



Your place to

grow

Your place to

shine

SCHOOL LEAVERS COURSE GUIDE

**2026
2027**



Welcome

Welcome to Walsall College – one of the most successful colleges in the country.

We are here to help you develop your skills and confidence and gain the qualifications that employers want, as well as prepare you for higher education and the world of work.

Joining us means becoming part of a college known for excellent inclusive learning, state-of-the-art facilities and support services that bring out the best in you.

With our range of Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs), T Levels, A Levels, and Apprenticeships, you'll find yourself on a pathway to success that suits you in every way.

Walsall College is not just a place to study. We are a welcoming, safe and caring environment where every student belongs.

We work closely with hundreds of employers to provide real work experience and opportunities to showcase your talent and skills, giving you a competitive edge in job and university applications.

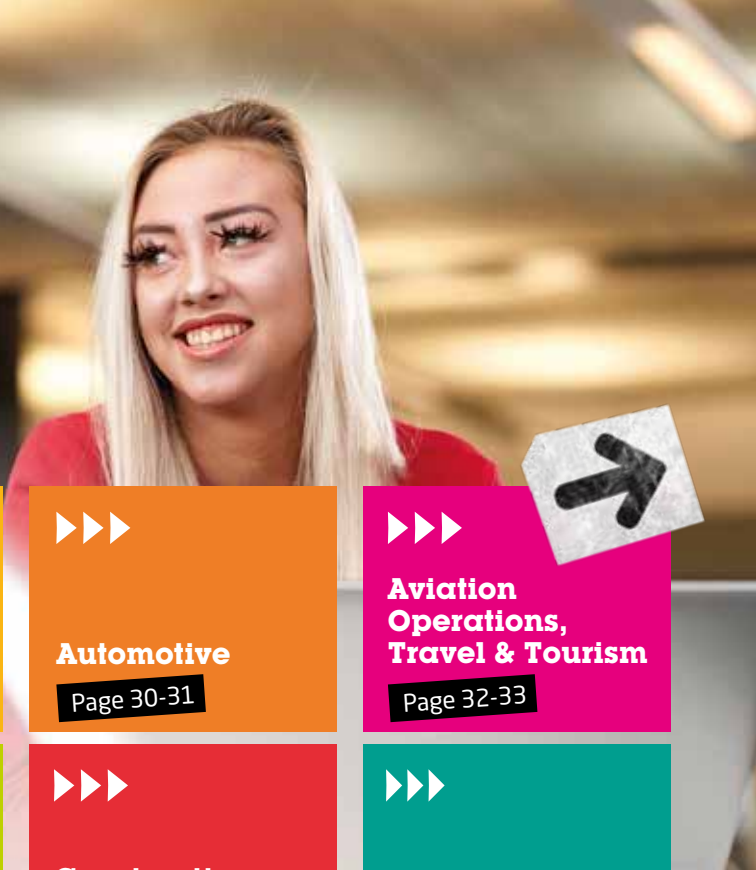
Outside the classroom, our Students' Union offers social activities and ways to give back to the community, so you'll make the most of your time here.

We look forward to being part of your journey and helping you thrive in work and in life.

Jatinder Sharma CBE DL -
Principal & Chief Executive

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FREE BUS PASS

Available to full time students

*subject to eligibility



FREE
Bus Pass



FANCY A CUPPA

We have an on-site Starbucks

ENGLISH & MATHS

are an important part of our study programmes



FREE WI-FI ON CAMPUS



Students get a

FREE BREAKFAST

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Wisemore and Green Lane Campus 8am - 11am
Hawbush Campus 9am - 10:30am

ON-SITE GYM

Discounted access to our



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You can study up to

DEGREE LEVEL

with us



97%
OF OUR STUDENTS
feel safe when
in College

FE Teaching and Learning Survey 24/25

93%
OF OUR STUDENTS
would recommend
us to others

FE Teaching and Learning Survey 24/25

We have the
BIGGEST
SIXTH FORM IN WALSALL

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

CASHLESS

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

Walsall College
STAFF/STUDENT

COLLEGE BURSARIES AVAILABLE
for equipment
and childcare
*subject to eligibility

We work with over
700
APPRENTICE EMPLOYERS

Discover your path

Discover your potential with our wide range of courses. Most subjects are available in different pathways. Here's what you need to know about them:



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.



What is a T Level?

- T Levels are courses that focus on one specific career path for two years.
- One T Level is equivalent to three A Levels.
- You spend 80% of your time studying and 20% of your time on an industry placement with an employer. Here you will gain experience working in your chosen industry.

Ideal if...

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

Helping you to find the right route

It can be hard knowing which route or level 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 - both at work and in life. If you have already achieved grade 4s in these subjects, you will have the chance to develop your knowledge as part of your course. If you haven't achieved grade 4s yet, we'll help to get you there.



What is an Apprenticeship?

- An Apprenticeship lets you learn while you earn.
- You spend the equivalent of 6 hours per week in the classroom and the rest in the sector of interest.
- 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 still want to support your work experience with professionals knowledge.
- You want to earn a wage while you study.



What are Hybrid A Levels?

- A Levels are courses that focus on a single subject for two years.
- Our A Level pathways are designed using complementary subjects to give you a broader understanding of industries.
- 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.

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



"Industry placements are a way of sharing in-house expertise and raising awareness of the careers that specialist industry areas can offer."

Anita Wright
Business Development Director
Power Utilities Group

Our work experience partners include



Want to know more?

Scan the QR code



Working with parents

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

It's why we welcome you to really get involved in their education: encouraging them to attend college regularly and complete homework on time. You can also chat to us about their progress during parents' evenings.

In turn, we'll keep you updated about your child's behaviour, achievements and areas for improvement.



"The college helped my child realise their dream. The tutors filled her with confidence and the belief that anything is possible."



Want to know more?

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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%.



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.



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.



Somewhere to study

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



Free Counselling

If things are feeling too much, you can get free personal counselling to talk things through. You can also chat with a Safeguarding and Wellbeing officer for help with social and personal issues.

Support for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

We welcome students with a wide range of additional needs including autism spectrum disorder, physical disabilities, learning difficulties/specific learning difficulties and more.

Want to know more?

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WE ARE WALSALL 2040

Shaping the Future of Walsall **Together**

If you believe Walsall should be a vibrant place to live and work, you'll love **We Are Walsall 2040**. As a proud partner, the college is helping shape a future where we are:

- THRIVING AND HAPPY
- PROSPEROUS AND INCLUSIVE
- HEALTHY AND WELL
- PROUD OF OUR BOROUGH

Our students are already making an impact — from construction students participating in conference forums, to media students producing the Walsall Voices podcast and dance students performing at MakerFest 2025.

