





# 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 ambitions or discover your talent, we have lots of ways to inspire you to learn and achieve. Our wide range of Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs), T Levels, A Levels and Apprenticeships all provide the opportunity for you to pursue your passion and your path to success.

If you are aiming for university, then you will be in the right place, as over 500 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.

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 to achieve your goals. We look forward to welcoming you to Walsall College.

Jatinder Sharma OBE - Principal & Chief Executive

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# Did you know...

**FREE BUS PASS**

Available to full time students

\*subject to eligibility



**FANCY A CUPPA**

We have an onsite Starbucks

**ENGLISH & MATHS**

are an important part of our study programmes

**FREE WI-FI ON CAMPUS**

**WE HAVE 14,000 STUDENTS**

Students get a **FREE BREAKFAST**

\*between 8.00am and 10.00am

**YOU CAN STUDY UP TO DEGREE LEVEL WITH US**

**99%**  
**OF OUR STUDENTS**  
know how to stay safe online

Induction Survey – 2021/22

**99%**  
**OF OUR STUDENTS**  
would recommend us to others

Induction Survey – 2021/22

**94%**  
**OF OUR STUDENTS**

agree they benefited from good initial careers advice and guidance

FE Teaching and Learning Survey (2021/22)

**WE HAVE THE BIGGEST SIXTH FORM IN WALSALL**

**CASHLESS**



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

We are one of the **LARGEST** PROVIDERS of 16-18 Apprenticeship Training in the West Midlands

WE WORK WITH OVER **700** APPRENTICE EMPLOYERS

**COLLEGE BURSARIES AVAILABLE** for equipment and childcare

\*subject to eligibility



# Discover your path

There are lots of different courses for school leavers at Walsall College - but which one is right for you? Don't worry, we'll help you discover your perfect path. Most subjects are available in different pathways. Here's what you need to know about each.

See pages 6-7 for more information about work experience

## Help finding the right route for you

It can be hard knowing which route is right for you. At Walsall College, we get rid of the guesswork so you'll know you're on the right path.

- You'll apply to study your chosen subject and be invited for an interview with one of our friendly tutors.
- They'll ask you about your ambitions and experience. Then recommend which pathway will work best for you.
- You start your course with confidence, knowing you're on the right path to achieve your goals.

Maths and English are essential for success - in life and at work. If you have grade 4 already, you'll build on this as part of your course. If you haven't achieved grade 4 yet, we'll get you there.

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Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ)



### What is a VTQ?

- A VTQ focuses on practical career skills and comes in different levels depending on your experience.
- Level 3 Extended Diplomas are equivalent to three A Levels.
- You'll gain real-world skills and get some work experience.
- You'll be assessed through practical sessions and coursework.

### Ideal if...

- You want work-ready skills for a specific sector - like automotive or health
- You learn best through hands-on experience
- You love putting theory into practice
- You want to progress to work or further study

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T-LEVELS  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



### What is a T Level?

- T Levels are courses that focus on one subject for two years.
- They are vocational and focus on a particular career path.
- You'll study one T Level - it's equivalent to three A levels.
- You spend 80% of your time studying and 20% of your time on an industrial placement with an employer.

### Ideal if...

- You know what career you want to do
- You enjoy learning theories and ideas but also want to get lots of practical hands-on work experience
- You want to progress to work or further study

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Apprenticeships



### What is an Apprenticeship?

- An Apprenticeship lets you learn while you earn.
- You spend 80% of your time in work and 20% of your time studying topics related to your job.
- You'll be assessed on your progress in both work and study.

### Ideal if...

- You know what career you want to do
- You want to learn on the job more than in the classroom
- But you still want to support your work experience with professional knowledge
- You want to earn a wage while you study

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A Levels



### What are A Levels?

- A Levels are courses that focus on a single subject for two years.
- Our A Levels are delivered alongside a VTQ course.
- You'll be assessed with exams and some coursework.
- You'll get some work experience but will mostly study in the classroom.

### Ideal if...

- You learn best through reading and studying
- You're good at exams
- You like theories and ideas
- You want to study an academic subject at university



# Get ahead with work experience

Whatever you're studying, you'll get work experience to boost your career confidence and credentials. You'll learn to apply your new knowledge and skills in a real-life work environment.

## How much work experience will I get?

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**VTQ**

Your course is based on developing real-world practical skills. You'll get 36 hours of work-related activities including work placements, employer visits and projects.

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**T Level**

You spend 80% of your time studying and 20% of your time on an industrial placement with an employer. That's 315 hours of work experience - equivalent to 45 days.

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**Apprenticeship**

You spend 80% of your time in work and 20% of your time studying topics related to your job.

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**A Level**

You will cover elements of preparation for the world of work which will include trips to employers places of work and projects.

### Why do work experience?



Real-life experience of your chosen career



Helps narrow down what you'd like to do



Boosts your CV with skills and experience



Gives you contacts in the workplace



Puts your theory into practice



Increases your confidence

## What support will I get?

- You'll get support to
- Find and apply for work experience with our wide range of employer partners
  - Support during your placement - to make sure it's going well
  - Support after your placement - to help you apply what you've learned

## Our work experience Partners include

Balfour Beatty

VINCI

RAC

LEARNPLAY FOUNDATION

BOWMER KIRKLAND

nec  
thenec.co.uk

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

NHS

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

NHS

Tilbury Douglas

The New Art Gallery Walsall

“As an employer, taking on students who have tangible experience gained in the workplace can be a huge benefit. They enter employment ready to focus on the job in hand and with an awareness of what's expected of them.”

**Nadine Bila**  
Director at Bila Legal Services



## Get the Walsall graduate advantage

Your qualifications will take you far. But your attitude will take you further. Wherever you want to go in life, Walsall College is a great place to start.

### As a Walsall graduate you'll be:

**Skilled**  
You'll have the industry skills, knowledge and experience to thrive in the workplace, from day one of employment

**Professional**  
You'll be job ready, with bags of initiative, communication skills and the ability to work well as part of a team

**Enterprising**  
You'll be resourceful, adaptable to the changing needs of business, and able to innovate.

See course pages to discover where our graduates work now.

# Working with parents



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

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's 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 or email their personal tutor.

### 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 parents' evenings so that we can chat about your child's progress.

## 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 report card, 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.



**Want to know more?**

Scan the QR code

## Choose the best for your child

You want the best for your child and so do we. Here's what they'll get when they study at Walsall College.

### A route to university

Aspire to university? A Level 3 vocational qualification - like a BTEC or T Level - is equivalent to three A Levels. Most universities accept these for entry to their degrees\* Your child can also study to degree-level at Walsall College at a fraction of the cost of university.

### A springboard into employment

Want to get to work? Vocational qualifications provide a firm foundation for employment. For some careers, they're preferred. They'll equip your child with the skills, knowledge and confidence to pursue their chosen career. You can also rely on award-winning career guidance to help them find and apply for jobs.

### Worthwhile work experience

Your child can boost their prospects with real-life work experience. We'll help them find - and support them to succeed in - an industrial placement with one of our employer partners - from the police and NHS to big names in business and industry. See more on page 6-7.

### Essential English and Maths

Maths and English are essential in everyday life and work, so all students aged 16-18 will study English and Maths as part of their course. And if your child obtained a grade D/3 on their English or Maths GCSE, we'll help them work towards a grade C/4.

### Support at every step

Our doors are always open. If your child has a problem with their academic or personal life, or emotional wellbeing, our pastoral team can help. We also provide careers support.

### A safe place to study

Your child will feel safe at College. All students sign a behaviour agreement and we have a disciplinary system for any breaches. We also have a safeguarding policy that you can view on our website.

\*If in doubt, check out entry requirements for specific degrees on their preferred universities' websites



# Your support at College

During your studies, you'll be challenged in lots of good ways - learning and growing into the new you. But sometimes you might face things you need help with. When you do, we're here for you 100%.

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### Careers guidance

Your dream job is closer than ever thanks to support from our award-winning Careers Guidance team. Explore your higher education and employment options and get help in applying for part-time jobs.

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### Support with money

If you're under 19, our courses are free. But if you're struggling with other costs - like travel, equipment and exams - you might be able to get financial help. Just talk to our Customer Service team for advice.

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### Somewhere to study

Not everyone has a quiet place to study at home. If you need room to think, our Learning Resources Centre has everything you need - thousands of books, magazines and digital resources; computers; study areas, and fantastic staff to help you find what you need.

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### Free Counselling

If things are getting on top of you, you can get free personal counselling to talk things through. You can also chat with a Pastoral Support Officer for help with social and personal issues.

## It starts with you.

At Walsall College, everyone is treated with respect and expected to adhere to our Ready, Respect, Safe agreement at all times.

- **Ready** - To learn
- **Respect** - Each other and the environment
- **Safe** - Keep yourself and others safe

READY  
RESPECT  
SAFE

## Support for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

Whatever your needs, you'll be supported to achieve your full potential across all study programmes and all of our campuses. We welcome 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 conditions
- Medical conditions

### Support available

- Support from our highly skilled Learning Mentors
- One-to-one and small group support
- Support in class and at break/lunch times
- Transport meet and greet
- One-to-one assignment support sessions
- Specialist dyslexia support
- Examination access arrangements assessments
- Specialist Language Support
- Educational Interpreters and Notetakers

### Supported Learning Provision

We have a range of programmes within our Supported Learning Provision from Pre-Entry to Level 1 that cater specifically for individuals aged 16 years to adults with additional needs. See page 102 for more details.

These courses are designed to prepare students for adulthood - and to promote independence, personal and social development. Our specialist tutors and support staff work with smaller groups to help everyone achieve their potential.

### Help us plan your support

If you (or your child) have additional needs, let us know so we can support you appropriately. We want to make sure you're supported from the start. We'll put an individual support plan in place to support your college journey - so you can achieve your personal potential and goals.

### Education, Health and Care Plan

If you are aged 16-25 years and have an Education, Health and Care Plan please let us know on your application form. A formal consultation with your Local Authority and the college will then take place. Alongside this we may also invite you in to complete a curriculum interview and needs assessment with our Inclusive Support Team.

### Your future

Our students achieve their qualifications and build on their holistic skills. They progress onto higher level courses, into employment/voluntary work, and both supported and independent living.

Please contact us at [inclusivesupport@walsallcollege.ac.uk](mailto:inclusivesupport@walsallcollege.ac.uk) if you have any queries.





**Want to know more?**  
Scan the QR code



# 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
- Onsite award winning Littleton Restaurant
- Onsite nursery
- Music campus with recording studio and equipment
- Cisco Networking Academy/ Oracle Academy
- Bell Painting and Decorating 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, welding bay, pneumatic training rigs and more!



