

#### **STAY LOCAL, GO FURTHER**

Access to HE • HNCs • Degrees HTQs • Apprenticeships • HNDs





# 4 REASONS TO STUDY HIGHER EDUCATION AT WALSALL COLLEGE

#### **SPEND LESS**

Study our HNCs, HNDS and HTQs at a fraction of the price of university with no compromise on quality. You can even get a degree with us!

#### **ACHIEVE MORE**

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

#### **QUALITY ASSURED**

Don't take our word for it. Our HE provision, which offers small class sizes and one-to-one support, has been highly commended by HE students; praising the quality of teaching and support they receive.

#### **HIGH PROGRESSION**

Each year between 87% and 90% of those graduating from our HE courses, secure positive progression into jobs or higher study.









### **WELCOME**

#### ... to Walsall College

With our high quality yet affordable route to achieving a degree, we make it our mission to boost your job prospects and define your potential.

If it's a successful career you're seeking, we have a wide range of courses taught by expert tutors and designed with industry input to give you the skills sought after by employers.

Read the stories of our former students throughout this guide and see the emphasis we place on giving students an advantage in the world of work. With learners coming to us straight from sixth form, some studying with us through work and others coming back to retrain for a new career, you can be assured that we will support your ambitions no matter what

This year, we have an even wider range of career focused courses. We are one of the first colleges in the country to deliver the new Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs), designed by employers to equip students with the skills needed for in-demand industry roles. We are also continuing to support those entering into higher education after a break, with more of our Access to HE courses now offering flexible study options for those with personal commitments. If finances have been holding you back from starting a course, you can apply for a loan to help with the cost of all of our courses, including Access to HE.

We're constantly investing in our facilities, like our Digital Innovation Hub, Digital Engineering Skills Centre and our electric/hybrid vehicle workshops to create an environment that inspires and is comparable to university campuses across the region.

All in all, we are a welcoming, personal environment where we will celebrate your achievements and nurture your aspirations. Walsall College will help you to define your potential and offer the perfect setting to prepare for your future. Your career couldn't be in better hands.

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# **SPEND LESS**

# THE COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO BOOST YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

# Think you simply can't afford to get on course for the career you want? You can at Walsall College.

Don't let rising university costs and money worries rain on your ambitions when our HI:ED courses are the affordable route. We've got a whole range of courses

that will equip you to start your career with confidence - all at a very reasonable cost. A typical HNC/D costs £6,000\* and a Level 6 top-up costs £7,500\* a year at Walsall College. That's a lot less than studying at the same level at university. And that's before deducting any awards or help you may be entitled to.

\*course fees may vary subject to course type

# There are grants and loans available to help pay for your tuition and living costs.

#### **Tuition Fee Loans**

You are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan if you are a first-time, new student on a part-time or full-time course. This loan is not based on household income and there is no upper age limit for applying.

#### Find out more at

www.gov.uk/student-finance

#### **Instalment Plan**

You can spread the cost on any of our courses if the total course fees are over £100. You will make an initial payment when you enrol followed by three equal payments to cover the cost.

#### **Bursaries**

If you are in receipt of student loan funding and have a household income below £40,000 per year, you may be eligible for a College grant of up to £900 per academic year (prorata for part time students). To find out more please enquire at the student service desk or visit our website.

#### **Financial help**

If you are studying any HE course, there are grants and loans available to help you with living costs and tuition fees. Additional funding is available if you have a disability or children and adults who are financially dependent on you. These loans are means tested depending on household income and individual circumstances.

#### Find out more at

www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login

#### **ADDITIONAL COURSE FEES**

From professional memberships to printing and photocopying, you may need to pay additional costs towards your studies which are not included in the course fee. You may be entitled to extra support to cover the cost of these additional fees depending on your eligibility.

To find out more, please enquire at the student service desk.

\*Must already be empoyed in a suitable job role.



# Learn now. Pay later.

Advanced Learning Loans for Access to HE and Professional courses

If finances have been holding you back from starting a course, you can now apply for a loan to help with the cost of Access to Higher Education and professional course fees if you are aged 19 or over when you start the course.

Your household income isn't taken into account and there's no credit check, and repayments don't start until you are earning over £25,000 per annum.

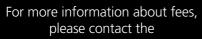
Find out more at

www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/advanced-learner-loans or email our Student Finance Team on

admissionsandfinance@walsallcollege.ac.uk

An Advanced Learning Loan Bursary can lead to a total of £750, with part-time being paid at 50% of the full award. There are 5 payments in total paid half termly. Please note a relevant criteria will need to be met. Please note this loan does not apply to HNC, HND or degree/Level 6 courses.