You too could support future activities and even become a **We Are Walsall 2040** champion — building confidence, developing your employability skills and being part of something special that changes lives and communities for the better.

Find out more at
[WEAREWALSALL2040.](https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/wearewalsall2040)
[WALSALL.GOV.UK](https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk)

Or follow us at



i CARE

As a Walsall College student, we invite you to embrace our **five core values**



Everyone belongs



We work together



We own our actions



We take pride in progress and keep going



We are ambitious

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? It's because we have worked with industry leaders - the very people who will want to employ you.

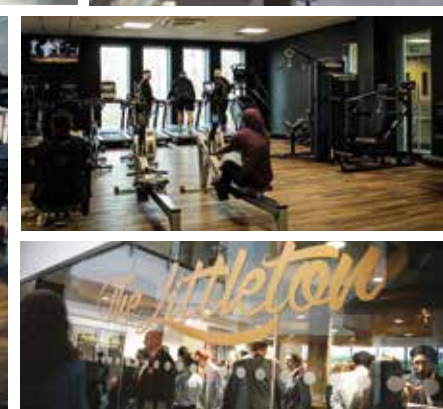
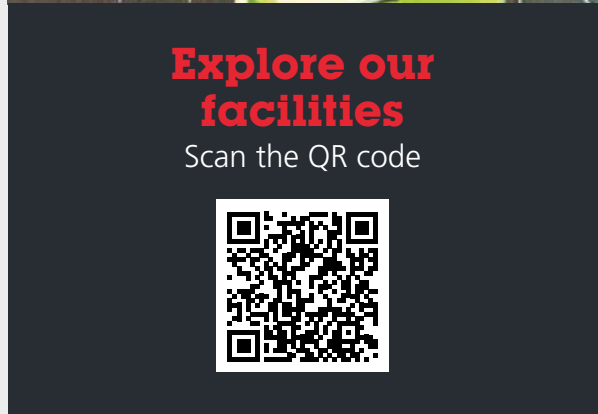
It's the perfect
place to study...

We have:

- Drop in learning decks that have all the latest technology
- Free wi-fi
- Free job search services
- 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 Learning Zone
- Beauty Therapy Spa
- Workshops in: Brickwork, Engineering, Gas, Plumbing, Electrical, Plastering, Automotive including EV/Hybrid, Carpentry, 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, pneumatic training rigs and more!

Explore our facilities

Scan the QR code



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.

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 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 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 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	Erdington via Streetly New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield
11A	Merry Hill to Dudley to Walsall via Gospel Oak Myvod	77A	Erdington via Streetly New Oscott Sutton Coldfield
19	Bloxwich via Blakenall Goscote	529	Wolverhampton via Willenhall
29	Bloxwich via Blakenall	934	Birmingham via Kingstanding Pheasey
31	Mossley via Bloxwich	935	Birmingham via Kingstanding Streetly
32	Lower Farm via Bloxwich	997	Birmingham via Perry Barr Old Oscott Pheasey Aldridge
34	Bilston via Darlaston	X51	Cannock to Birmingham via Walsall Great Barr
35	Aldridge (via Rushall)		

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 - enabling 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/fitness class, a meeting space, business start-up advice or business training, The Hub welcomes all students and the general public.

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.

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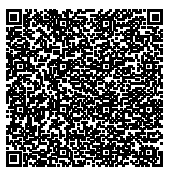
Digital Engineering Skills Centre

Littleton St West, WS2 8ES

Our Digital Engineering Skills Centre (DESC) includes a range of revolutionary equipment for the engineering industry, including our Light Electric and Alternative Fuel (LEAF) Vehicle Training Centre.

Come and visit us

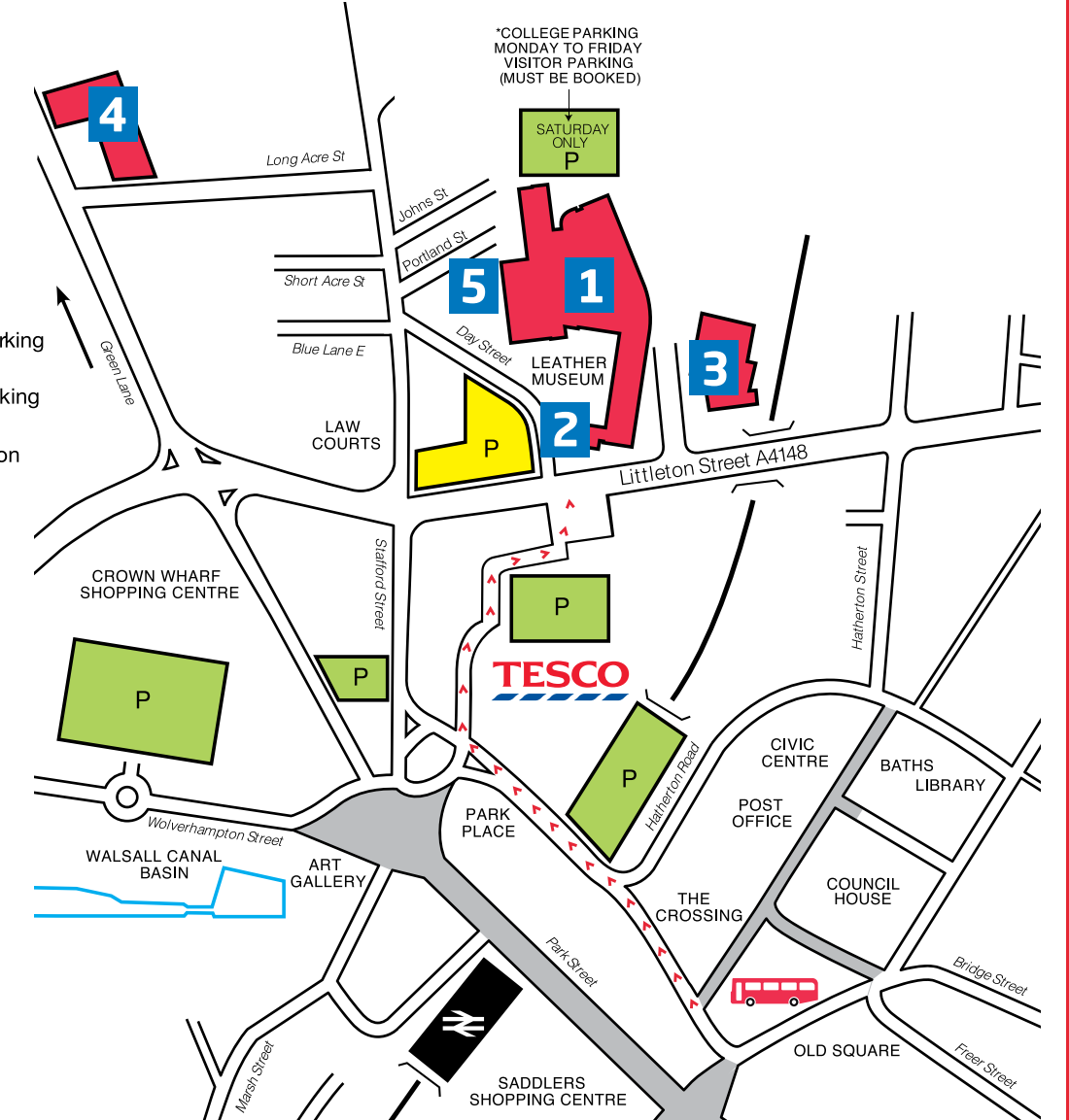
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*subject to eligibility

Key

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



Join the Students' Union

Our Students' Union offers 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 PCs - 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!