Check out  
our 360° tour  
Scan the QR code

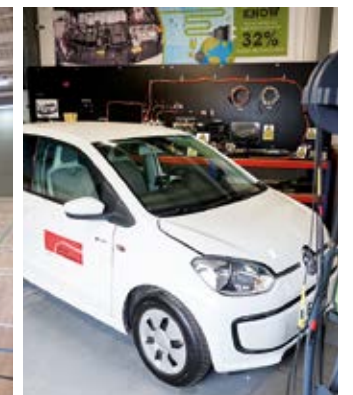
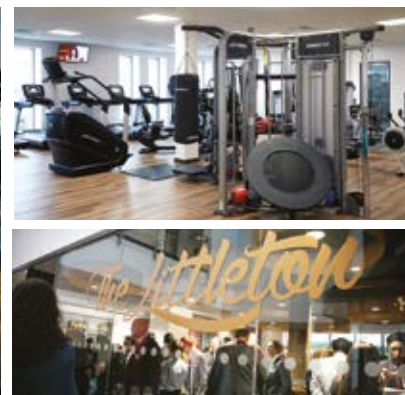


Green  
Lane

## NEW FOR 2023

A three-floor extension of our Green Lane Campus will be ready in Autumn 2023.

It will include additional space in the gas and plumbing, carpentry and electrical workshops and classrooms, plus social space for students, a reception area and new canteen facilities.





# 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\***.

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	36	Walsall to Alumwell to circular
4	Blackheath via West Bromwich	37	Willenhall via Lodge Farm and Darlaston
4H	Hayley Green via Halesowen, Blackheath & West Bromwich	39	Stowlawn via Bilston and Darlaston
4M	Merry Hill Shopping Centre via Blackheath & West Bromwich	41	Willenhall via New Invention   Bentley
6	Sutton Coldfield via Mere Green, Little Aston and Aldridge	45	West Bromwich via Charlemont Farm, Stone Cross and Yew Tree
7	Walsall Wood via Aldridge	51	Birmingham - Walsall via Great Barr
8	Brownhills to via Clayhanger, Pelsall Lane and Rushall	69	Wolverhampton via New Cross Hospital   Wood End   New Invention   Beechdale
9	Bloxwich via Pelsall, High Heath and Rushall	70	Bloxwich to Walsall Bus Station via Dudley Fields and Beechdale
10	Brownhills via Streets Corner	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
32	Lower Farm via Bloxwich	X51	Cannock to Birmingham via Walsall and Great Barr
34	Bilston via Darlaston		
35	Aldridge (via Rushall)		

\*subject to eligibility

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.

2 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.

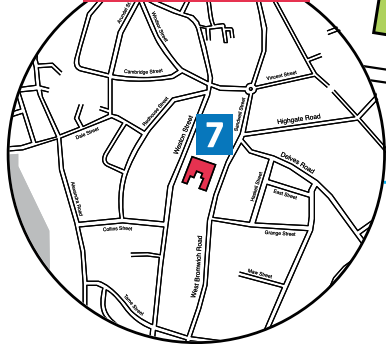
3 The Hub

*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.

Key

- Pedestrian area
- Max stay 4 hours parking
- Max stay all day parking
- St. Paul's Bus Station

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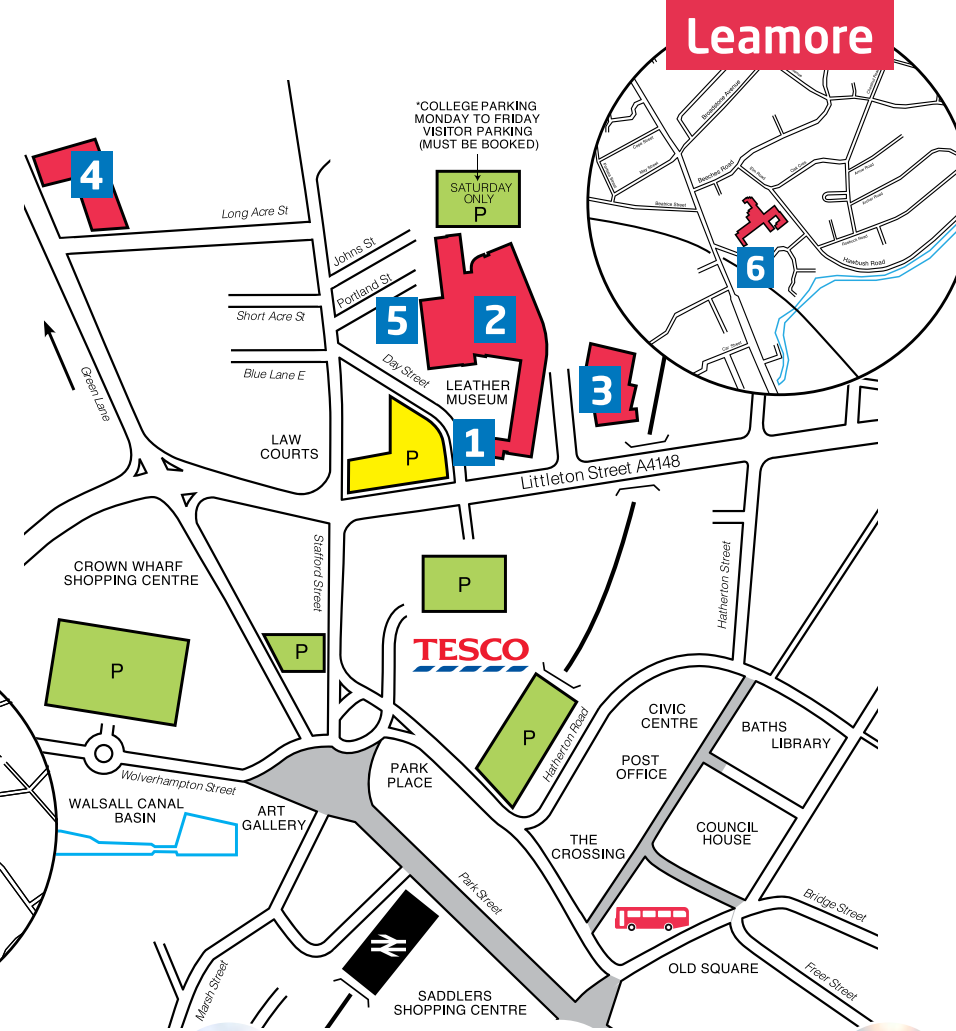
4 **Green Lane Campus**  
*Long Acre St, WS2 8HX*  
This campus is the centre for construction trades/ services. Modelled on industry standards, the centre has simulated workshop areas for trades, including painting and decorating, brickwork and carpentry.

5 **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.

6 **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.

7 **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.

Leamore





# Join the Students' Union



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 and Freshers Fair 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 PC's - it's your place to relax and enjoy your free time.

## TOTUM CARD

Make the most of discounts from the following brands, plus many more!



College gym



Freshers Fair

## 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 & 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**

**Twitter: @walsallsu**

**Email: studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk**







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

# 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 [sportsdevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk)



## Enrichment

Taking part in enrichment and extracurricular activities is a crucial part of student life. They are a brilliant way to meet different people, try new things, get active and of course, have fun while learning important life skills.

Many of our enrichment activities are linked to the courses we offer. On one day you could be flying a drone and on another day, learning how to patch plaster a wall. There's even pinhole photography, building your own digital device or games art visualisation to try out.

What's more, activities can be provided to reflect students' interests, so if there is ever anything you would like us to offer such as a jewellery-making class, then we'd be happy to set something up.

We also invite you to hear from guest speakers, raise money for charity and enjoy marking national events such as Remembrance Day and other key awareness, cultural and religious festival dates from Black History Month to Chinese New Year to Diwali.

**We look forward to getting you involved.**

# Apply to Walsall College

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

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Apply

Fill in your application form

Complete the online form, 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.

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](http://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/planmyvisit)

Open Day

12th Oct  
(4pm - 8pm)

Open Day

17th Nov  
(4pm - 8pm)

Open Day

14th Jan  
(10am - 2pm)

Open Day

21st Mar  
(4pm - 7pm)

Open Day

22nd Jun  
(4pm - 7pm)

Results Day

Collect your VTQ/  
T Level/ A Level/  
GCSE Results

Start of Term

October 2022

November 2022

December 2022

January 2023

February 2023

March 2023

April 2023

May 2023

June 2023

July 2023

August 2023

September 2023

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Apply to Walsall College

Applications are open from the October Open Day. Most students apply early as places fill up fast!

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Course/Apprenticeship Interviews

Attend your interview - this may be during school hours or scheduled on a weekday evening (some interviews may be conducted virtually).

3

Admissions Evening

Once you have applied, you will be sent details about our admissions evenings, where you and your guardians/parents come in for an in-depth information session regarding the course you have applied for.

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Enrolment

Come and enrol on your course!

## HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH:

01922 657000

[walsallcollege.ac.uk](http://walsallcollege.ac.uk)

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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).

Start Course

Start your course!

Welcome to Walsall College. Courses kick off in September with induction activities and a Freshers Fair.



# Stay Local, 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.

### 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.

### Higher National Certificate/ Diplomas (HNCs/HNDs)

These offer a mix of the academic, practical and vocational, including our new HTQ qualifications. 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.

### 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.



## 5 reasons to study higher education at Walsall College

- Spend less** Study our HNC/D and top-up courses at a fraction of the price of university with no compromise on quality.
- Achieve More** 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.
- Fantastic Facilities** £76m invested in 5 state of the art campuses over the last 7 years.
- Small Class Sizes** Our lessons are taught in small classes increasing the one-to-one support from your lecturer.
- 3 Years = 3 Quals** 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.

# Where are they now?

Your future starts with Walsall...but the world awaits. Our graduates go on to universities around the globe. Where will your course take you?

“My course highlights include a trip to a magistrates court to sit in on a trial and a week-long placement with a firm of solicitors. I got to sit in on client meetings and produce correspondence. I felt like a mini solicitor.”

**Stella Owusu**  
Studied: Level 3 Law  
Progression: Law degree at Liverpool University



“Working with children with autism during my industry placement sparked my interest in cognitive behaviours and how these develop over time. We also covered this during my course.”

**Simran Kaur**  
Studied: T Level in Education and Childcare  
Progression: BA Hons with Education with psychology and counselling at Sheffield Hallam University



“After studying a T Level and completing an industry placement, I now understand how other construction professions can impact on my future career as an architect.”

**Amandeep Sond**  
Studied: T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning  
Progression: BSc Hons Architecture at University of Wolverhampton



“Studying a BTEC and an A Level meant my workload is spread over two years. Lecturers are thorough and there are lots of resources available to prepare you for every science-related university pathway.”