Advanced Learner Loan



#### **Student Support Team**

at the Customer Advice and Support Centre

01922 657000



Scan the QR code

To find out more





# **ACHIEVE MORE**

#### Industry and Employer led curriculum

Whether you're working on live briefs set by employers, attending workshops, picking up industry-endorsed qualifications or getting hands-on in the workplace, it all gives you the kind of experiences that employers love.

Our courses are developed with the help of a range of employers, giving you access to cutting-edge facilities and expert tuition from industry professionals.

Our students benefit from the expertise of organisations including: Microsoft, The NHS, Francesco Group, Birmingham Hippodrome, Walsall Council, Cisco, Balfour Beatty VINCI and The New Art Gallery, Walsall plus many more!

Employers we work with include



Hippodrome

🧓 **Walsall** Council

Francesco

The New Art Gallery Walsall

#### **CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESS**

#### You've done it! You've put in the hard work and got the qualification. It's time to celebrate!

We believe wholeheartedly in celebrating our students' successes - so expect a graduation ceremony to rival any university. Each year, our students parade in their caps

and gowns, accompanied by the Town Crier announcing their success.

Over 450 people join in the celebration, including students, family, friends and their proud tutors. Special awards and certificates are presented to our most outstanding students.





# **QUALITY ASSURED**



## ACHIEVE SUCCESS ON QUALITY ASSURED COURSES

Gain a high quality education that's also excellent value for money, whilst being able to live local and maintain your work/life network.

Our courses have been commended by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and praised for the learning opportunities afforded to students.

Small class sizes and the personalised support you'll receive from lecturers and experts in their field will increase your skills and career prospects.

#### **University Partnerships**

Walsall College has collaborative arrangements with a number of local universities, including Birmingham City University, the University of Worcester, and Staffordshire University.















# LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Like all college and university environments, we encourage our students to make the most of their time with us by enjoying opportunities to socialise, pursue hobbies and interests and take part in activities that will support their job and career prospects.

Here are just some of the things you can do as a higher education student:

#### **Student Union membership**

When you enrol on a course with us, you also become a member of Walsall College Students' Union and the National Union of Students (NUS).

#### Save money

Apply for a NUS Totum Card and save money at a range of leisure, retail and dining outlets. Full details & application can be found at: www.totum.com

#### Be a Student Representative

If you are inspired by the work of the NUS, you might want to consider taking up the role of Higher Education Officer in our Students' Union. Elections take place in October.

#### Be active

Join our gym and take part in a range of classes such as yoga, football, netball, tennis, zumba and pilates.

#### Get to know us

At the beginning of term, visit our fresher's fair where you can meet people, discover what Walsall College - and Walsall - have to offer, and most of all, enjoy yourself.

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

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The NUS promote, defend and extend student rights. Find out more at;

www.nus.org.uk





# OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

# Step into our campuses for the first time and you'll be impressed.

It's a great place to study. Our fully-equipped Learning Resources Centres and drop-in learning decks combine traditional library services with the very latest technologies and facilities. We've got interactive whiteboards, free Wi-fi and even an exclusive learning deck for our HI:ED students.

It's a fantastic environment - not just for learning but also for leisure. Chat over a cappuccino in our Littleton Bistro. Catch up with friends in the student lounge. Relax on the sofas in our breakout areas or work up a sweat in the gym.

# Campus Highlights

- Learning decks that have all the latest technology
- FREE Wi-fi access
- FREE job search and support
- Town centre location with transport links
- Theatre and Recording Studios
- Digital Innovation Hub
- The Littleton Restaurant and Bar
- Onsite nursery
- Sports hall and badminton courts
- Light Electric and Alternative Fuel (LEAF) Vehicle Training Centre
- Sports training and injury clinic
- Dance and fitness studios





# HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

TAUGHT BY SPECIALISTS AND ENDORSED BY GRADUATES WHO'VE PROGRESSED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Meet some of our specialist tutors...



Selected from thousands of nominations, Media tutor Melissa has been honoured with a Pearson National Teaching Award Gold Award for FE Lecturer of the Year for her outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the students she works with every day. She is also one of six National Teaching Awards FE Lecturer of the Year silver winners.

She has some of the highest achieving media learners in the country and her success comes from her independent production company, Future Flames Productions. Run by students, Future Flames gives learners an opportunity to gain valuable work experience on external commissions, including filming and editing videos for the NHS.



