You can contact the Health & Safety Department on **01922 657021**.
- NHS FREE Quit Smoking Helpline: **0800 022 4332**.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Course advice

Our impartial Information, Advice & Guidance Team are here to discuss the best options available to you. Contact our Student Services team to discuss your options on **01922 657000**.

Financial advice

- To find out what financial help may be available to you, talk to our Information, Advice & Guidance Team on: **01922 657000**
- Find out more at: www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk

Stay safe

- If you're worried for yourself or someone else, contact us at: safeguardingteam@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Students with disabilities

- Apply for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) at: www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview
- Talk in confidence to our Inclusive Support Team on **01922 657093** or **01922 688536**
- For interpreting support for deaf students, contact **01922 657000**.

Students' Union

- Find out more at: www.walsallcollege.ac.uk or email studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Apprenticeships

- Find out more at: www.walsallcollege.ac.uk or call **01922 651129**

Open Days

Wednesday 13th October 2021 4pm - 8pm

Thursday 25th November 2021 4pm - 8pm

Saturday 15th January 2022 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 22nd March 2022 4pm - 7pm

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