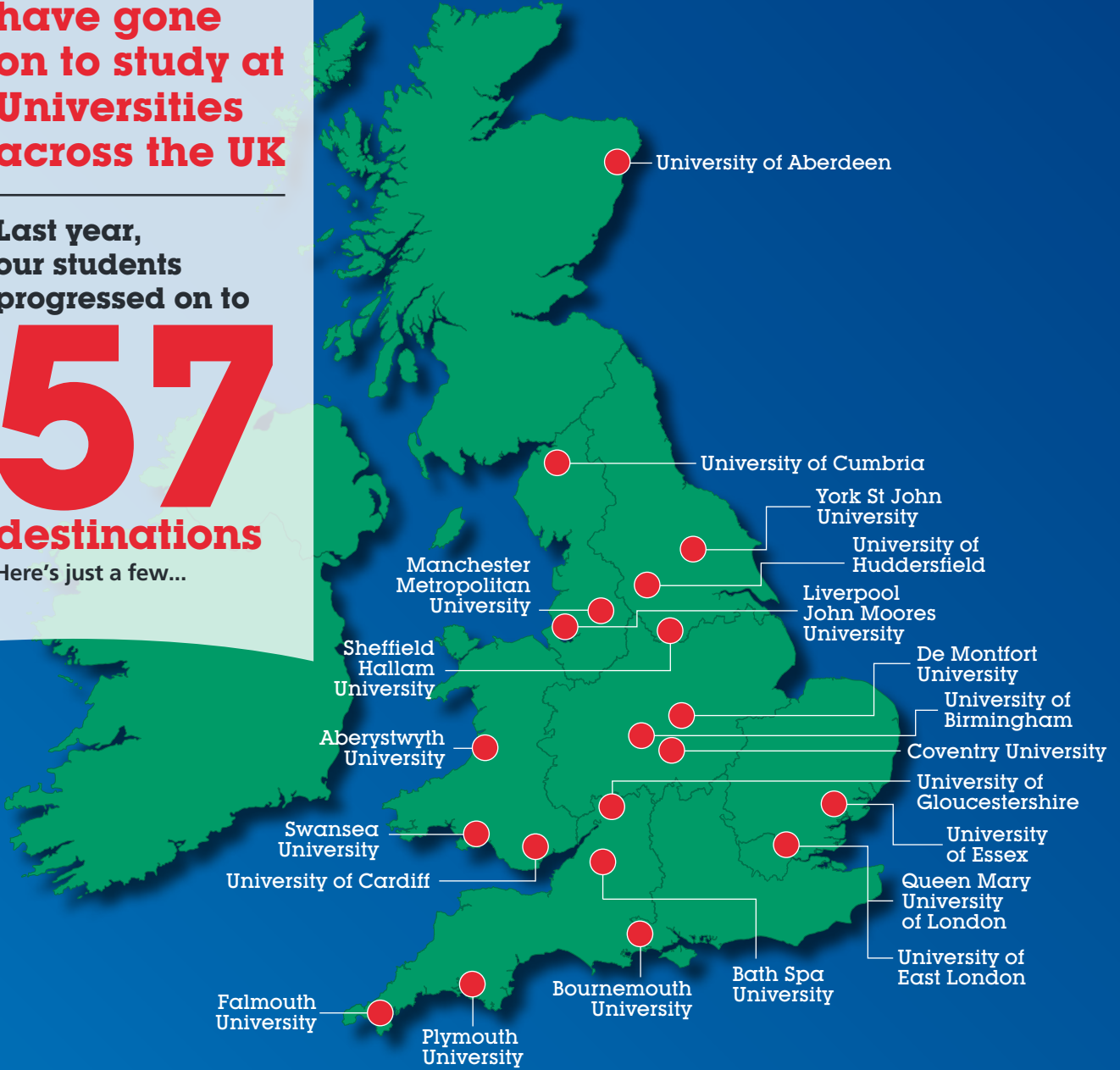
**Rex Jeffries**  
Studied: Level 3 Applied Science with A Level Biology  
Progression: BSc Diagnostic Radiology at University of Derby



Our students have gone on to study at Universities across the UK

Last year, our students progressed on to **57** destinations

Here's just a few...



- University of Aberdeen
- University of Cumbria
- York St John University
- University of Huddersfield
- Liverpool John Moores University
- De Montfort University
- University of Birmingham
- Coventry University
- University of Gloucestershire
- University of Essex
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of East London
- Bath Spa University
- Bournemouth University
- Plymouth University
- Falmouth University
- University of Cardiff
- Swansea University
- Aberystwyth University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Manchester Metropolitan University

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Hello



# Apprenticeships



**See our  
latest  
vacancies**

Scan the QR code

## 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.

### 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.

## 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?

Apprenticeships are available from level 2 to level 7 in a wide range of subjects.

### How do you become an apprentice?

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

- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)
- [www.walsallcollege.ac.uk](http://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 £4.81\* per hour (as of Apr 2022), 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 employer and standard will have different entry requirements, so check with our Apprenticeships team to see if you qualify.

### 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.

*\*subject to change (correct at time of print)*



**You're paid to learn  
and receive excellent  
training. I love being  
in control of my  
schedule. My work life  
is more flexible and  
I've benefited more  
financially**



# Achieving Together



## The Achieving Together programme is designed for young people aged 14-17 looking for a mainstream education experience that is an alternative to school or home study.

The programme focuses on improving your academic qualification in English, Maths and ICT, whilst delivering a package of employability qualifications to develop skills and qualities related to communication, team work, confidence and problem solving. You'll get the English, Maths, ICT and a package of employability and social skills you need for life and work. You'll also work on building up your confidence, enhance your problem solving skills and build on your communication by working in teams. Smaller class sizes - and dedicated attention from our encouraging tutors - help you achieve your potential in a supportive environment.



## How to join:

**This programme is available in the following ways:**

**School Links:** A referral from your school

**Elected Home Educated (EHE):** Students who are currently registered as Elected Home Educated with the Local Authority (LA)

**Post 16:** Students who are over 16 years of age but do not have the academic qualifications to enrol onto a mainstream vocational course

The Achieving Together team will work with students to improve their knowledge in a variety of subjects, with the aim of achieving Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2/GCSE qualifications.

## Subjects covered:

- Functional Skills English (Entry Level 1 – Level 1)
- Functional Skills Maths (Entry Level 1 – Level 1)
- Functional Skills ICT (Entry Level 2 – Level 2)
- GCSE English & Maths
- Prince's Trust
- Personal Social Development and Employability
- National Citizenship Scheme (NCS)
- Group Tutorials

## Pastoral Support

As an Achieving Together student you'll have a dedicated Pastoral Officer who is assigned to you and will be committed to every aspect of your well-being. The Pastoral Officer will provide support to students facing barriers preventing you from maximising your academic potential. Support can be focused on mental health, social and emotional well-being, lack of confidence, low self-esteem or simply a listening ear.



*"Achieving Together is like a fresh start. Everyone's treated fairly and we all have the chance to succeed. The personal development activities stood out for me."*

**Carlton Blackwood**  
Achieving Together



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to an apprenticeship or Level 3 qualification.

**Find  
out more**





# Art & Design

## If you have designs on a creative career, immerse yourself in art, craft and design at Walsall College.

You can study everything from painting, photography and illustration, to digital design, textiles and printmaking. You'll be encouraged to express yourself through your own personal projects and have plenty of time to indulge your passion for different media. You'll learn about professional practice for artists and enjoy trips to galleries and museums for inspiration.

### Employer links include:

- The New Art Gallery Walsall
- Birmingham Art Gallery

### Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Art and Design including:

- Animator
- Fashion Designer
- Fine Artist
- Museum/Gallery Curator
- Product Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Photographer
- and more!

### Did you know...

The creative arts industry employs **2 million people** in the UK.

### You could earn...

- Graphic Designers  
£18,000 - £60,000
- Games Designer  
£17,000 - £65,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Art and Design **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs
Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills BTEC
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design BTEC
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Video Game Design BTEC
Level 3/4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design BTEC

A Levels
A Level Art & Design with BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design
A Level Art and Design, A Level English Literature and BTEC Extended Certificate in Art and Design

## Develop creative career skills

- Master your chosen media - fine art, photography, sculpture, design, graphics, textiles, printmaking, illustration
- Use ideas to explore, develop and produce art and design
- Build an art and design portfolio
- Work on live briefs
- Use design software such as Photoshop and Illustrator
- Use innovative new technology such as 3D printing

\* Your exact topics and skills will depend on the course and level you choose.

## How to apply and entry requirements

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**A Levels:** Entry requirements for A Levels are 5 GCSEs at grades C or above including English Language and/ or Maths both at grade 4 or above (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of Level 2 related qualification.

"A jam jar self-portrait exhibition we hosted in our Creative Unit in Walsall's Saddlers Centre was one of my favourite projects. There were no rules. We all did our own thing, with everyone's work being completely different."

**Cameron Davis**  
Level 3 Art & Design



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



# Photography

## Explore photography as a medium for self-expression and a future career.

Under expert guidance, build on your existing photography skills to produce a portfolio of high-quality images. You'll experience a range of genres - from fashion and advertising, to landscapes and portraiture - working on real briefs from clients. You'll also develop skills for professional practice such as lighting techniques, darkroom skills, and digital post-production.

### Employer links include:

- British Institute of Professional Photography (BIPP)
- Eileen Mason Photography

## Aspire to be...

Photography skills can lead to careers including:

- Fine Art Photographer
- Sport / Press Photographer
- Wildlife Photographer
- Forensics Photographer
- and more!

## Did you know...

Salaries starts from £17,500 and could earn up to £45,000 with experience.

## You could earn...

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Wedding Photographers | Forensic Photographers |
| £19,000 - £48,000     | £19,750 - £27,500      |

VTQ

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography

## Develop creative and technical skills

- Understanding the theory and practice of photography
- Communicating visually
- Developing and executing creative ideas
- Capturing and editing digital images
- Studio and location photography
- Experimental imagery in photography
- Darkroom practice
- Digital skills including Photoshop and post-production

## How to apply and entry requirements

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Creative enterprise launched in shopping centre by Walsall College Students.

Read more via the QR code



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

## Find out more





# Automotive

**Do you have a driving ambition to work with vehicles? If you love fixing cars, trucks and motorbikes, our courses can lead to a rewarding career in the retail motor industry.**

In our industry-standard training workshop, you'll learn how to service vehicles, and diagnose and fix mechanical and electric issues. You'll also experience hybrid and electrical technology, preparing you for the future of the automotive sector.

**Employer links include:**

- Halfords
- West Midlands Ambulance Services
- West Midlands Fire Service
- Electude UK
- Trade Centre UK
- Autotech Academy

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in the automotive sector including:

- Auto Technician
- Automotive Engineer
- Dealership Manager
- MOT Inspector
- Car Manufacturing Technician
- Vehicle Service Technician
- and more!

**Did you know...**

The UK automotive industry is worth **£78.9 billion**

**You could earn...**

- Car Manufacturing Technicians
- Automotive Engineers
- £15,000 - £25,000
- £20,000 - £45,000

**Choose your pathway**

Study Automotive **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	T Level	Apprenticeships
Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance Certificate Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance Technical Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	Automotive Engineering T Level (Vehicle Technology pathway)	Auto Care Standard Level 2 Motor Service and Maintenance Technician Standard (Light Vehicle) Level 3 Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Standard Level 3

**Develop career-ready skills**

- Vehicle systems - suspension, steering, braking, engine, electronic
- Electric / Hybrid vehicle technologies and systems
- Tyre legislation and technical information
- Diagnostic procedures
- Customer care and satisfaction
- Carrying out vehicle safety inspections and routine maintenance
- Automotive Fast-Fit systems
- Digital skills including use of autodata software and diagnostic equipment

**How to apply and entry requirements**

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**T Levels:** Entry requirements for a T Level are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above with a grade 5 in English and Maths. During your interview the tutor talk you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

*"I don't worry about unemployment because mechanics and technicians are always in demand. There are lots of opportunities."*

**James Hetherington**  
Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Accounting and Finance

**If you're good with numbers and want a career in business, accounting and finance could be for you.**

Finance skills are in demand - every business needs to balance the books, submit their taxes, and pay staff and suppliers. Whether you go straight into employment - for example, as a finance officer or accounts clerk - or want to skills and confidence to begin further training, a rewarding career starts here.

