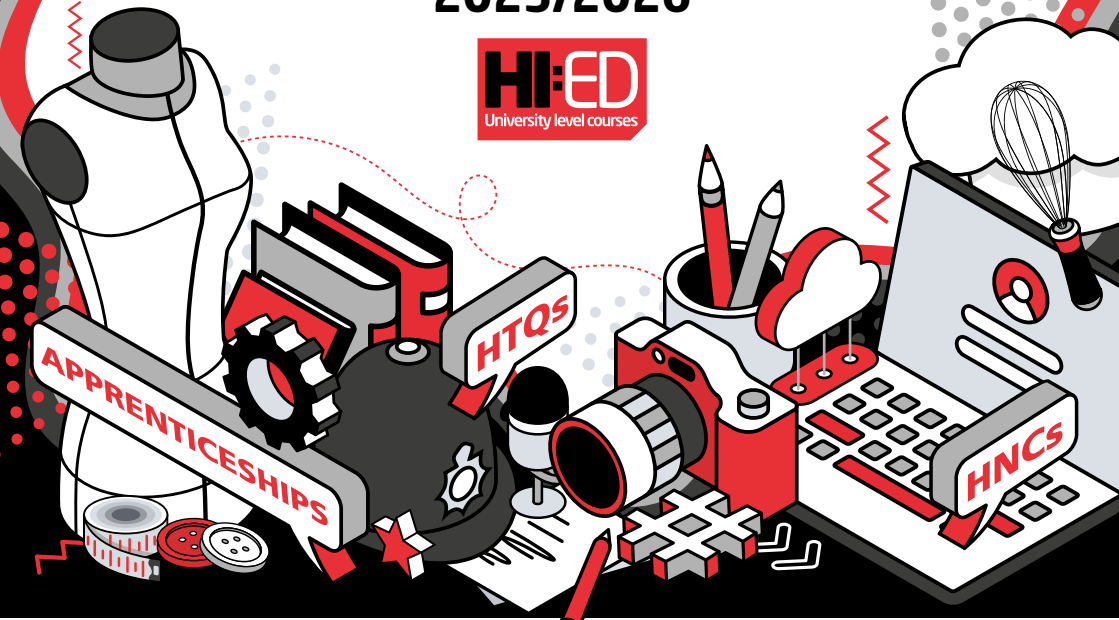


 Walsall College

DEFINE YOUR POTENTIAL

**University Level Courses
2025/2026**





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 track 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, who praise 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.





Jatinder Sharma CBE DL
Principal and Chief Executive,
Walsall College



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.

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.

All in all, we are a welcoming, personal environment where we will celebrate your achievements, nurture your aspirations and prepare you for the future...Your career couldn't be in better hands.

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.**

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

Financial help

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

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 (pro-rata for part time students). To find out more please enquire at the student service desk or visit our website.

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.



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, 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 students 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

For more information about
fees, please contact the

STUDENT FINANCE TEAM

at the Customer Advice
and Support Centre

01922 657000

**[www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/
financial-help/](http://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/financial-help/)**





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

Birmingham
Hippodrome



Walsall Council

Francesco
GROUP



QUALITY ASSURED

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 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.





Walsall College's very own gym



Student Lounge



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.

CAMPUS Highlights

- Learning decks that have all the latest technology
- **FREE** wi-fi access
- **FREE** job search services
- 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
- Graduate Hair and Beauty Salon
- Spa facilities
- Corporate training area/team building
- CISCO Networking Academy
- Dedicated HE deck and lounge





HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



Jordan Parry

“The hospitality industry has so much to offer. Qualifications, particularly a degree will help accelerate your career progression and wider sector knowledge.”

Studied: HNC & HND Hospitality Management
Progression: Front of house supervisor - Crowne Plaza Birmingham



Victoria Morel

“The smaller class sizes, regular tutor interactions and personalised teaching and learning made Walsall College the ideal place to start my degree. I’ve loved my time here. This has come across through my Distinction grades.”