Chris has nearly a decade's worth of experience in the hospitality and catering industry, particularly in fine dining and gourmet cooking.

He began his career as a Commis Chef at the Fairlawns Hotel and Spa in Aldridge. He then went on to work in senior roles for a wide range of high-end restaurants, including the contemporary Opus restaurant in Birmingham and the Moddershall Oaks Country spa.

"One of my favourite aspects of my role as a senior chef was working with and developing young chefs, watching them progress and reach their true potential. It was a great feeling watching these chefs take on better roles and being told that I played a part in that."

#### MEET OUR...

# **HE GRADUATES**



#### Studied: Access to Health Professions

"I had dreamed of becoming a surgeon. but my life went in another direction when I left school. I'd recently been working as a support worker in a hospital. This showed me some of the other careers available in the NHS." "My Access course and time at college have been a very good experience. My lecturers were fully supportive; all passionate about their industry and always approachable."

**Progression: Operating Department Practice Degree at Coventry University** 



#### Studied: HNC & HND Public Services (Blue Light Services)

Young Active Citizens Award winner, Millie aims to join the armed unit of the police.

"I've been involved in many volunteering and community-led activities through my higher education studies, including Streetwatch public patrol and being a West Midlands Police cadet leader "

**BSc Hons Policing and** Intelligence at University of Wolverhampton



#### William Miller

Studied: Access to Education and GCSE Maths

"I'd implore anyone who believes they have more to offer in their career to seriously consider further study."



#### **James Gurdin** Studied: HNC and **HND Creative Media**

"You learn from tutors with skill sets that you won't find anywhere else. They're patient & enjoy what they do"



#### **Jordan Parry**

**Studied: HNC Hospitality** Management

"It's never too late to change direction. Don't pursue something you don't really want to."

# **COURSES EXPLAINED**

#### **HOW CAN WE IMPROVE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS?**

#### **Everyone has access to Higher Education**

#### Access Courses (pre Higher Education)

 Prepare you for progression to Higher Education. They focus on developing the transferable skills required for HI:ED and provide a vocational foundation to build on

#### Higher National Certificate (HNC) Level 4

 Equivalent to the first year of university and are Nationally recognised, career focused BTEC qualifications. They reflect industry demands and are respected by employers and are a good route into employment or further study. You can progress onto a HND or a degree and they can also be studied part-time or full-time.

#### Higher National Diploma (HND) Level 5

 Equivalent to the second year of university, HNDs are nationally recognised, career focused BTEC qualifications. You are able to specialise in industry areas and work towards professional membership. They can take two years of full-time study or one year following a HNC. You can progress into your career, the third year of a degree course or a Level 6 top-up course.

#### Foundation Degrees - Level 4 and 5 Equivalent to 2nd year of university

 Get the knowledge and abilities employers want and develop skills in specialised areas, based on the latest industry practices. Usually lasting two years, they're designed with employers to make them directly relevant to your career. Study for an extra year at university and you could top it up to a full degree.

#### **Professional Qualifications**

 These are vocationally relevant higher level courses to further enhance your skills and career prospects.

#### Level 6 Top-Up Degrees

• One-year top-up degrees in certain programmes, designed to convert an existing qualification at Level 5 into a full BA 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.

#### **Higher Apprenticeships**

 These are a great way to continue workbased learning at HE level. They offer opportunities to enrol on a Foundation Degree, HND, Diploma in HE and Degree Courses (you may need additional qualifications for some higher level courses).

#### Recognising Prior Learning (RPL)

• The credits you've achieved at Level 4 HNC can contribute towards your Level 5 HND. Most of our Level 5 HNDs are 'top-up qualifications' which recognise the learning and expertise you already have.

#### What do I need for a HE course?

Usually one or more of these Level 3 qualifications:

- BTEC/OCR/C&G national qualifications
- Advanced Apprenticeships
- A Diploma
- A Levels
- T Levels
- NVO Level 3

- International Baccalaureate
- Other specialist and professional qualifications
- Relevant work experience
- Access to HE courses

Entry requirements vary. Some courses may require grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths.