**Employer links include:**

- Wolverhampton Council
- Walsall Council
- Sandwell Accountancy
- Jhoots Pharmacy

**Industry Spotlight**

There are so many careers in accounting and finance including:

- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Bookkeeper
- Credit Controller
- Budget Analyst
- Finance Officer
- Financial Advisor
- Accountant
- and more!

**You could earn...**

Accounts Technicians	Finance Officers	Graduate Accountants
£17,000 - £35,000	£27,000 - £35,000	£30,000 - £84,000

**Choose your pathway**

Study Accounting and Finance ***your*** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQ	T Level	Apprenticeships
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and Accounting	T Level in Accounting	Accounts or Finance Assistant Standard Level 2 Assistant Accountant Standard Level 3 Payroll Administrator Standard Level 3

**Develop in-demand financial skills**

- Calculating VAT and submitting a VAT return
- Learning about different types of pay and pensions
- Using payroll software to pay wages
- Working with sales and purchase ledgers
- Understanding accounting transactions
- Running calculations and ensuring payments are correct
- Complying with relevant legal requirements
- Producing reports using accounting software

**How to apply and entry requirements**

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**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**





# Business, Management and Marketing

**Business is booming and you can be part of it. You'll discover how organisations work and what different departments do to make them a success.**

Learning from industry experts, you'll gain essential skills in communication, professionalism, leadership, decision-making, administration, marketing and more. So whatever your career ambitions - whether you want to work in a business or start your own - you're set up for success.

**Employer links include:**

- Dudley Council
- WHG
- Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

**Aspire to be...**

Business and management skills open the door to careers like:

- Administrator
- Marketing Officer
- Human Resources Officer
- Business Development Officer
- Business Founder/Owner
- General Manager
- and more!

**You could earn...**

Marketing Executive	Human Resources Manager
£20,000 - £30,000	£24,000 - £35,000

**Choose your pathway**

Study Business and Management **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQ	A Level	Apprenticeships
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and Management	A Level Business, A Level Law with BTEC Extended Certificate in Marketing	Digital Marketer Standard Level 3 Team Leader or Supervisor Standard Level 3

**Develop professional skills**

- Professional workplace communication
- Business administration and report writing
- Marketing, events and promotion
- Business decision-making and leadership styles
- Digital skills inc software systems, email and social media tools
- Understanding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Understanding HR systems and legal requirements

**How to apply and entry requirements**

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**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

*"I can't thank the college enough for all the support and guidance. It has truly made a huge difference to my life."*

**Jaida Gordon-Smith**  
Level 3 Business and Marketing



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Business Administration

## Put your organisational skills to good use with a career in business administration.

Administrators keep businesses running smoothly, efficiently and legally. They're the backbone of any successful organisation and are in demand in every sector. So whatever interests you - from healthcare and education, to manufacturing and retail - business admin can get you there.

### Employer links include:

- NHS
- Walsall Council

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in business administration including:

- Administrator
- Clerical Officer
- Business Manager
- Business Development Officer
- Company Secretary
- and more!

## As an Administrator You could earn...

Starting salary	Experienced salary
£16,000 - £24,000	£24,000 - £40,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Business Administration **your** way with one of the following pathways:

T Level

T Level in Business Support - Management and Administration

## Develop in-demand admin skills

- Composing professional letters, reports and emails
- Making and receiving calls, professionally welcoming visitors
- Organising business diaries inc meetings, travel and accommodation
- Digital admin skills inc Word, Excel, email and more
- Understanding leadership styles and organisational culture
- Understanding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Understanding Corporate Social Responsibility

Apprenticeship

Business Administrator Standard Level 3

## How to apply and entry requirements

**T Levels:** Entry requirements for a T Level are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above with a grade 5 in English and Maths. During your interview the tutor talk you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

"If someone knows they want to do an apprenticeship, but they're worried about how they'll fit into a working environment, I'd say go for it!"



**Olivia Babb**  
Business Administration Apprenticeship



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

## Find out more





# Esports

**Want to turn your love of gaming into a great career? Esports is the most successful entertainment sector of the 21st century - with a growing range of rewarding jobs on offer.**

You'll learn to create and develop your own computer game tournaments and gain the digital marketing and social media skills that are essential for any aspiring esports caster or content creator.

**Employer links include:**

- Higher Ground Digital
- Asgard Games

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Esports including:

- Games Developer
- Admin/Referee/Observer
- Content Creator/Journalist
- Pro Gamer
- Community Manager
- Esports Caster
- and much more!

**Did you know...**

Globally, esports is worth **\$500m**  
**20% predicted growth** from 2022-2030

**You could earn...**

Games Developers  
**£19,000 - £75,000**

**VTQs**

- BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Esports (Video Gaming)
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Esports (Video Gaming)

**Develop cutting-edge skills**

- Designing video games on digital platforms
- Video production
- Conducting digital research for game development
- Creating digital marketing campaigns for esports
- Enterprise and entrepreneurship in esports
- Esports coaching
- Health, fitness and wellbeing for esports players
- Creating an esports brand

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**Minecraft software sees Esports students completing Walsall rebuild project.**

Read more via the QR code



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Customer Service



**If you want to work in retail or hospitality - or excel in a call centre environment - customer service skills are essential.**

And with our customer service apprenticeships, you can earn while you learn them. You'll split your time between studying and working in a customer service role, putting your new skills into practice. Learn how to build rapport, give great service, make sales, resolve complaints, and keep customers happy.

**Employer links include:**

- The Dudley NHS Group Foundation Trust
- University Hospitals Birmingham NHS
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital

**Aspire to be...**

Customer service skills can lead to jobs like:

- Call Centre Agent
- Retail Manager
- Patient Care Coordinator
- Technical Support Representative
- Help Desk / Receptionist
- Bank Clerk
- and much more!

**Did you know...**

109,000 people in the UK work in customer service.

**You could earn...**

Customer Service Managers  
**£20,500 - £60,000**

**Apprenticeships**

- Customer Service Practitioner Standard Level 2
- Customer Service Specialist Standard Level 3

**Develop career-ready skills**

- Understanding customers and building rapport
- Creating a customer focused experience
- Achieving sales through effective selling skills
- Managing customer expectations
- Knowing how to adapt your service style
- Dealing with customer conflict and challenge
- Understanding industry best practice
- Digital customer service skills

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**





# Law

## From crime and courtroom drama, to consumer and human rights, law touches every part of our lives.

It's a fascinating topic and not just for aspiring barristers and solicitors. Studying law can lead to work in a legal firm or business, victim support, law enforcement, or rehabilitation of offenders, and more. If you can't get enough of true crime podcasts, combine law with criminology and psychology for an insight into the criminal mind...

### Employer links include:

Bila Legal Services

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in law including:

- Legal Secretary
- Barrister
- Paralegal
- Solicitor
- Court Usher/Officer
- Victim Care Officer
- Probation Officer
- Company Secretary
- and much more!

## You could earn...

Solicitor starting salary	Paralegals salary	Probation Officers salary
£27,000 - £60,000	£14,000 - £55,000	£22,250 - £40,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Law **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs
Level 2 Diploma in Law (CILEX) Level 3 Applied Law, Criminology & Psychology

A Level
A Level in Law, A Level Psychology and Criminology VTQ

## Develop sought-after skills and knowledge

- Understand the British legal system
- Learn about criminal liability, consumer rights and more
- Discover the history of law, criminal law and family law
- Explore criminology, crime and punishment
- Understand the human mind
- Develop business and marketing skills
- Conduct digital research and develop IT skills

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**A Levels:** Entry requirements for A Levels are 5 GCSEs at grades C or above including English Language and/ or Maths both at grade 4 or above (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of Level 2 related qualification.

"I've always been fascinated by rule-making and how it's central to society. I love that my course isn't just essay-writing. You draft letters and create presentations."

**Shelby Lintern**  
Level 3 Applied Law, Criminology & Business



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



# Childcare and Education

## Dream of working in a school or nursery? Develop your abilities to care for, teach and support children with one of our rewarding childcare courses.

You'll learn about child development and communication, planning and managing educational activities, how to keep children safe and healthy, and lots more. Your course could lead straight to a career with young people or lay the foundations for further study.

### Employer links include:

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

## Industry Spotlight

There are so many careers in childcare and education including:

- Primary or Secondary Teacher
- Nursery Worker
- Educational Psychologist
- Education Welfare Officer
- Youth Worker
- Teaching Assistant
- and much more!

## Did you know...

802,000 people work in childcare in the UK

## You could earn...

Childcare	Teacher
£20,500 - £37,500	£20,000 - £62,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Childcare **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	T Level	Apprenticeship
Level 1 Foundation Diploma in Caring for Children Cache Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner Cache Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)	T Level in Education and Childcare	Teaching Assistant Standard Level 3

## Develop career-ready skills

- Understanding children's growth and development
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and children
- Supporting children through play, musical and craft activities
- The communication needs of children with learning difficulties
- Paediatric first aid skills
- Healthy eating and nutrition for children and families
- Observation, assessment and planning activities
- Understanding schools, policies and procedures

## How to apply and entry requirements

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**T Levels:** Entry requirements for a T Level are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above with a grade 5 in English and Maths. During your interview the tutor talk will you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

## Early years students deliver Forest School fun to Little Professors.

Read more via the QR code



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more





# Computing

## From web design and games development to data analysis and cyber security, computing skills are in high demand.

And - as computers become ever-more important in our lives - the opportunities for computer experts will keep growing. Choose a Computing course that matches your experience and aspirations - then get hands-on with the latest technology in our high-spec labs. You'll be supported by industry experts and benefit from our close links with tech brands and local employers.

### Employer links include:

- Covatic
- Methods
- LearnPlay Foundation
- CISCO
- Oracle

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Computing including:

- IT Technical Support
- Security Engineer
- Network Technician/Engineer
- Software Developer/Engineer
- Games/Web Developer
- Database Architect
- Software Analyst
- and much more!

## You could earn...

- IT Technical Support Staff
- £16,000 - £35,000
- Software Engineers
- £18,000 - £70,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Computing **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	T Level
Level 1 BTEC in Computing Level 2 BTEC in Computing Level 3 BTEC in Computing (Software Development, Cyber Security, Computer Networks)	T Level Digital – Software Development

## Develop cutting-edge career skills

- Understanding software, systems and networks
- Web and games design and programming
- Programming languages and writing code
- Building computer systems
- Application and interface design
- System analysis and design
- Software development
- Cyber security

\* Your exact topics and skills will depend on the course and level you choose.

## How to apply and entry requirements

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Software development students receiving advice on communication skills, confidence and coding from a lead engineer at Covatic.