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: studentsunion@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 so 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 email us on: studentsunion@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Meet the Student Union President

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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 and pilates.

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 to 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 which offer talented students an opportunity to work towards sporting success.

For more information, email: 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 or learning how to patch plaster a wall and the next, taking part in your favourite sport. 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.

We look forward to getting you involved.

How to Apply

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

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Step 1

Fill in your application form
Complete the online form, or call us for a paper copy if that's easier.

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Step 2

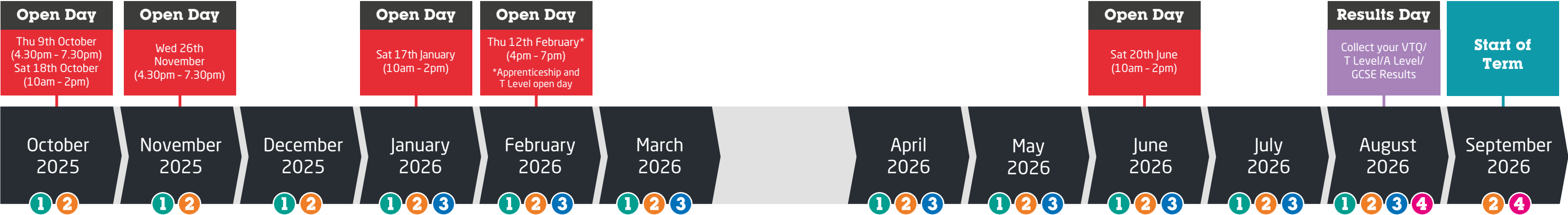
Come and meet us
We'll invite you in for an interview with the subject tutor - it's a great chance to talk about the course, and discuss how it can help you achieve the career you want. It might also include an assessment - perhaps a portfolio review or an audition. We'll also invite you and your parent/s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

Don't forget

If you are successful, make sure to check your emails and accept your offer. We will also be in touch to invite you into the College to attend an assessment or transition day.



Apply to Walsall College

1

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

Interview

2

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

Assessment & Transition Days

3

Once you have received a course offer, you will be invited to attend an assessment or transition day. Attendance on these days is mandatory for most courses so we strongly encourage you to book and attend.

These dates will give you a taste of what life will be like on your new course, you can meet your tutors and peers and get all the information you need about starting college.

Enrolment

4

Come and enrol on your course!

Walsall College University Centre: Your Next Step Starts Here

The Walsall College University Centre is a dynamic partnership between Walsall College and the University of Worcester, bringing university-level education right to the heart of the Black Country.

Whether you're continuing from college or exploring your next move, this is your opportunity to study higher education courses locally - and affordably.



Explore a Wide Range of Courses



Our university-level programmes are designed to help you build real-world skills and gain qualifications that employers value.

You can choose from a variety of Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), and Top-Up Degrees in exciting fields, including:

Creative Media Production (HNC/HND)

Computer Science (HNC, HND
and Top-Up BSc Hons)

Performing Arts (HNC)

Public Services (HNC/HND)

Construction Management (HNC)

Engineering (HNC)

Why Choose Walsall University Centre?



Stay Local, Go Further – Study close to home while earning a respected qualification.



Affordable Fees – Courses start from around £6,000 per year – significantly less than traditional universities.



Career-Focused Learning – Gain hands-on experience, work on live briefs, and build a portfolio that stands out.



Employer Endorsed Qualifications – Many of our programmes are HTQs, developed with employers and taught by industry experts.

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?

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“Being in college also allows you to find your own way while being supported. It’s why I would recommend my study pathway and the college to others.”

Charnelle Lemm
Studied: A Level Law, A Level Psychology and Level 3 Criminology
Progression: BSc Psychology - Manchester Metropolitan University



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“The T Level has prepared me for a work environment, and helped me be more outgoing and professional to others in the same profession who are trying to reach the same goals”

Zachary Pitt
Studied: T Level in Health
Progression: BSc Physiotherapy – University of Derby



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“I absolutely would recommend the college to other students, no matter what your aspirations are. Lecturers gave me the motivation and determination to get where I needed to be.”

Eilidh Ewing
Studied: Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science
Progression: BSc Hons Paramedic Science – University of Staffordshire



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“My placement was a great experience that taught me a lot of new skills to help my career. The encouragement I had when learning different programming languages also supported my career ambitions.”

Richard Wagner
Studied: T Level in Computing - Digital Software Development
Progression: BSc Computer Science with AI – Birmingham City University