Studied: HNC and HND Creative Media Production (TV & Film)
Progression: BA Hons Media, Film & TV Studies – University of Wolverhampton



Sheena Johnson

“My advice to anyone thinking about studying a university-level or professional qualification is to go for it! It’s not going to be easy, but just don’t give up. It will all be worth it!”

Building/property surveyor - whg
Studied: HNC Construction

MEET SOME OF OUR SPECIALIST TUTORS...



Melissa Tisdale - Lecturer in Creative Media has been honoured with a Pearson National Teaching Award Gold Award for FE Lecturer of the Year.



Chris Sammons – Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering has nearly a decade’s worth of experience in the hospitality and catering industry, particularly in fine dining and gourmet cooking.

COURSES EXPLAINED

If you're not sure which qualification to start or continue your higher education journey with, here's what you need to know.

Access Courses (pre Higher Education)

Prepare you for progression to Higher Education. They focus on developing the transferable skills required for HE: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, 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.

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

HTQs are technical qualifications that employers have helped develop so you can get the right training and skills you need to succeed at work. HTQs include Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) approved against occupational standards decided by employers.

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).

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

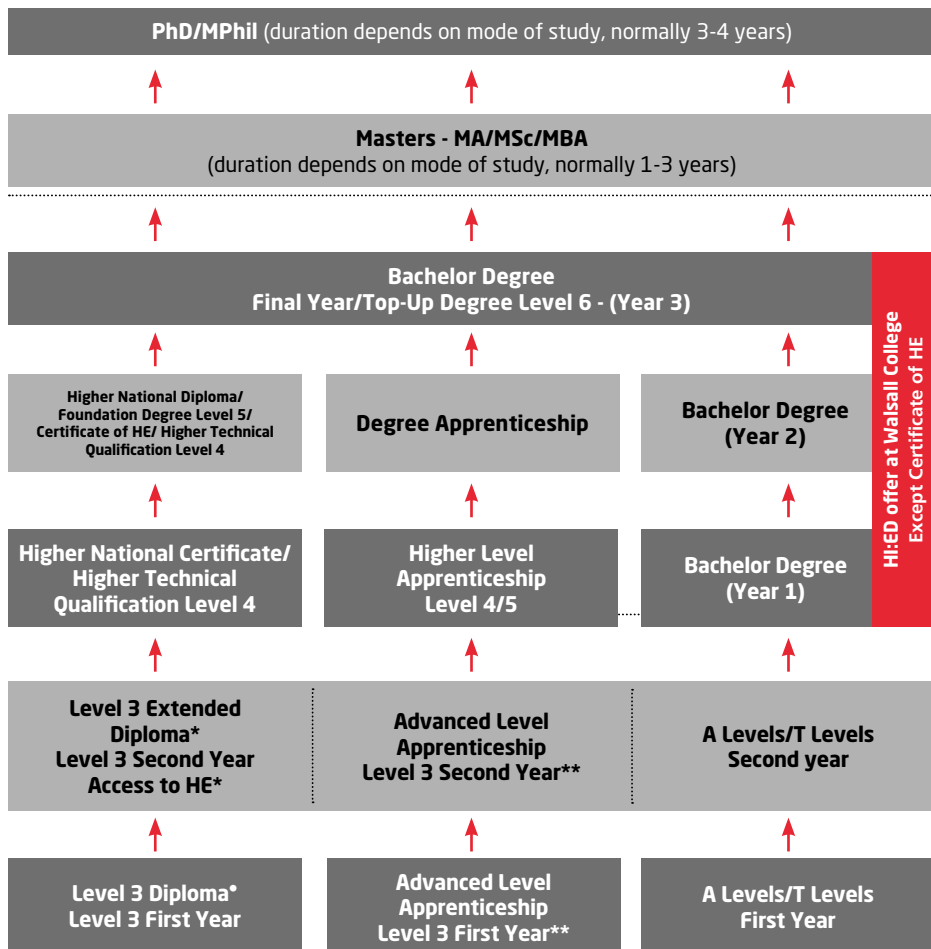
The credits you've achieved at Level 4 HNC can contribute towards your Level 5 HND. Most of our Level 5 HNDs are 'top-up qualifications' which recognise the learning and expertise you already have.