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



# Bricklaying

**Build a brilliant career with bricklaying. As a bricklayer, you'll be in demand on construction sites, erecting new homes and business premises.**

You can also specialise in niche areas like heritage restoration and stonemasonry. Experienced bricklayers can progress to construction site management, self-employment, tutoring and more. You'll study under industry experts to become a competent, confident bricklayer - with the skills to pursue your preferred career path.

**Employer links include:**

- Jessup
- Keepmoat Homes
- lbstock Bricks

**Aspire to be...**

Bricklaying skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Bricklayer
- Self-employed tradesperson
- Construction Site Supervisor
- Stonemason
- Construction Manager
- Heritage Restorer
- and much more!

**Did you know...**

12,000 construction jobs have been created in the West Midlands over the last 3 years

**You could earn...**

Bricklayer  
**£17,000 - £40,000**

**Choose your pathway**

Study Bricklaying ***your*** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeship
Level 1 Bricklaying Level 2 Bricklaying	Bricklayer Standard Level 3

**Develop in-demand construction skills**

- Constructing block walling, brick walling and cavity walling
- Mixing and preparing construction materials
- How to construct chimneys, fireplaces and decorative features
- How to repair and maintain masonry
- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Knowledge of construction technology
- Digital skills in communication and information management
- Working safely and professionally

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**How to apply and entry requirements**

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**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

**Students on a site tour with Keepmoat Homes**



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

**Find out more**





# Building Maintenance

If you're good with your hands and want to experience different areas of construction and repair, building maintenance is for you.

You'll get hands-on with a range of construction crafts - including bricklaying, carpentry, plastering and tiling - becoming highly skilled in them all. After your course, you'll be ready to develop a career in estates, facilities or building management. Or, if you discover a talent for a particular trade, progress to further training.

Employer links include:

- Taylor Wimpey
- E-Act Academy
- Dudley Council
- Bromford Housing

Aspire to be...

Building Maintenance skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Bricklayer
- Construction Site Manager
- Multi-skilled Technician
- Joinery
- Heritage/Historic Building Manager
- Plasterer
- Carpenter
- and much more!

Did you know...

Construction will need **217,000 new workers by 2025** to meet demand

You could earn...

- Facilities Managers
- Construction Managers
- £23,000 - £47,000
- £27,000 - £65,000

Choose your pathway

Study Building Maintenance **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeship
Pathways into Construction Trades Level 1 Building Maintenance Operative Level 2 Building Maintenance Operative	Property Maintenance Operative Standard Level 3

Develop career-ready construction skills

- Learn bricklaying, carpentry, joinery, painting, decorating, boarding, plastering, tiling and sign making
- Understand plumbing and drainage systems
- Use hand tools - such as screwdrivers, power drills, pliers and paper strippers - safely
- Understand different construction methods and materials
- Carry out repairs to walls, doors, frames, skirting boards
- Digital skills in communication and information management
- Working safely and professionally

\* Your exact topics and skills will depend on the course and level you choose.

How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

Ryders Green Methodist Church and Day Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment with help from Level 2 multi-skills students.

Read more via the QR code



Progression  
Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

Find out more



# Carpentry and Joinery



## Carpentry and joinery combine creativity, patience and practical skills to create furniture, fittings, floors, doors and more.

From making furniture to installing kitchens, if you enjoy working with wood and other materials, this could be the trade for you. You'll study the theory and practice of joinery and carpentry, getting plenty of hands-on instruction from expert professionals. On completion, a world of work awaits - from construction to heritage and the arts.

### Employer links include:

- Taylor Wimpey
- GreenSquareAccord

### Aspire to be...

Carpentry and Joinery skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Commercial/Construction Carpenter
- Bespoke Wooden Stair Builder
- Sculptor
- Wooden Floor Installer
- Furniture Maker
- Heritage Restorer
- and much more!

### Did you know...

Number of carpenters in the UK **240,000**

### You could earn...

Carpenters  
**£17,000 - £38,000**

## Choose your pathway

Study Carpentry and Joinery **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeships
Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery Level 2 Site Carpentry	Carpentry and Joinery Standard Level 2 Furniture Manufacturer Standard Level 2 Bench Joinery Standard Level 2

## Develop practical professional skills

- Maintain and use relevant hand tools and power tools
- Produce woodworking joints
- Carry out first and second fix operations
- Carry out maintenance, non-structural and structural work
- Set up and operate cutting and shaping
- Digital skills in CAD, communication and information management
- Commercial operations like costing and scheduling
- Working safely and professionally

## How to apply and entry requirements

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## Carpentry students provide polytunnel for youngsters

Read more via the QR code



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

### Find out more





# Painting and Decorating



## Painters and decorators are always in demand - from working with construction companies to running your own business.

Under the guidance of industry professionals, you'll learn specialist techniques, such as preparing surfaces, different methods of applying paint, and creating decorative finishes. You'll develop your skills in a lifesize simulated environment - learning everything you need to work safely and professionally - so you can advance your career with confidence.

### Employer links include:

- Bell Group
- Dulux Paints
- Chambers & Hall

## Aspire to be...

Painting and Decorating skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Self-employed painter and decorator
- Painter/Decorator for construction company
- Industrial painting and finishing
- Historic Restorations
- and much more!

## Did you know...

The UK painting and decorating sector is worth £3bn.

## You could earn...

Painter/Decorator  
**£17,000 - £32,000**

## Choose your pathway

Study Painting and Decorating **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeship
Level 1 Painting and Decorating Level 2 Painting and Decorating Painter and Decorator Standard	Painter and Decorator Standard Level 2

## Develop career-ready skills

- Applying paint by brush, roller and HVLP spray equipment
- Applying papers to ceilings and walls, around windows etc
- Preparing surfaces for decorating by filling holes and sealing cracks
- How to select, use, maintain and store paint, tools, wallcoverings, equipment etc
- How to produce specialist decorative finishes
- Measuring, estimating and costing jobs
- Working safely and professionally
- Digital skills in communication and information management

## How to apply and entry requirements

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**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

Former painting and decorating students and now business owners, Chambers and Hall share industry insights with current learners



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

## Find out more



# Plastering

**Develop the skills for core construction career by learning to plaster. You'll get hands-on experience in our full-size simulated environment, with different room sets to test your skills.**

Guided by industry experts, you'll master different materials - including solid and fibrous plaster, floor screed and external render. You'll also develop essential knowledge around Health and Safety, professionalism, pricing and more - so you're ready to work for an employer or yourself.

**Employer links include:**

- Bromford Housing
- GreenSquareAccord

**Aspire to be...**

Plastering skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Construction Plasterer
- Self-employed Plasterer
- Construction Site Supervisor
- Maintenance Technician
- Heritage Restorer
- and much more!

**Did you know...**

Construction will need **217,000 new workers by 2025** to meet demand

**You could earn...**

- Plasterer  
**£19,000**
- Experienced Plasterer  
**£34,000**

**Apprenticeships**

- Plasterer Standard Level 2
- Property Maintenance Operative Standard Level 2

**Develop in-demand practical skills**

- Plastering surfaces - including complex walls, ceilings, around windows etc
- Preparing surfaces and work areas
- Mixing, applying and finishing plaster for a professional finish
- Managing, storing, costing and using different materials
- Laying floor screeds and applying external render
- Dry lining materials, methods and finishes
- Digital skills in communication and information management
- Working safely and professionally

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

*"As an apprentice, my working days are a mix of on-the-job learning, shadowing more experienced colleagues, mentoring, plus training at Walsall College one day a week."*

**Trish Barnes**  
Level 2 Plastering Apprenticeship



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

**Find out more**





# Plumbing and Gas

**Plumbers are always in demand, fitting and maintaining water systems, heating systems and gas boilers.**

Whether you're just starting out or looking to build on your existing experience, our courses help you progress along this lucrative career path. You'll master essential plumbing techniques in our real-life simulated environment, as well as learn the science and theory of plumbing. Afterwards, you'll be ready for the next stage of professional training.

**Employer links include:**

- Wolseley UK
- Alpha Heating
- Ground and Heat Source Association (GSHPA)
- Worcester Bosch

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Plumbing and Gas including:

- Domestic Plumber
- Heating Engineer
- Commercial Plumber
- Installation & Maintenance
- Renewable Energy and Technologies
- and much more!

**You could earn...**

- Plumber
- Experienced Plumber
- £15,000
- £40,000

**Choose your pathway**

Study Plumbing and Gas **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeship
Level 1 Plumbing Certificate Level 2 Plumbing	Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician Standard Level 3

**Develop in-demand technical skills**

- Installation, repair and maintenance of plumbing systems
- Scientific principles for domestic, industrial and commercial plumbing
- Common plumbing processes
- Domestic gas principles and central heating
- Copper and steel pipework installations
- Jointing and pressure testing systems
- Drainage systems and sanitation
- Cold and hot water systems
- Domestic gas principles and central heating

**How to apply and entry requirements**

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**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

*"Every property comes with its own challenges, whether it's an issue with pipes, guttering, gulleys or drains. The work is never boring."*

**Charlotte Flynn**  
Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician Apprenticeship



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

**Find out more**



# Professional Construction



## If you'd like a career managing construction projects, you'll learn everything you need to know with this two-year T Level.

You'll discover how projects are run, from inception to completion, and what's involved every step of the way. You'll get practical experience working in project teams, exploring different roles to see which works for you. You'll also complete 315 hours\* of work experience too - so you're ready for further study or employment.

\*Equivalent to 45 days

### Employer links include:

- Balfour Beatty VINCI
- Bomer & Kirkland
- Volkerfitzpatrick Ltd
- Kier Highways
- Tilbury Douglas
- Winvic

### Aspire to be...

Professional Construction skills can lead to lots of careers including:

- Surveying Technician
- Quantity Surveyor
- Engineering Design Technician
- Construction Site Supervisor
- Architectural Technician
- and more!

### Did you know...

Private housing will grow 38% over the five-year period.

### You could earn...

- Quantity Surveyors
- £21,000 - £80,000
- Construction Supervisor
- £30,000 - £55,000

### T Level

T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning

### Develop career-ready construction skills

- How construction projects are run
- Methods of building design
- Building information modelling and geospatial surveying techniques
- How digital technology is used within the construction industry
- Scientific principles in construction - material properties, chemical composition etc
- Digital skills including Computer Aided Design, digital measuring tools, BIM software
- Project management
- Commercial aspects of construction

### How to apply and entry requirements

**T Levels:** Entry requirements for a T Level are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above with a grade 5 in English and Maths. During your interview the tutor talk you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.



"My experiences of T Levels and college life have been based around giving things a go and seeing what happens."

**Jack Jarvis**  
T Level Construction student



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### Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more





# Electrical Installation

## Does working in electrical technology spark your interest?

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. You'll learn in our electrical workshop - built to industry standards - mastering electrical principals and installation techniques.

### Employer links include:

- Certsure LLP
- Denmans Electrical Wholesalers
- NAPIT
- Schneider Electric

## Industry Spotlight

Electrical installation skills can lead to so many careers including:

- Installation Electrician
- Electrical Winder
- Maintenance Electrician
- Electrical Fitter
- Marine Electrician
- Panel Builder
- Telecommunication Operative
- and more!