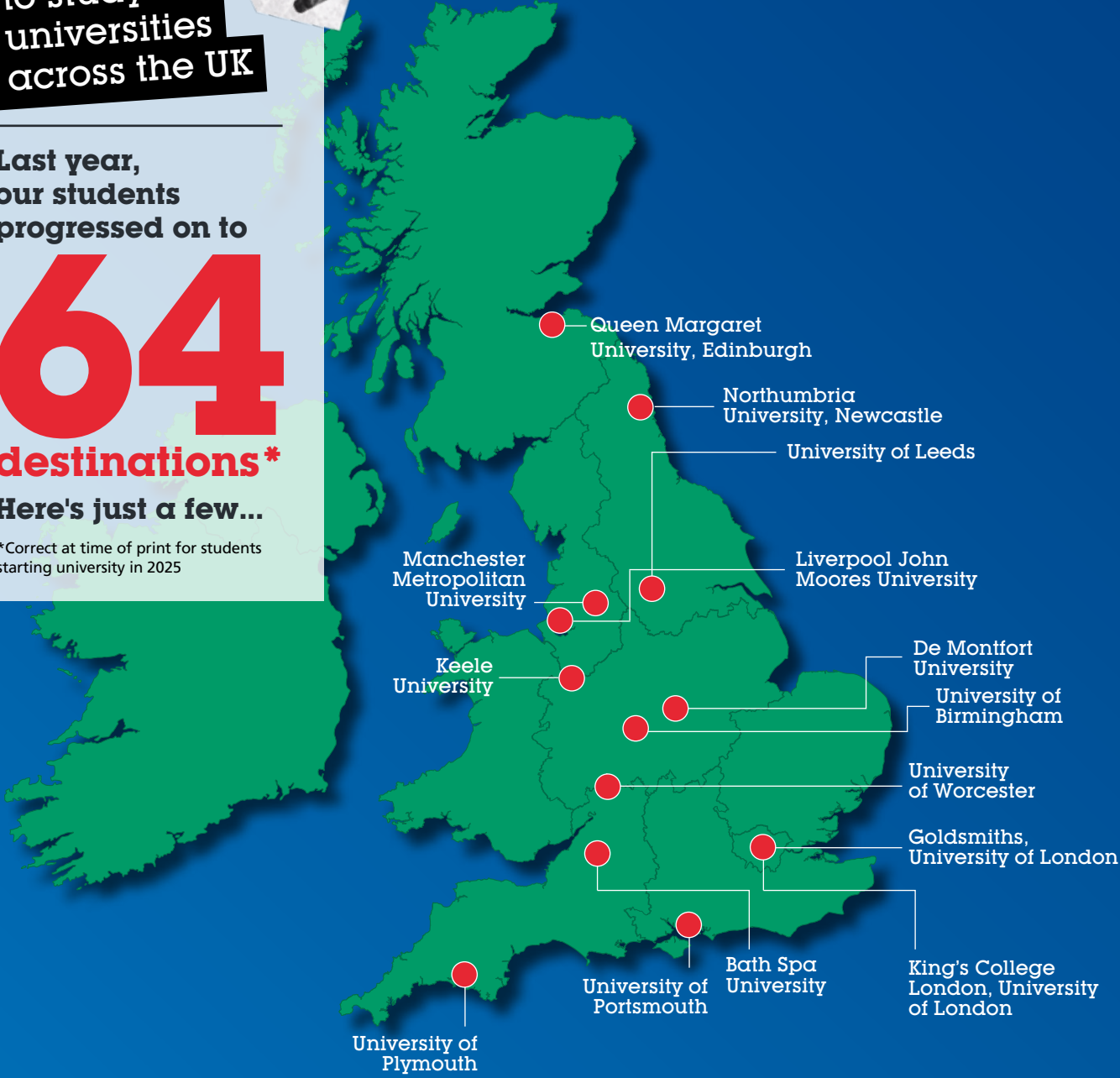
Our students have gone on to study at universities across the UK

Last year, our students progressed on to

64 destinations*

Here's just a few...

*Correct at time of print for students starting university in 2025





See our latest
vacancies

Scan the QR code



Apprenticeships

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 and 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' you develop 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 off-the-job training and 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.

English and Maths

Applicants under the age of 19 who do not have grades 4 in GCSE Maths and English or equivalent, will be required to study these to improve their grades. This will be a mandatory element of the programme.

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
- www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships

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 £7.55** per hour (as of Apr 2025), but many employers pay more - the average salary is approximately £244 per week, but some employers could pay more.

What are the entry requirements?

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

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 eligibility

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

We offer Apprenticeships in:

Accounting, Finance and Management

Administration and Customer Service

Automotive

Business Accounting and Enterprise

Construction and Property Maintenance

Dental Education and Teacher Training

Electrical Installation Engineering

Health and Social Care Pharmacy

Scaffolding, Roofing and Groundwork

Signmaking



"My Apprenticeship has been both a challenging and rewarding experience, helping me to develop my knowledge of public finance and sharpen essential skills like communication, planning and problem-solving."

Abbie Farr-Smith

Progression: Trainee Finance
Business Partner – Walsall Council

Achieving Together

(14-16)

The Achieving Together programme is designed for young people aged 14-16, in Year 10 or Year 11, looking for a mainstream education experience that is an alternative to school or home study.

The programme focuses on improving your academic qualifications in English, Maths and Digital Skills, whilst delivering a package of employability qualifications to develop communication, team-work, confidence, and problem-solving skills. You'll get English, Maths, Digital Skills and a collection of employability and social skills you need for life and work.

Smaller class sizes and dedicated attention from our encouraging tutors will help you achieve your potential in a supportive environment.



How to join...

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) – Walsall Council



What you'll study

The Achieving Together and Activate team will work with students to improve their knowledge in a variety of subjects with the aim to achieve the following qualifications.

Subjects Covered:

- Functional Skills English (Entry Level 1 – Level 1)
- Functional Skills Maths (Entry Level 1 – Level 1)
- GCSE English
- GCSE Maths
- Digital Skills (Entry Level 2 – Level 1)
- The King's Trust
- Personal Social Development and Employability
- Group Tutorial
- Enrichment and 1-2-1s

ESOL 16-19

Our ESOL 16-19 course is designed for young people whose first language is not English. This course will support you to develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills so that you can progress onto a vocational course of your choice. You will also work towards developing your maths and digital skills whilst learning about life in the UK. The course is delivered by staff who are ESOL specialists and experienced in working with young people who need some extra support in settling into the UK.

Want to know more?
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Activate (16 plus)

Post 16: Students aged 16 and over who may not yet meet the academic entry requirements for a mainstream vocational course, or who would benefit from extra social and emotional support, can now join our Activate programme. Building on the successful Achieving Together model, this pathway helps students develop the confidence and self-belief they need to progress onto a Level 1/Level 2 qualification.

"You get so much from the course such as boosting your confidence, being more motivated to learn and having a new social network. Support from tutors is always brilliant."

Warwick Hewson

Progression: Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Auto Technician
 - Car Manufacturing Technician
 - Vehicle Service Technician
 - MOT Inspector
 - Automotive Engineer
 - and much more...

Did you know...
More than **1.58 million** engines were built in the UK in 2024.

Employer Links Include:

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

"My work placement with The Trade Centre UK was the highlight. I learned a great deal and had the opportunity to work with many people. This valuable experience helped me achieve a Distinction grade in my exams."

Navjot Kaur
Progression: BSc Motorsport Engineering – Oxford Brookes University

You could earn...

£22k - £42k

Motor Mechanic

£26k - £48k

Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **automotive** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway
Pathways to Motor Vehicle
Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance
Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance
Level 3 Motor Vehicle Maintenance

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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Apprenticeships
Level 3 Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship Standard
Level 3 Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Pathways: Minimum E3 Functional Skills in Maths & English or GCSE equivalent Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 1: Grade 2 in Maths & English or Functional Skill equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 2: Grade 4 in Maths desired, grade 3 in English desired or Functional Skill equivalent. A related level one qualification.