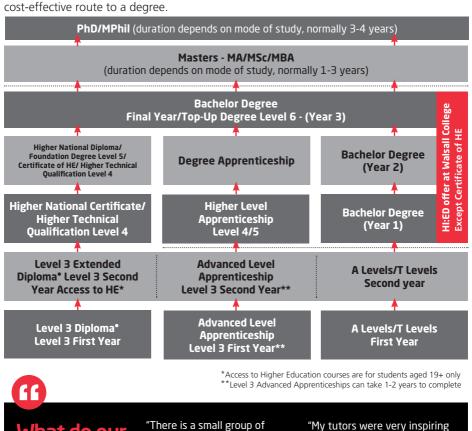
Talk to us on 01922 657000 for personal, tailored advice.

### YOUR ROUTE TO A DEGREE... **AND BEYOND**

#### There's more than one way to get the qualifications to advance your career.

Everyone comes into higher education in different circumstances and with different needs and ambitions. So, if you want to shape your higher education journey differently then we can make this happen; giving you the freedom and flexibility to progress in your journey how and when you choose.

Get to grips with how different HI:ED courses work and how they can provide a cost-effective route to a degree.



"There is a small group of students in each class which allows you to have more oneto-ones with tutors to check understanding and enhance learning. Compared to uni, the course fees are appealing."

and encouraged me to believe in myself."

"Smaller class sizes. personalised tuition and outstanding support!"

What do our students love about



# **HOW TO APPLY**

#### **FOLLOW OUR SIMPLE STEPS TO APPLYING**

#### **ACCESS TO HE**

#### Step 1

Complete an application form (online or we can send you a paper version)

#### Step 2

Complete an initial assessment and written comprehension test. Attend an interview •

#### Step 3

Start course

#### **FULL-TIME**

#### Step 1

Apply through UCAS, www.ucas.com
Apply from Sept 2023 to apply for courses starting in Sept 2024.

#### Step 2

Complete an initial assessment\* and attend your interview. Look at page 15 for UCAS deadlines.

#### Step 3

Start course

#### **PART-TIME**

#### Step 1

Complete an application form (online or we can send you a paper version)

#### Step 2

Complete an initial assessment\* and attend your interview.

#### Step 3

Start course

#### HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

#### Step 1

#### Already have a job?

Apply to the college by filling out an application form, attend interview and initial assessment, finally, enrol onto the course.

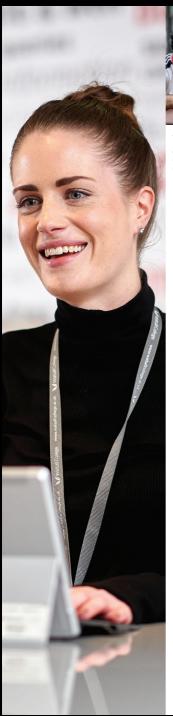
#### Step 2

#### Don't have a job? Check out Apprenticeship vacancies at apprenticeships. gov.uk

#### Step 3

If you are successful you will be signed up, if not, we may offer you an alternative programme.

- \* subject to proven qualifications
- interview subject to initial assessment results





You've seen what we can do for you, now it's time for you to define your potential! Apply now and get your career moving.

### How to apply for a full-time course

- Apply through UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service system.
- Apply from Sept 2023 for courses starting 2024.
- Make sure UCAS receives your application by 31 January 2024, unless it's listed with a 15 October 2023 deadline.
- If you apply after the deadline, the College will consider your application on an individual basis if places are still available.
- Find out more at www.ucas.com

#### How to apply for Access to Higher Education Courses

- Apply directly to Walsall College, do not apply through UCAS. There are fees attached to these courses.
   For more information, call our Customer Advice and Support Centre on 01922 657000
- You can now apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to cover tuition fees for an Access to HE course. Find out more about an Advanced Learning Loan at www. walsallcollege.ac.uk/ financial-help

#### How to apply for a part-time course

 Apply directly to Walsall College on a college application form (either available online, or call us to request one). Once we have received your application we will arrange an interview with the relevant admissions tutor.

# How, where and when do I apply for financial help?

- Loans are available to help pay for your tuition fee and living costs. Additional support may be available for full-time students if you have a disability, dependants and children. You should apply as early as possible - don't wait until you've been offered a place on a course.
- Find out what's available and how to apply at www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- Get advice on 0300 100 0607 Monday - Friday: 8am - 8pm Saturday and Sunday:
   9am - 4pm Textphone: 0300 100 0622
- Estimate your costs for fulltime study in advance with the Student Finance Calculator at www.gov.uk/studentfinance-calculator

# WALSALL COLLEGE GRADUATE

It's not just about learning how to organise an event, 3D modelling or designing websites. At Walsall College, you'll learn so much more than that!

You'll leave us as a well-rounded individual, ready to make an instant contribution to your career - with a whole range of skills that employers want, from team working to problem solving and communicating.