## You could earn...

Electrician	Approved Electrician	Electrical Engineer
£20,000 - £25,000	£28,000 - £40,000	£60,000+

## Choose your pathway

Study Electrical Installation **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	Apprenticeship
Level 1 Electrical Installation Level 2 Electrical Installation Level 3 Electrical Installation	Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician Standard Level 3

## Develop in-demand practical skills

- Electrical installations technology
- Installation of wiring systems and enclosures
- Fabrication techniques for electrical installation
- Electrical science and technology
- Health and safety in building services engineering
- The legislation for inspection, testing, commissioning and certification of electrotechnical systems and equipment
- Organising the work environment, maintaining tools and equipment
- Digital skills for research, measuring, recording, and using industry-specific software

## How to apply and entry requirements

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**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

Supported by Denmans Electrical Wholesalers, students recommend suitable products and provide costings to fit a new business unit with power supplies.



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



# Engineering Machining and Manufacturing

Whether you're interested in exploring a career as an engineer - or looking to qualify as an engineering machinist - we have lots of courses to get you there.

You'll study relevant engineering skills under the guidance of our expert tutors - such as mechanical and electrical assembly, and producing and understanding technical drawings. You'll also learn how to work safely and professionally in this diverse and lucrative sector.

### Employer links include:

- Stenmar Gauge & Model Co Ltd
- Comid Engineering Ltd
- Winward Engineering Ltd

### Aspire to be

There are so many careers in Engineering Machining and Manufacturing including:

- Engineering Operative
- Machine Setter
- Engineering Maintenance Technician
- Mechanical Engineering Technician
- Toolmaker
- Welder
- and much more!

### Did you know...

The precision engineering sector is predicted to increase 17% in 2022

### You could earn...

Engineering Machinist  
**£26,000 - £55,000**

## Choose your pathway

Study Engineering Machining and Manufacturing **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	T Level	Apprenticeships
Level 1 Engineering Machinist Certificate Level 2 Engineering Machinist Certificate BTEC Ext. Certificate in Engineering	T Level Engineering in Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing (Mechanical Specialism / Light and Electric Vehicle Specialism)	General Welder Standard Level 2 Lean Manufacturing Standard Level 2 Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technicians Standard Level 3

### Develop in-demand technical skills

- Engineering principles - both mechanical, and electrical and electronic
- 3D design and printing
- Machining materials and mechanical assembly
- Hydraulics and pneumatics
- Mathematics for engineering technicians
- Producing engineering drawings
- Carrying out mechanical assembly
- Digital skills including using CAD software, measuring equipment and CNC machines

### How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**T Levels:** Entry requirements for a T Level are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above with a grade 5 in English, Maths and Physics. During your interview the tutor talk you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

"The college is great at helping learners in lots of ways such as career guidance, confidence-boosting or any personal issues."

**Rais Howett**  
Achieving Together and Level 1 Engineering



### Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more





# Fashion



**Whether you dream of being a designer, stylist or visual merchandiser, we'll help you channel your passion for fashion.**

You'll explore your personal creativity by producing designs and garments using a range of materials and techniques. You'll learn about the fashion industry - as well as fashion promotion and visualisation - and take part in a fashion show or photoshoot. You'll leave with a portfolio of work to show potential employers and universities.

**Employer links include:**

- Couture Company
- Lauren Broxton
- Brady Bags

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Fashion including:

- Fashion Designer
- Stylist
- Jewellery Designer
- Textile Designer
- Retail Buyer
- Visual Merchandiser
- Fashion Journalist
- and much more!

**You could earn...**

Designers	Stylists	Retail Buyers
£16,000 - £85,000	£18,000 - £30,000	£18,000 - £70,000

**VTQ**

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion

**Develop practical and creative skills**

- Producing garments and pattern construction
- Using different materials, techniques and processes
- Fashion visualisation and promotion
- Visual recording in art and design
- Professional practice in art and design
- Computing in art and design
- Digital skills in design software

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Graphic Design

**If you're artistic and love communicating ideas visually, studying graphic design could lead to a lucrative, lifelong career.**

You'll study a variety of areas of design - from photography and typography to advertising and animation - under the guidance of expert staff, who are all active practitioners in the industry. You'll enjoy visits to galleries, design studios and agencies for inspiration - and develop a professional quality portfolio to impress future employers.

**Employer links include:**

- Public Health Walsall
- Urban Hax

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in graphic design including:

- Graphic Designer
- Web Designer
- Branding Consultant
- Illustrator/Animator
- Marketing Officer
- Exhibition Designer
- Studio Manager
- and much more!

**You could earn...**

Junior Graphic Designers	Experienced Graphic Designers	Freelance Graphic Designers
£18,000 - £23,000	£35,000 - £60,000	£200 to £400 per day

VTQ

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design

**Develop specialist design skills**

- Generating and executing visual concepts
- Photography, illustration and typography
- Packaging, advertising and editorial design
- Corporate identity
- Computer graphics, digital and web design
- 2D animation and 3D computer modelling
- Digital skills in Adobe design software, web design and desktop publishing

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**Students worked on a design project to create a virtual map of Walsall Canal for the Canal & River Trust.**



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**





# Creative Media



## Aspire to work in film or TV production? Our courses could give you the competitive edge.

You'll work on a range of creative projects - like producing a short documentary - and complete 40 hours of work experience producing content for real clients. You'll develop practical skills in camera techniques, TV production and production design - and can get even more experience with our in-house student production company, Future Flames Productions.

### Employer links include:

Ductu James Brindley Foundation NHS One Walsall  
Private and Public Events Wolverhampton Racecourse

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in creative media including:

Broadcast Journalist Camera Operator  
Film Producer Lighting Technician  
Media Researcher Radio Broadcaster  
Studio Sound Engineer and more!

## You could earn...

Broadcast Journalists	Media Researchers	Studio Sound Engineers
<b>£14,000 - £60,000</b>	<b>£14,000 - £60,000</b>	<b>£17,000 - £40,000</b>

## VTQs

Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Skills  
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production (TV & Film)

## Develop creative and practical skills

- Fundamentals of creative practice
- Generating and communicating ideas
- TV production and production design
- Producing documentaries, videos and adverts
- Using filming cameras
- Pre-production, production and post-production
- Using 4K video equipment
- Editing footage on top-spec PCs and Macs using industry-standard software

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.



"College life and learning helped me discover my passion for filmmaking and how it could help me build my dream career."



**Jonathan Morris**  
Skills for Working Life, Level 1-Level 3 Creative Media



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

## Find out more



# Barbering and Hairdressing

## Whatever your current level of barbering or hairdressing skill, we can help you build to the next.

You will learn everything you need to become a highly competent haircare professional - specialising in trimming, cutting, colouring and styling hair - as well as male grooming. You'll learn communication and consultation skills, how to market and sell your services, and professional practice including health and safety.

### Employer links include:

- Francesco Group
- KEM Unisex Salon
- FG Man

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Barbering and Hairdressing including:

- Barber or Hairdresser
- Salon Manager
- Hair Loss Specialist
- Hair Product Marketer
- Stylist for Film and Photography
- and more!

## Did you know...

The hair and beauty market is **predicted to grow by 16% by 2023**

## You could earn...

- Hairdressers

£14,000 - £30,000
- Barber

£16,000 - £36,000

VTQs	
Level 1 Diploma in Barbering	Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing
Level 2 Diploma in Barbering	Level 2 Diploma in Womens Hairdressing
Level 3 Diploma in Barbering	Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

## Develop professional skills

- Customer consultation skills
- How to shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp
- Cutting, styling and colouring hair
- Trimming facial hair into shape with shaving services
- Hair extensions, bridal hair and other specialisms
- How to promote and sell products/services
- Professionalism and values
- Safe working practices (health and safety)

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

## Beyond the barber service – an industry masterclass.

Read more via the QR code



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

## Find out more





# Beauty Therapy



**Do you love pampering people and making them feel great about themselves? Studying beauty therapy could be the start of a gorgeous career!**

Our state-of-the-art beauty salon and training facilities will teach you skills to become a qualified therapist working in a salon, spa, hotel, cosmetic company, or even on cruise liners. You'll get professional masterclasses with industry experts, plus insights into the latest beauty trends and techniques.

**Employer links include:**

- Hazel Dixon (multi award winning Nail Technician Educator)
- Glam IbizaRebecca Orme (London Fashion Week)
- Hoar Cross Hall/ Steiners

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Beauty Therapy including:

- Beauty TherapistNail Technician
- Eyelash TechnicianMake-up Artist
- Salon OwnerSocial Media Influencer
- Massage Therapistand much more!

**Did you know...**

The UK has 45,000 hair and beauty businesses, with 288,000 employees

**You could earn...**

Beauty Therapists  
**£16,000 - £25,000**

**VTQs**

- Level 1 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology

**Develop salon-ready skills**

- Skin care and make-up skills
- Manicures, pedicures and nail art
- Salon reception duties
- Waxing and hair removal
- Eyelash and eyebrow treatments
- Tanning and massage
- Electrotherapy treatments

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.



**Beauty students shine in nail art masterclass.**

Read more via the QR code



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Health and Social Care



**There are more than 350 different roles in health and social care - from nursing and midwifery, to social work and speech therapy.**

Our courses are your first step to working in this rewarding sector. You'll develop the professional skills you need to care for people with compassion and dignity. You could then go directly into employment - for example, as a care worker - or use your course as a springboard to further specialist study.

**Employer links include:**

- NHS
- Walsall Manor Hospital
- Royal College of Nursing
- The Dudley Group NHS

**Aspire to be...**

There are over 350 different careers in health and social care including:

Adult or Children's Nurse

Midwife

Speech Therapist

Psychologist

Counsellor

Social Worker

Health Visitor

and much more!

**Did you know...**

1.54 million people work in adult social care in the UK.

**You could earn...**

Salaries range from **£21,000 - £77,000**

**Choose your pathway**

Study Health and Social Care **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	T Levels	Apprenticeships
Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care NCFE Cache Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care	T Level in Health (Adult Nursing) T Level in Health (Midwifery) T Level in Health (Mental Health) T Level in Health (Therapy)	Adult Care Worker Standard Level 2 Lead Adult Care Worker Standard Level 3 Healthcare Support Worker Standard Level 2 Senior Healthcare Worker Standard Level 3

**Develop professional skills and knowledge**

- Understanding human development, anatomy and physiology
- Developing effective communication skills with adults and children
- Supporting people with social activities, eating, mobility and personal care
- Understanding and promoting healthy eating & lifestyles
- Monitoring health and wellbeing
- Ensuring compliance with regulations, policies and procedures

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**T Levels:** Entry requirements are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above in Maths, English and Science. During your interview the tutor will talk you through the different paths available in your selected T Level.

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

**Read what these students had to say about their T Level experiences so far**

Read more via the QR code



**Progression**

**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Pharmacy and Dental

From dispensing medications to helping dentists treat their patients, there are lots of hands-on healthcare roles in pharmacy and dentistry.