Level 3: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or Functional Skill equivalent, grade 3 in GCSE English or Functional Skill equivalent. A related level two qualification.

Apprenticeships

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

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



Aviation Operations, Travel & Tourism

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, cabin crew, passenger service agent...the world is your oyster.

- Aspire to be...
- Travel Consultant
 - Cabin Crew
 - Departure/Arrival Agent
 - Aircraft Dispatcher
 - Baggage Advisor
 - Resort/Holiday Rep
 - and much more...

Did you know...
By 2026, the UK's tourism industry is forecast to be worth **£257 billion**.

Employer Links Include:

- Easy Jet
- Birmingham Airport
- Jet2.com
- Cooperative Travel
- TUI
- Ryanair

You could earn...

£20k - £40k

Travel Agency Manager

£19k - £28k

Cabin Crew

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **aviation operations, travel and tourism** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



Aviation & Cabin Crew VTQ Pathway

- Level 2 Introduction to Cabin Crew, Aviation and Ground Operations
- Level 2 Diploma in Aviation

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

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Travel & Tourism VTQ Pathway

- Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism
- Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Travel & Tourism

Entry Requirements

Aviation Pathway

Level 2: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including grade 4 in English Language.

Cabin Crew Pathway

Level 2: GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English Language and students must be able to swim 50m.

Travel & Tourism Pathway

Level 2: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths.

Level 3: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, this must include English Language.

Thinking about next steps?

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



Business, Management and Marketing

Business is booming and you can be a 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.

- Aspire to be...**
- Administrator
 - Marketing Officer
 - Business Development Manager
 - Human Resources Manager
 - General Manager
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The digital marketing industry in the UK employs over **1.5 million** people.

Employer Links Include:

- Dudley Council
- whg
- The Entertainer
- Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
- Aston University

You could earn...

£23k - £50k

Marketing Executive

£29k - £75k

Business Project Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **business, management and marketing** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



Business, Finance and Law

VTQ Pathway

- BTEC Level 2 pathways in Business
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and Marketing or Accounting or Management

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
- Look at business improvement techniques
- Devising digital marketing campaigns
- Branding a business
- International business
- Recruitment and selection

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

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



Apprenticeships

- Level 3 Team Leader/Supervisor Apprenticeship Standard
- Level 3 Business Administrator
- Level 5 Operations or Departmental Manager Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 2: 5 GCSEs grade 3 or above including GCSE English Language or Maths at grade 4 or above.

Level 3: Management/Accounting: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language. Marketing: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths or English Language.

Apprenticeships

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

"My course helped me prove myself and see what more I was capable of."

Dylan Brown

Progression: BSc Finance and Investment - Birmingham City University

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 develop skills and confidence to begin further training, a rewarding career starts here.

Aspire to be...

Bookkeeper Accountant

Accounts Payable Clerk

Budget Analyst

Financial Advisor

Credit Controller

and much more...

Did you know...

Nearly **2.5 million people** in the UK work in financial and related professional services.

Employer Links Include:

- Wolverhampton Council
- Walsall Council
- HSBC
- Natwest
- DJH Mitten Clarke

You could earn...

£30k - £60k

Management Accountant

£27k - £67k

Financial Advisor

Figures taken from National Careers Service

Choose your Pathway

Study **accounting and finance** your way through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

- Level 2 pathway into Accounting
- Level 3 Business and Management Accounting

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
- Look at security and risk
- Fundamentals of law
- Data driven analytics and innovation

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Apprenticeships

- Level 2 Accounts or Finance Assistant Apprenticeship Standard
- Level 3 Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship Standard
- Level 4 Professional Accounting or Taxation Technician Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 2: Must have English Language or Maths at grade 4 or above.

Level 3: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English. You will also be asked to sit a short written assessment.

Apprenticeships

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

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



"Apprenticeships benefit you more than you might think. You're learning skills related to your job role and how to be proactive, a good communicator and more confident."

Grace Tong

Studying: Level 3 Payroll Administrator Apprenticeship Standard while working at Cutter & Co



Business Administration and 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 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.

- Aspire to be...
- Technical Support Representative
 - Patient Care Coordinator
 - Call Centre Agent
 - Bank Clerk
 - Help Desk Support
 - and much more...

Did you know... According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), there are approximately **3 million people** employed in customer service roles across the UK.

Employer Links Include:

- The Dudley NHS Group Foundation Trust
- University Hospitals Birmingham NHS

You could earn...

£25k - £54k

Business Advisor

£23k - £55k

Business Analyst

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **business administration and customer service** through our apprenticeship pathways

APPLY NOW



Apprenticeships
Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Customer Service Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard
Level 3 Customer Service Specialist Apprenticeship Standard

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
- Look at business improvement techniques
- Writing reports

Entry Requirements

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

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



"I chose an Apprenticeship to have a better understanding of the industry I wanted to work in."

"I get to know how a company works and experience different aspects of business in a hands-on way"

Stanislav Makuna
Progression: Sales Executive – Surespan Covers

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, psychology or sociology for an insight into the criminal mind.

- Aspire to be...
- Barrister
 - Legal Secretary
 - Paralegal
 - Solicitor
 - Court Usher/Officer

- Probation Officer
- Company Secretary
- and much more...

Did you know...
There are over **219,000** solicitors in the UK.

Employer Links Include:

- Bila Legal Services
- HCB Solicitors

You could earn...

£26k - £90k

Company Secretary

£21k - £200k

Barrister

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **law, criminology and psychology** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway
Level 2 pathways into Law
Level 3 Applied Law, Criminology & Psychology

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
- Crime scene to court room
- Criminological theories
- Psychological approaches and applications
- Conducting psychological research

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

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



A Level Pathway
A Level in Law, Psychology and Sociology

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 2: Must have English Language at grade 4 or above.

Level 3: GCSE English Language at grade 4 plus Maths at grade 4 (ideally a grade 5) and three other GCSEs at grade 4/5. You also will be asked to sit a short written assessment.

A Level Pathway

5 GCSEs at grade 5 including English Language and Maths. You also will be asked to sit a short written assessment.

"My college lecturers helped me with my coursework, UCAS application, personal statement and the LNAT law entrance exam so I could get on to my degree. I couldn't have asked for more. I know others had the same experience too."

Amilah Akhtar
Progression: LLB Law - University of Birmingham



Computing

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

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.

- Aspire to be...
- IT Technical Support
 - Software Developer/Engineer
 - Games/Web Developer
 - Security Engineer
 - Software Analyst
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The UK tech sector was valued at **£784 billion** at the start of 2024, making it the leading tech ecosystem in Europe.

Employer Links Include:

- Covatic
- CISCO
- Methods
- Poundland
- LearnPlay Foundation
- Vantage 365

You could earn...