- Be skilled: You will have the commercial skills needed to thrive in your chosen industry sector.
- Be professional: You will have the additional qualities which will help you stand out against the competition and excel in your career.

• **Be enterprising:** You will have the intuitive skills that will help you to be flexible and adaptable to the changing and challenging world of work.

### "95.5% OF OUR STUDENTS WOULD RECOMMEND WALSALL COLLEGE."



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry on to our higher education courses is assessed on an individual basis. Qualifications, subjects studied and exam grades are the key measures taken into account, however industry experience and enthusiasm are also highly considered before a decision is made.

Applicants are required to attend an interview to help determine whether the course is suitable for them. The interview stage also allows you to ask questions about the course or the college, with a representative from the curriculum team.

Interviews for some courses may also involve additional aspects, such as a review of your portfolio work for creative courses. This will be made clear in your invitation letter. In some cases, it may be a course requirement for you to achieve a Level 2 qualification in either Maths and or English in order to progress to higher levels.

It is also likely that applicants will be asked to take an initial assessment at the college to help assess if they require any additional support whilst on the course.

Finally, some courses set an introductory task for students to complete in their own time before enrolment starts. This is designed for you to get a feel for the course which we hope will excite you as your start date approaches.





# **COURSE LISTING**

FEES/COURSES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINT BUT CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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	UCAS CODE	STUDY MODE	FEE P/YEAR
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION			
Access to HE: Business and Management	-	Full-time	£3022
Access to HE: Computer Science	-	Full-time	£3928
Access to HE: Criminology	-	Full-time	£3022
Access to HE: Education	-	Full-time	£3384
Access to HE: Health Professionals	-	Full-time	£3384
Access to HE: Science	-	Full-time	£3384
Access to HE: Social Work	-	Full-time	£3384
ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT AND	COM	PUTING	
AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) Level 4 Professional <b>Diploma in Accounting</b> (Blended learning)	-	Part-time	£2573
CIPD Level 5 Intermediate  Diploma in Human Resource Management	-	Part-time	TBC
Diploma in Leadership and Management (CMI)	-	Part-time	TBC
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Computing for England (2022) RQF	2IC2	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HTQ Computing for England (2022) RQF	204G	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Level 6 BSc (Hons) <b>Degree in Computer</b> <b>Science</b> (TOP-UP) (Staffordshire University)	l100	Full-time	£7,500
CONSTRUCTION			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 <b>HTQ Construction Management for England</b> (2023) RQF	-	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
ENGINEERING			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 <b>HTQ Higher National</b> <b>Certificate in Engineering for England</b> (2024)	-	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000



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-	Full-time	£5421 (free if under 19)
3P10	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
3P1P	Full time	£6000
122W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
522W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
012W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
112W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
W470	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
W480	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
W640	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
046W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
1	3P1P	Part-time/ Full-time  3P1P Full time  3P1P Full time  22W Part-time/ Full-time  322W Part-time/ Full-time  322W Part-time/ Full-time  4470 Part-time/ Full-time  4480 Part-time/ Full-time  446W Part-time/ Full-time  446W Part-time/ Full-time

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	UCAS CODE	STUDY MODE	FEE P/YEAR
HEALTH			
HTQ Healthcare Professions' Support for England (2023) - RQF	HP01	Part-time	£3045
Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice & Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling	-	Part-Time	TBC
Level 6 <b>Diploma in</b> <b>Psychotherapeutic Counselling</b>	-	-	TBC
PUBLIC SERVICES			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC in Public Services Pathways: Blue Lights Services/Criminal and Criminal Jusice	PS20	Full-time	£6000
Pearson Level 5 HND Diploma in Public Services Pathways: Blue Lights Services/Criminal and Criminal Jusice	PS21	Full-time	£6000
HOSPITALITY			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Hospitality Management	099N	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma Hospitality Management	0995	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
TEACHER TRAINING			
Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Training	-	Part-time	£4500
Diploma in Education and Training	-	Part-time	£2250
HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS			
Operations and Departmental Manager Apprenticeship Standard*	-	Part-time	Levy Funded
Professional Accounting or Taxation Technician Apprenticeship Standard*	-	Part-time	Levy Funded
Lead Practitioner in Adult Care Apprenticeship Standard*	-	Part-time	Levy Funded

<sup>\*</sup>Must already be employed in a suitable job role.

Bringing talent to life...



If you need help accessing this prospectus or would like it in another format, please contact us on 01922 688536.