These jobs complement other medical professions, ensuring patients get high-quality care that keeps them healthy. You'll learn clinical skills to support your chosen career path - such as measuring and packaging medicines or how to use common dental equipment - and develop knowledge of the human body.

### Employer links include:

- Oswyn House Dental Practice
- Church Stretton Dental
- Alpha Pharmacy

### Aspire to be...

There are over 350 different careers in pharmacy and dental including:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Dispensing Assistant
- Pharmacy Assessor
- Clinical Technician
- Dental Nurse
- Dental Therapist
- Dental Hygienist
- Orthodontic Dentist

### Did you know...

There are **41,000 dental practitioners** in the UK

### You could earn...

- Dental Nurses
- Pharmacy Technicians
- £20,000 - £31,500
- £20,000 - £31,500

### Apprenticeships

- Dental Nurse Standard Level 3
- Pharmacy Services Assistant Standard Level 2
- Pharmacy Technician Standard Level 3

### Develop career-ready skills

#### Pharmacy

- Dispensing procedures and practices
- The different types of prescriptions
- Doses and forms of medicines
- Issues that may affect how medicines are taken

#### Dental

- Dental anatomy, respiratory and circulatory systems
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- The transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention
- Dental clinical skills

"My apprenticeship is full of interesting, fun and enjoyable moments. I was attracted to the role because of its active, hands-on nature. I prefer this to studying full-time"

**Faiza Hoque**  
Apprentice Pharmacy Services Assistant at Larvic Pharmacy



### How to apply and entry requirements

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

### Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



Pharmacy Courses



Dental Courses



# Cookery and Catering

## If you love creating meals and cooking food - or enjoy hosting customers and making them happy - our Cookery and Catering courses are for you.

Whether you have some experience or are new to the sector, you'll build on your current knowledge and grow into a capable food service professional. From the basics of cookery - to advanced techniques used by top chefs - your catering skills will soon be sharper than your kitchen knives.

### Employer links include:

Fairlawns Hotel and Spa Dunstall Park

Walsall Council Town Hall The Boat Inn

The Manor House Quorn Foods

## Aspire to be...

Culinary skills can lead to lots of careers including:

Events Caterer Recipe Developer

Chef (executive, private, pastry, sous etc)

Food Writer Food Stylist

and more!

## Did you know...

In Spring 2022 there were 171,000 vacancies available.

## You could earn...

Average chef salary

**£25,500 - £32,600**

## VTQs

Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Hospitality

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery

Level 3 Advanced Diploma for Professional Chefs (Kitchen & Larder)

## Develop kitchen-ready culinary skills

- Preparing and cooking food
- Cooking techniques (boiling, poaching, steaming, stewing, braising, baking, roasting, grilling, frying)
- Producing professional quality dishes (vegetarian, meat, poultry, game, fish, shellfish, desserts)
- Serving food and drink and delivering customer service
- Promoting and running a hospitality event
- How to use different knives, tools and equipment
- How to organise yourself as a chef, working safely and hygienically

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

*"You learn so much through all the extra experiences and opportunities the college gives you on top of your course."*



**Frederick Coulter**

Level 3 Advanced Diploma for Professional Chefs (Kitchen & Larder)



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

## Find out more





# Hospitality and Events Supervisory

## Hospitality combines customer service, supervisory skills and creativity to give guests an unforgettable experience.

From planning a dining experience to holding a personal / corporate event we will offer the opportunity to gain knowledge and develop innovative and creative skills to meet the new and upcoming breadth of industry challenges all underpinned with employer involvement.

### Employer links include:

- Fairlawns Hotel and Spa
- Dunstall Park
- Walsall Council Town Hall
- The Boat Inn
- The Manor House
- Quorn Foods

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Hospitality and Events Management including:

- Accommodation Manager
- Event Manager
- Conference Banqueting Supervisor
- Restaurant, Hotel or Pub Manager
- Restaurant and Bar Supervisor
- Wedding Planner
- and much more!

## Did you know...

Hospitality makes up **6.9%** of all UK employment.

## You could earn...

Events Manager  
**£34,000 - £35,600**

## VTQ

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Hospitality with Events

## Develop professional skills

- Serving food and drink - including preparing alcoholic drinks, barista skills and more
- Personal professional development
- Human resources in Hospitality
- Personal selling and promotional skills
- Organise and planning events
- Marketing for hospitality and events
- Customer service skills

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

The Level 3 course can lead on to a HE Hospitality and Management programme at the College to develop management and leadership skills.

*"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."*



**Zara Jabbar**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Hospitality, HNC Hospitality Management, HND Hospitality Management



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move to our Higher Education courses in Hospitality Management progressing to Culinary Arts Management

## Find out more



# Travel, Tourism and Aviation Operations



## Are you passionate about travelling and would like to experience new adventures, cultures and a world of employment opportunities?

The tourism industry is growing fast and there are lots of opportunities at home and abroad. Develop a career in this diverse industry, become a travel agent, aircraft dispatcher, passenger service agent...the world is your oyster.

### Employer links include:

- Jet2
- Cooperative Travel
- TUI

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Travel and Tourism including:

- Aircraft Dispatcher
- Resort/Holiday Rep
- Departure / Arrival Agent
- Cabin Crew
- Travel Consultant
- Baggage Advisor
- Customer Service Agent
- and more!

## Did you know...

The UK is the seventh largest international tourism destination ranked by visitor numbers.

## You could earn...

Events Manager  
£18,000 - £27,000

### VTQs

- Level 2 Diploma in Air Cabin Crew
- Level 2 Certificate in Aviation Ground Operations
- Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism

## Develop career-ready skills and knowledge

- Holiday promotion, sales and customer service
- Understanding tourism in the UK and the world
- Knowledge of overseas resort operations
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Understanding of airline and aviation operations
- Knowledge of health, safety, security and emergency procedures
- Crew room duties and the role of cabin crew
- Security and Communications required to work in an Aviation environment

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.



"Working for Jet2 as an airport dispatcher at Birmingham Airport is everything I wanted to be. At my job interview, I proved I was a team player, conscientious and a good communicator and decision-maker"

Connor Boden  
Level 3 Diploma in Aviation Operations



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more





# Performing Arts

(Acting and Dance)

**Whether you see yourself dancing on stage or acting on film, studying performing arts can prepare you for a creative career.**

Our courses offer Acting and Dance pathways, developing your skills through practice and performance at our campus theatre. Aspiring actors will learn stagecraft, singing and musical theatre skills, and more. Whilst dancers will train in a range of genres, from classical ballet to contemporary dance.

**Employer links include:**

- Birmingham Hippodrome
- The Birmingham Rep
- Birmingham MAC
- New Art Gallery Walsall

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Performing Arts including:

- Actor/Theatre Performer/Dancer
- Choreographer
- Theatre Manager
- Costume/Prop/Set Designer
- Community Arts Worker
- Cruise Ship/Holiday Camp Entertainer
- Stage Manager
- and more!

**Did you know...**

**315,000 people work** in music, performing and visual arts in the UK.

**VTQs**

- Level 2 Technical Diploma in Performing Arts
- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
- Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)

**Develop performance and professional skills**

- Working in the performing arts industry
  - Performing arts production process
  - Acting skills and techniques
  - Musical theatre performance
  - Devising and performing plays
  - Developing your career as an actor or dancer
  - Developing a professional showreel\*
- \* Level 3 only

**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.



*"Studying acting at college has helped me achieve even more than I expected. I've grown, matured and learned what it means to not only be an actor, but an artist passionate about my work".*

**Tyrelle Scarlett**  
Level 3 Performing Arts (Acting)



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

**Find out more**



# Music

**Do you want to be a performer, producer, or work in the music industry? Develop your performance and professional skills with these courses.**

You'll receive expert tuition from experienced musicians to perfect your music practice - and have plenty of opportunities to perform as an individual and as part of an ensemble. You'll also learn music production techniques and develop practical skills for a successful career.

**Employer links include:**

- Pacific Sound and Light
- Walsall Council

**Aspire to be...**

There are so many careers in Music including:

- Session Musician
- Artist/Tour Manager
- Sound/Recording Engineer
- Music Journalist
- Music Teacher
- Music Therapist
- Music Producer
- and much more!

**You could earn...**

Music Producers	NHS Music Therapists	Sound Engineers
<b>£25-£200 per hour</b>	<b>£32,000 - £53,000</b>	<b>£15,000 - £40,000</b>

VTQs

Level 2 Diploma in Music Industry Skills  
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music

**Develop performance and professional skills**

- Music performance and production techniques
- Using different musical styles
- Understanding the music business
- Working and developing as a musical ensemble
- Understanding the sound and music industry
- Music events management
- Songwriting
- Studio recording

**A sound desk masterclass with Pacific Sound & Light**



**Progression**  
**Thinking about next steps?**

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Find out more



**How to apply and entry requirements**

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.



# Protective Services



## If you want a career protecting your community - or your country - our Protective Services courses are ideal.

They're for people who want to work for the armed forces, police, fire or prison services. You'll develop essential fitness, teamwork and leadership skills for success in your chosen area. And through our industry links, get to talk to professionals in the sector and discover the skills you'll need to join them.

### Employer links include:

- British Army
- Royal Navy
- Royal Air Force
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Fire Service
- HMS Prisons

### Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Protective Services including:

- The Armed Forces
- Police Service
- Fire Service
- Prison Service
- Security Sector
- Revenue and Customs
- and more!

### Did you know...

There's a 13% skills shortage in Protective Services

### You could earn...

- Police Officers
- £19,000 - £41,000
- Firefighters
- £24,000 - £32,000

### VTQs

- BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Public Services
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Public Services
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Protective Services

### Develop professional skills

- Essential wellbeing and physical fitness
- Dealing with public service incidents
- Responding to emergency service incidents
- Assisting the public
- Expedition skills (through outdoor and adventurous activities)
- Planning and participating in events
- Aspects of the legal system and current affairs
- Understanding crime and its effects



### How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

*"The real-life examples you get from lecturers who are all serving or veteran officers set you up for a protective services career, as do the trips and activities."*

**Elliot Sutton**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Protective Services



### Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more



# Science

## If you'd like to study science at university - or want a stepping stone to a scientific career - our courses will give you the knowledge and practical skills to succeed.

Depending on your chosen course, you'll immerse yourself in fascinating topics such as microbiology, organic chemistry and astrophysics. You'll get hands-on in our high-spec labs, learning practical techniques and conducting your own experiments - and explore different career options.

### Employer links include:

Aston University   Birmingham City University

## Aspire to be...

Science skills can lead to fascinating careers in:

- Forensic Science
- Industry and Technology
- Environment and Manufacturing
- Biomedical science and genetics
- Pharmacy
- Food science and Nutrition
- and more!