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.



*Access to Higher Education courses are for students aged 19+ only

**Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeships can take 1-2 years to complete



HOW TO APPLY

FOLLOW OUR SIMPLE STEPS TO APPLYING

ACCESS TO HE	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS
Step 1 Complete an application form (online or we can send you a paper version)	Step 1 Apply through UCAS, www.ucas.com Apply from Sept 2024 to apply for courses starting in Sept 2025.	Step 1 Complete an application form (online or we can send you a paper version)	Step 1 Already have a job? Apply by filling out an application form. Attend interview and initial assessment.
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Step 2 Complete an initial assessment and written comprehension test. Attend an interview*	Step 2 Complete an initial assessment* and attend your interview.	Step 2 Complete an initial assessment* and attend your interview.	Step 2 Don't have a job? Check out Apprenticeship vacancies at www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
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Step 3 Start course	Step 3 Start course	Step 3 Start course	Step 3 If you are successful, you will be signed up. Or, 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.
- Make sure **UCAS** receives your application by **29 January 2025**, unless it's listed with a **15 October 2025** 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 **wwwucas.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/student-finance-register-login**
Get advice on **0300 100 0607**
Monday - Friday: **8am - 8pm**
Saturday and Sunday: **9am - 4pm**
Textphone: **0300 100 0622**
- Estimate your costs for full-time study in advance with the Student Finance Calculator at **www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator**



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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.

STEP 1

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

This can be done through our website or at one of our Open Days.



STEP 2

ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

This will help determine whether the course is suitable for you. 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.



STEP 3

COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT

In late August/early September we will invite you to complete your enrolment and collect your student ID.



STEP 4

START YOUR COURSE

Your Walsall College higher education journey kicks off here!

COURSE LISTING

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

	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	-	Part-time	£3384
Access to HE: Social Work	-	Full-time	£3384

ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT AND COMPUTING			
AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) Level 4 Professional Diploma in Accounting (Blended learning)	-	Part-time	£2573
CIPD Level 5 Intermediate Diploma in People Management	-	Part-time	TBC
Diploma in Leadership and Management (CMI)	-	Part-time	TBC
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Computing for England (2022) RQF	21C2	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) Degree in Computer Science (TOP-UP) (Staffordshire University)	I100	Full-time	£7500

CONSTRUCTION			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Construction Management for England (2023) RQF	-	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
ENGINEERING			
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Higher National Certificate in Engineering for England (2024)	-	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000



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	UCAS CODE	STUDY MODE	FEE P/YEAR
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES			
Pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art & Design	-	Full-time	£5421 (free if under 19)
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Diploma in Creative Media Production (HTQ)	3P10	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HTQ Diploma in Creative Media Production (HTQ)	3P1P	Full time	£6000
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Fashion and Textiles	122W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Fashion and Textiles	522W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Graphic Design	012W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Graphic Design	112W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC in Performing Arts	W470	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND in Performing Arts	W480	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Photography	W640	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Photography	046W	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000

	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 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling	-	-	TBC
PUBLIC SERVICES			
Pearson BTEC HTQ Level 4 HNC in Public Services Pathways: Blue Lights Services/Criminal and Criminal Justice	PS20	Full-time	£6000
Pearson Level 5 HND Diploma in Public Services Pathways: Blue Lights Services/Criminal and Criminal Justice	PS21	Full-time	£6000
HOSPITALITY			
Pearson BTEC HTQ Level 4 HNC Hospitality Management	099N	Part-time/ Full-time	£3045/ £6000
Pearson BTEC HTQ 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

*Must already be employed in a suitable job role.

VISIT OUR OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 26th March 2025

4pm - 7pm

Saturday 21st June 2025

10am - 2pm



01922 657000

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