£30k - £75k

Software Developer

£32k - £82K

Data Scientist

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **computing** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



Computing

VTQ Pathway

- Level 1 BTEC in Computing
- Level 2 BTEC in Computing
- Level 3 in Computing*

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

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

T Level

T Level in Computing - Digital Software Development

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

- Level 1:** Grade 2 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)
- Level 3:** Grade 4 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

T Level Pathway

5 Grade 4 GCSEs including English and grade 5 Maths. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Walsall College University Pathway...

- Pearson BTEC Level 4 HNC Computing for England (HTQ)
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Computing for England (2022)
- Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree in Computer Science (TOP-UP)



*Subject to change

Bricklaying

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

You can also progress to 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.

- Aspire to be...
- Self-employed Tradesperson
 - Construction Site Supervisor
 - Construction Manager
 - Bricklayer
 - Stonemason
 - and much more...

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

Employer Links Include:

- Ibstock Brick
- William Gough & Sons
- Redfern Building Limited

You could earn...

£25k - £45k
Bricklayer

£27k - £65k
Construction Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **bricklaying** through one of the following pathways

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Bricklaying
Level 2 Bricklaying

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

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to an apprenticeship, or employment.



APPLY NOW



Apprenticeship
Level 2 Bricklayer Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 1: No formal academic entrance criteria. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 2: Minimum grade 3 in English and Maths or functional skills equivalent. A related Level 1 qualification. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).

Apprenticeship

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.



Our Ibstock Academy provides practical, job-ready training to reflect the pace, high quality standards and safety expectations of construction.

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Heritage/Historic Building Manager
- Construction Site Manager
- Multi-skilled Technician
- Bricklayer
- Joiner
- and much more...

Did you know...

An extra 30,050 construction-based workers will be needed in the West Midlands by 2026.

"It's a hands-on course with great tutors who teach you a bit of everything and help you choose a career path."

Mia Barry-Newton
Progression: T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning

Employer Links Include:

- Redfern Building Limited
- Midland Heart
- Black Country Healthcare NHS Trust
- T&D Group

You could earn...

£26k - £65k
Building Control Manager

£17k - £28k
Handy Person

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **building maintenance** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway
Pathways into Construction Trades
Level 1 Building Maintenance Operative
Level 2 Building Maintenance Operative

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're allocated.

Apprenticeships
Level 2 Roofer Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Scaffolder Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Groundworker Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Highways Maintenance Skilled Operative Apprenticeship Standard

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 1: No formal academic entrance criteria. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 2: Minimum grade 3 in English and Maths or functional skills equivalent. A related Level 1 qualification. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).

Apprenticeship

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

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



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Commercial/Construction Carpenter
 - Bespoke Wooden Stair Builder
 - Furniture Maker
 - Heritage Restorer
 - and much more...

Did you know...
Carpenters are the **largest group** of the building trades workers.

Employer Links Include:

- Liberon
- Nuttall
- Multiclad
- Stairways Midlands

You could earn...
£24k - £40k
Carpenter

£23k - £32k
Furniture Maker

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **carpentry and joinery** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Carpentry and Joinery
Level 2 Site Carpentry

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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Apprenticeship
Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 1: No formal academic entrance criteria. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)
Level 2: Minimum E3 Functional Skills in Maths & English or GCSE equivalent. A related Level 1 qualification. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Apprenticeship

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to an apprenticeship, or employment.



"I loved the studwork, creating door frames and skirting. The photos I took of my work has helped me get clients. My course was also good for meeting new people."

Lewys Bradburn
Progression: Self-employed carpenter



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 electrical 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 principles and installation techniques.

Aspire to be...

Installation Electrician

Telecommunication Operative

Maintenance Electrician

Electrical Fitter

Electrical Winder

and much more...

Did you know...

Reports suggest the UK will need an additional **100,000 electricians** by 2032, making it an opportune time to enter the field.

Employer Links Include:

- Aico
- Denmans Electrical Wholesalers
- Armeg Ltd
- Luceco Group
- Zemper

"The support I had from lecturers in and outside class plus careers guidance helped me progress on to my apprenticeship and get my career started."

Dylan Lonsdale

Progression: Apprentice electrician - Qualita Ltd

You could earn...

£26k - £45k

Electrician

£24k - £38k

Smart Meter Installer

Figures taken from National Careers Service

Choose your Pathway

Study **electrical installation** through one of the following pathways

VTQ Pathway

Pathways into Electrical
Level 1 Electrical Installation
Level 2 Electrical Installation
Level 3 Electrical Installation

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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to an apprenticeship, or employment.

APPLY NOW



Apprenticeships

Level 3 Domestic Electrician Apprenticeship Standard
Level 3 Installation Electrician/ Maintenance Electrician Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Pathways: Minimum E3 Functional Skills in Maths & English or GCSE equivalent. Grade 2 GCSE preferred. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 1: Grade 2 GCSE Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Grade 3 preferred. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 2: Grade 4 GCSE Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 3: Grade 4 GCSE Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Apprenticeships

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Self-employed Painter and Decorator
 - Industrial painting and finishing
 - Historic Restorations
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The UK painting and decorating market was projected to reach **£4.4 billion** in 2025.

Employer Links Include:

- Bell Group
- Chambers & Hall
- Decorer Ltd
- Dulux Paints
- Repair Care International
- AkzoNobel

You could earn...

£17k - £32k

Painter/Decorator

£23k - £45k

Interior Designer

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **painting and decorating** through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

- Level 1 Painting and Decorating
- Level 2 Painting and Decorating

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, wall coverings, 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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

You can move on to an apprenticeship, or employment.



Apprenticeship

- Level 2 Painter and Decorator Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

- Level 1:** No formal academic entrance criteria. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)
- Level 2:** Minimum E3 Functional Skills in Maths & English or GCSE equivalent. A related Level 1 qualification. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Apprenticeship

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

"I'd heard the college was the best place to learn painting and decorating. My experiences at Level 1 and Level 2 proved that."

Patrik Novak
Progression: Painter/Decorator - Chambers & Hall



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Renewable Energy Specialist
 - Installation and Maintenance Specialist
 - Domestic Plumber
 - Commercial Plumber
 - Heating Engineer
 - and much more...

Did you know... Gas engineers are currently the 4th most in-demand trade in the UK, with nearly **10,000 job vacancies** advertised across platforms like Indeed and LinkedIn.

Employer Links Include:

- Wolseley UK • Adey
- Alpha Heating • Altecnic
- Baxi • Worcester Bosch
- McAlpine Plumbing Products
- Ground and Heat Source Association (GSHPA)

You could earn...

£24k - £46k

Plumber

£24k - £46k

Heat Pump Engineer

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **plumbing** through our VTQ pathway

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

- Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing
- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Plumbing

Develop in-demand practical 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

Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** Grade 2 GCSE English & Maths or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)
- Level 2:** Grade 4 GCSE English and Maths or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Thinking about next steps?