## Did you know...

Global health and life science is predicted to grow up to 10% per year

## You could earn...

Lab Technicians	Climate Scientists
£17,000 - £30,000	£15,500 - £55,000

## Choose your pathway

Study Science **your** way with one of the following pathways:

VTQs	A Levels
OCR Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science	A Level Biology and Chemistry and BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science A Level Physics and Chemistry and BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science

## Develop scientific skills and knowledge

- Understanding the fundamentals of science
- Scientific investigation and practical skills
- Maths and statistics for science
- Physiology of the human body
- Organic and inorganic chemistry
- Biochemistry and biochemical techniques
- Scientific techniques in microbiology, medical physics and more
- Digital skills for research, recording data, and communication

\*Your exact topics and skills will depend on the course and level you choose.

## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

**A Levels:** Entry requirements for A Levels are 5 GCSEs at grades C or above including English Language and/or Maths both at grade 4 or above (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or successful completion of Level 2 related qualification.

"My courses were a good mix of exams and coursework. On top of these we received university talks, industry demonstrations and careers advice."

**Ismail Hussain**  
Level 3 Applied Science with A Level Biology



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

## Find out more





# Signmaking

**If you're good with your hands, like design and have great attention to detail, it could be a sign about what to study.**

Learn to design, create and install a wide range of signage - from building and roadside signage to vinyl vehicle wraps. You'll get practical experience creating signage using different materials. And learn design software and principles, as well as commercial operations like costing and scheduling projects.

## Employer links include:

Morelock Signs Viewtec Signs  
Bowden and Dolphin Signs

## Aspire to be...

Signmaking skills can lead to lots of careers including:

Graphic Sign Maker Graphics Installer  
Roadside Maker and Fitter  
Transport and Vehicle Wrapper  
Neon Glass Bender Sign Designer  
and much more!

## Did you know...

83% of businesses use signage to promote their business.

## You could earn...

Signmaker  
**£17,000 - £26,000**

## Apprenticeship

Signage Technician Standard Level 3

## Develop career-ready skills

- Designing, making and installing signage to customer requirements
- Knowledge of the signage industry and British Standards for Signage
- Experience using different signmaking materials - including vinyls, metals, fibreglass and more
- Experience of signmaking machinery, tools and equipment
- Design principles including layout, colour, scale and proportion
- Digital skills in CAD, communication and information management
- Commercial operations like costing and scheduling
- Working safely and professionally

## How to apply and entry requirements

**Apprenticeships:** Typically entry requirement are 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above including English and Maths but each apprenticeship standard has different entry requirements so please check on the college website.

*"I've been happy to learn more about signmaking from a wider perspective in terms of quality standards and the background on traffic management signage and legislation."*

**Mark Dilks**  
Apprenticeship in Signmaking



## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship or employment.

## Find out more



# Sport and Fitness

## Indulge your brain AND body with a Sport and Fitness course.

You'll learn about the human body, nutrition, physiology and psychology from industry experts. Plus develop your physical fitness, use our gym, and participate in sports tournaments. You'll visit different sports grounds and get inspiration from sector professionals, thanks to our links with leading sports clubs. Your future career could be in education, the NHS, self-employment, at a sports club or governing body.

### Employer links include:

- Walsall Football Club
- Aston Villa Football Club
- Inspire
- Streetly Tennis Club

## Aspire to be...

There are so many careers in Sport and Fitness including:

- Sports Coach
- Sports Centre Manager
- Fitness Instructor / Personal Trainer
- Professional Athlete/Sportsperson
- Sport and Exercise Psychologist
- and more!

## Did you know...

The sport and fitness sector is growing!

## You could earn...

Health Trainers	Senior Sports Coaches
£18,700 - £28,500	£30,000 - £35,000

VTQs

Level 1 Diploma in Active Sport and Leisure

Level 2 in the Foundations of Strength and Conditioning for Sports Fitness/Player Development

Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Development

## Develop professional skills

- Experience of different sports and exercise activities
- Understanding anatomy, physiology, nutrition, and sports psychology
- Planning fitness programmes and preparing goals
- Promoting health and fitness for wellness
- Sports coaching skills
- Officiating skills including rules and regulations
- Understanding the healthcare systems and exercise referral process
- Skills for self-employment

"When I come into college, I'm doing what I love in terms of training at the highest level and being around people who want to win as much as I do."

**Daniel Hartill**  
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development



## How to apply and entry requirements

**VTQs:** Pick your subject, not your level. Simply find the VTQ subject on the website and apply. During your interview the tutor will help identify the appropriate level based on your predicted grades.

## Progression Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, University or employment.

### Find out more





# Supported Learning



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At Walsall College, we passionately believe that education should be available for everyone who can benefit from it.

Most of our programmes lead towards progression on to other or independent living.

### Employer links include:

- Association of Colleges
- Birmingham FA
- Walsall Leather Museum
- MLSS Gym
- The Co-operative

## Supported Learning Pathways

Preparation for Adulthood
Entry Level 1 Personal Progress
Entry Level 2 Skills for Independence
Employability
Entry Level 2 Skills for Progression
Entry Level 3 Skills for Employment
Supported Internship
Vocational
Level 1 Art & Design
Level 1 Performing Arts
Level 1 Media
Level 1 Sport Academy
Entry Level 3/Level 1 Catering

## Preparation for Adulthood Pathway

Entry Level 1 Personal Progress

**Duration:** 1 year

**Location:** Wisemore Campus or Hawbush Campus

**Entry Requirements:** This course is suitable for students aged 16-25 who have an Education Health and Care Plan. While you will not need any formal qualifications, you will need to attend an assessment and interview with our Supported Learning tutors.

**Ideal for:** This programme is ideal for SEND students with complex to moderate LDD, the course aims to improve students 'Life Skills'. The aim of the course is to help students develop a range of life skills and become more independent at home and at college. A possible 3 years on the course, students will work towards an Entry Level 1 qualification.

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

Entry Level 2 Skills for Independence

**Duration:** 1 year

**Location:** Wisemore Campus or Hawbush Campus

**Entry Requirements:** This course is suitable for students aged 16-25 who have an Education Health and Care Plan. While you will not need any formal qualifications, you will need to attend an assessment and interview with our Supported Learning tutors.

Students aged 16-18 who do not have an EHCP but require this course to improve specific skills or students aged 19+ who do not have an EHCP may be suitable but will be assessed on an individual basis.

**Ideal for:** students who want to improve their ability to live more independently by developing 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's 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.

## Support for learners

### We offer:

- Support from highly skilled learning mentors
- One-to-one and small group support
- Support in class and lunch/break times
- Transport meet and greet
- Specialist dyslexia support
- Specialist Language Support
- Educational Interpreters and Notetakers
- Support for personal care needs
- Pastoral Support (behaviour and welfare support).

# Supported Learning

## Employability Pathway

### Skills for Progression Entry Level 2

**Duration:** Up to 2 years  
**Location:** Wisemore Campus or Hawbush Campus  
**Entry Requirements:** You will not need any formal qualifications. You will need to attend an assessment and interview with Supported Learning tutors.

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**Ideal for:** This course is designed to help students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities progress from a school to college environment, improving skills in English, Maths, digital skills, promoting good health and wellbeing and personal development. It allows for different vocational areas to be experienced, helping students to choose their future employment or college progression.

**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's 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.

## Employability Pathway

### 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.

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**Ideal for:** Students who 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's next?** Supported Internship, a mainstream vocational course, paid or voluntary employment.

## Employability Pathway

### 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.

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**Ideal for:** 16 to 24-year-olds with SEND, who have an education, health and care (EHC) plan. The core aim of a Supported Internship study programme is a substantial work placement, facilitated by the support of an expert job coach. This course is all about getting students work ready, building on their vocational skills and improving their employability skills and confidence. It's also ideal for students with SEND 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's next?** Progress on to an Apprenticeship or employment based on your interests and skills. Or progress back on to a College course.

## Vocational Pathway

### 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.

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**Ideal for:** Those who 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's next?** Level 2 Art & Design courses within Creative Industries and/or employment.



# Supported Learning



## Vocational Pathway

### Level 1 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 for:** Students who 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's next?** Mainstream Performing Arts course, Social Services provision.

## Vocational Pathway

### 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 for:** Students who 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's next?** Progression to Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production.

## Vocational Pathway

### Level 1 Sport Academy

**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 for:** Students who 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's next?** Progression to mainstream Sports, Supported Internship or other mainstream courses.

## Vocational Pathway

### Entry Level 3/Level 1 Catering

**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 for:** Students who 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's next?** Level 2 course within mainstream catering, opportunities to progress into Apprenticeships and/or employment.

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

## ESOL (16-19)

### English for Speakers of other Languages

**Duration:** 1 year

**Location:** Wisemore Campus

**Entry Requirements:** No formal qualifications are required.

**Ideal for:** 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's next?** Progression to further education, training or employment.

# What people say about us



"Amazing courses amazing staff, they really helped me through my studies but it's just an amazing college in Walsall."

**Rebecca**



"I couldn't thank Walsall College enough. They've helped me gain the qualification I want and helped with GCSE. Would recommend."

**Thomas**



"The staff are helpful and friendly when you're a mum sending your youngest out to college. The course tutors couldn't be kinder. My son LOVES his course and college, we're so happy he chose to go to Walsall college."

**Angela**

"It's a great place to learn and they treat the students with the respect they earn and deserve. My daughter loves it after hating school. She has enjoyed her course and the college is a great community. my youngest daughter wants to go there at a later date."

**Clare**



"Visited today with my son who had an assessment and interview. The college has such a friendly atmosphere, staff happy and smiling. We were quite nervous but the lovely lady on reception made us very welcome. Even the staff in the cafe were cheerful and helpful while I had a coffee and waited. First impressions are excellent. Thank you."

**Vicky**



"This college is so amazing it has such a great selection of courses to choose from."

**Cameron**



## Disclaimer

Our prospectus and college documents are simply here to offer a guide. We accept no liability for any inaccurate statements and are not responsible for any negative outcomes if you rely on an inaccurate statement. When you sign forms and accept a place at the College, you agree to abide by College rules and any changes made to them, and accept that we have the right to reject applicants. You also accept that there are certain circumstances that could prevent us from providing some services or programmes. These are: low class numbers; severe weather conditions; severe damage to buildings; circumstances which may affect the health and safety of staff and/or students, or any other relevant circumstances outside the reasonable control of the College. In these cases, we reserve the right to withdraw any programmes or service. If we close the course within four weeks of the start date, we will give you a full refund.

## 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 is in compliance with data protection legislation. For further information on which organisations we regularly share personal data with, please read our full privacy notice on the Walsall College website.

# 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](http://www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk)**

## Stay safe

- If you're worried for yourself or someone else, contact us at: **[safeguardingteam@walsallcollege.ac.uk](mailto:safeguardingteam@walsallcollege.ac.uk)**

## Students with disabilities

- Apply for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) at: **[www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/overview](http://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](http://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk)** or email **[studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk](mailto:studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk)**

## Apprenticeships

- Find out more at: **[www.walsallcollege.ac.uk](http://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk)** or call **01922 651129**

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# Open Days

Wednesday 12th October 2022 • 4pm - 8pm

Thursday 17th November 2022 • 4pm - 8pm

Saturday 14th January 2023 • 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 21st March 2023 • 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 22nd June 2023 • 4pm - 7pm

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