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



"I love the hands-on work we do. There's every opportunity to learn and achieve here, with your English and maths to help you get trained."

Md Mostakur Rahman
Progression: Level 2 Diploma Plumbing and Heating

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

- Aspire to be...
- Engineering Design Technician
 - Construction Site Supervisor
 - Quantity Surveyor
 - and much more...

Did you know...
Every 1 in 14 people globally work in the construction or building sector.

Employer Links Include:

- Balfour Beatty VINCI
- BAM Construction
- Volkerfitzpatrick Ltd
- Kier Highways
- Tilbury Douglas
- Winvic
- Interclass



You could earn...

£25k - £80k
Quantity Surveyor

£27k - £65k
Construction Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study professional construction through our T Level pathway

T Level
T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning

Develop career-ready 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

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English Language and Mathematics.

A successful interview with a tutor. A commitment to undertaking a 45-day industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.

Walsall College University Pathway...

Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Construction Management for England (2023) RQF



APPLY NOW



"It's been a busy journey full of learning, hands-on experience and personal growth. The mentorship and support of my placement provider, Winvic, played a key role in shaping my professional path and preparing me for the future."

Viktoriia Grachova
Progression: Civil Engineering degree apprentice - Winvic Construction Ltd

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Graphic Sign Maker
 - Roadside Maker and Fitter
 - Transport and Vehicle Wrapper
 - Graphics Installer
 - Sign Designer
 - and much more...

Did you know...
83% of businesses use signage to promote their business.

Employer Links Include:

- Bowden and Dolphin Signs
- Morelock Signs
- Signgeer
- Viewtec Signs
- Xsign
- Midland Signs & Graphics

You could earn...

£20k - £28k
Signmaker

£25k - £32k
Vehicle Wrapper

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **signmaking** through our Apprenticeship pathway

Apprenticeship
Level 3 Signage Technician Apprenticeship Standard

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

Entry Requirements

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

Thinking about next steps?

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



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"The apprenticeship off-the-job training has helped me develop wider knowledge and skills so I can take on more responsibilities at work and build myself a solid career."

Noah Hunt
Studying: Level 3 Signage Technician Standard with G48 Ltd

Art and 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.

Aspire to be...

- Animator
- Photographer
- Fashion Designer
- Fine Artist
- Product Designer
- Graphic Designer
- and much more...

Did you know...

In 2023, the UK's creative industries employed **2.4 million people**.

Employer Links Include:

- The New Art Gallery Walsall
- Birmingham Art Gallery

You could earn...

£39k - £55k

Art Therapist

£26k - £40k

Art Editor

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study art and design through our VTQ pathway

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

- Level 1 Art and Design
- Level 2 Art and Design Skills
- Level 3 BTEC 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

Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** Grade 2 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent.
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Level 3:** Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about next steps?

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



"I was constantly supported in developing my aims, independence and skills towards where I wanted to be as a professional technician/artist."

Grace Clare

Studied: Level 2 and Level 3 Art & Design
Progression: Self-employment

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 - while working on real briefs from clients. You'll also develop skills for professional practice such as lighting techniques, darkroom skills, and digital post-production.

Aspire to be...

Fine Art Photographer

Wildlife Photographer

Forensic Photographer

Fashion Photographer

Photojournalist

Art Director

and much more...

Did you know...

You'll need a **portfolio** of your work to demonstrate your ability and style. You can develop this through work experience, volunteering, college projects or awards.

Employer Links Include:

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

You could earn...

£17k - £45k

Photographer

£31k - £39k

Medical Illustrator

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **photography** through our VTQ pathway

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

Level 3 BTEC 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
- Photographic media, techniques and technology

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about next steps?

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



"My confidence of working in a studio setting and using lighting grew week by week. Learning how to communicate with different clients and understand their photography needs has also prepared me to work as an apprentice photographer."

Megan Vickers



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 enterprise, Future Flames Productions.

- Aspire to be...
- Broadcast Journalist
 - Vlogger
 - Film Producer
 - Camera Operative
 - Lighting Technician
 - Media Researcher
 - Radio Broadcaster
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The creative industries were estimated to generate an extra **£28 billion** for the economy by 2025 and create **300,000 more jobs**.

Employer Links Include:

- James Brindley Foundation
- Walsall Football Club
- Walsall Football Community Foundation
- Royal Television Society
- Walsall Council
- West Midlands Combined Authority

You could earn...

£20k - £50k
Broadcast Engineer

£18k - £45k
Video Editor

Figures taken from National Careers Service

"I gained on-set experience of using different props and being in different locations. I received valuable advice on the career path to becoming a development producer and that's what I'm working towards now."

Caydey Killian
Progression: BA Hons Film Production - University of Salford



Choose your Pathway

Study **creative media** your way through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



Creative

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Creative Media Skills
Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Creative Media Skills
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production (TV & Film)

Develop creative and technical 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
- Film studies

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Walsall College University Pathway...

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Creative Media Production



T Level
T Level in Media, Production and Broadcast

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

- Level 1:** Grade 2 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent.
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Level 3:** Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

T Level Pathway

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English and Maths.



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.

Aspire to be...

Fashion Designer

Stylist

Textile Designer

Retail Buyer

Visual Merchandiser

Fashion Journalist

Visual Merchandiser

Jewellery Designer

and much more...

Did you know...

In 2025, the UK fashion market was projected to reach nearly **\$59 billion** in revenue, with an annual growth rate of **3.96%**.

Employer
Links Include:

- Couture Company
- Brady Bags

You could earn...

£24k - £40k

Fashion Designer

£21k - £36k

Fashion Merchandiser

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **fashion** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway

Level 3 BTEC 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
- Materials, techniques and processes

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about
next steps?

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



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Games Art

The game art industry is a captivating realm that offers a world of boundless creativity and limitless possibilities.

It's a field where imagination comes to life, where breathtaking virtual worlds are born, and captivating characters spring forth from the depths of the artist's mind. In the games industry, you have the power to shape immersive experiences, blend visual aesthetics with interactive storytelling, and transport players to extraordinary realms. From crafting stunning landscapes to designing intricate characters, the artistry in games holds the potential to captivate, inspire, and entertain millions of people worldwide.

Aspire to be...

Pixel Artist

Technical Artist

Environmental Artist

Concept Artist

Animator

Game Artist

and much more...

Did you know...
The UK games industry was valued at **£7.82 billion** in 2025 - a year-on-year growth of **4.8%**.

Employer Links Include:

- The Retro Realm
- Daniel Turner - Technical Artist
- Arts Connect

You could earn...
£27k - £71k
Games Developer

£31k - £60k
App Developer

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **games art** through our VTQ pathway

APPLY NOW



VTQ Pathway

Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Games Art

Develop practical and creative skills

- Develop your drawing, sculpture, photography, animation and Illustration skills
- Gain insights into how both 2D and 3D software is utilised to create game characters, environments and objects
- Learn about the rich history of gaming and how this links to the history of art & design
- How traditional and contemporary visual culture inspires games design

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about next steps?

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



"I gained insights into specific media and design that I used to generate feelings and atmosphere in my work. This is an amazing course where lecturers teach new ways of working, including visualisation techniques.."

George Blair

Progression: BA Hons Art and design - Birmingham City University



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Graphic Designer
 - Web Designer
 - Branding Consultant
 - Studio Manager
 - Exhibition Designer
 - Illustrator/Animator
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The UK's graphic design sector had an estimated market size of **£4.1 billion in 2024.**

Employer Links Include:

- Public Health Walsall
- Urban Hax

You could earn...

£20k - £40k
Graphic Designer

£18k - £40k
Web Designer

Figures taken from National Careers Service

Your Pathway

Study **graphic design** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway
Level 2 Certificate in Graphic Design
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

- Entry Requirements**
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Level 3:** Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about next steps?
You can move on to a higher level apprenticeship, university or employment.

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"I had creative freedom to make decisions, problem solve and learn along the way. As time went on, my decision making improved, along with confidence in my work."

Faiz Fatima
Progression: Freelance Graphic Designer

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.

Aspire to be...

Session Musician

Sound/Recording Engineer

Artist/Tour Manager

Music Journalist

Music Producer

Music Teacher

and much more...

Did you know...

The UK is the **3rd largest music market** in the world.

Employer Links Include:

- Lauren Grace Musician
- Splinter Studios
- Resonance

You could earn...

£39k - £55k

Music Therapist

£24k - £65k

Music Promotions Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **music** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway

- Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Music Industry Skills
- Level 3 BTEC 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

Entry Requirements

Level 2: Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Level 3: Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Thinking about next steps?

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



APPLY NOW



"My course nurtured my passion for music performance while also developing my interest in the business and marketing side of the industry, giving me a clear direction for my future career."

Ebony Segree

Progression: BSc Marketing - Birmingham City University

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, The Venue. Aspiring actors will learn stagecraft, singing and musical theatre skills and more. Meanwhile, dancers will train in a range of genres, from classical ballet, hip hop and street to contemporary dance.

- Aspire to be...
- Actor/Theatre Performer/Dancer
 - Theatre Manager
 - Choreographer
 - Community Arts Worker
 - Costume Designer
 - Prop/Set Designer
 - and much more...

Did you know...
283,000 people work in music, performing and visual arts in the UK.

Employer Links Include:

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



Paige Leadbetter
Progression: BA Hons Musical Theatre – University of Lincoln

You could earn...

£21k - £32k

Stagehand

£15k - £40k

Lighting Technician

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study performing arts through one of the following pathways

APPLY NOW



Performing Arts Acting VTQ Pathway

Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts
Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts (Acting)

- 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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Performing Arts Dance VTQ Pathway

Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts
Level 3 Performing Arts (Dance)

- Entry Requirements**
- Acting Pathway**
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Level 3:** Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Dance Pathway**
- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.
- Level 3:** Grade 4 English or Functional Skills equivalent, grade 3 Maths or Functional skills equivalent (grade 4 preferred) and an appropriate qualification in your chosen specialism, successful completion of a pre-course task.

Walsall College University Pathway...

Performing Arts (Acting/Dance) HNC



Childcare & Early Years

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. You will also have the opportunity to work with local primary schools where you will host forest school activities. Your course could lead straight to a career with young people or lay the foundations for further study.

- Aspire to be...
- Nursery Worker
- Teaching Assistant
- Primary or Secondary Teacher
- Educational Psychologist
- Education Welfare Officer
- and much more...

Did you know...
802,000 people work in childcare in the UK.

Employer Links Include:

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

You could earn...

£32k - £49k
Primary Teacher

£22k - £35k
Youth Worker

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study childcare and early years through one of the following pathways

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Caring for Children
Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People
Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education*

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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

Thinking about next steps?

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

* Subject to change

APPLY NOW



T Level
T Level in Education and Childcare

Apprenticeship
Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Certificate: No entry requirements
Level 2 Certificate: GCSE English grade 3. GCSE Maths grade 2.
Level 2 Diploma: GCSE English grade 4. GCSE Maths grade 3.
Level 3 Diploma: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and/or Maths (some courses may require both, please check your individual course). Or a relevant Level 2 related qualification.

T Level Pathway
GCSE English and maths at grade 4 and above.
A successful interview with a tutor. A commitment to undertaking a 45-day industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.

Apprenticeship
Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.



Health & 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 through work experience and employer-led masterclasses. You could then go directly into employment - for example, as a care worker - or use your course as a springboard to further specialist study.

Aspire to be...

Midwife Psychologist

Adult or Children's Nurse

Speech Therapist

Social Worker Counsellor

and much more...

Did you know...
In the UK, there are approximately **1.59 million people** working in the adult social care sector.



Employer Links Include:

- Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
- The Watermill Day Care Centre
- African Caribbean Community Association

You could earn...

£31k - £47k

Midwife

£31k - £47k

Nurse

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **health & social care** through one of the following pathways

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Certificate in introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Setting
Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care
Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care*

T Level
T Level in Health (Adult Nursing/Therapy/Midwifery)

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 and lifestyles
- Monitoring health and wellbeing
- Ensuring compliance with regulations, policies and procedures

How to apply

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

* Subject to change

APPLY NOW



Apprenticeship
Level 2 Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship Standard

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

- Level 1:** 2 GCSEs grades 3-1 although students without qualifications may apply.
- Level 2 Certificate:** 4 GCSEs at grade 3-1 including English Language or Maths. Successful completion of a DBS check.
- Level 2 Diploma:** GCSEs at grade 3-1 including Maths or English Language at grade 4. Successful completion of a DBS check.
- Level 3:** 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths, or a Level 2 related qualification at overall Merit grade including English Language and Maths at grade 4.

T Level Pathway

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths, English Language and Combined Science or biology. Successful completion of a DBS check. Full medical history & health assessment with NHS Trust. Evidence of childhood vaccinations to include MMR, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B & Tetanus.

A successful interview with a tutor. A commitment to undertaking a 45-day industry placement following a successful interview with an employer.

Apprenticeship

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Pharmacy Technician
 - Dental Nurse
 - Pharmacy Assessor
 - Dental Therapist
 - Dispensing Assistant
 - Clinical Technician
 - and much more...

Did you know...
There are currently **14,465 dental practices** across the UK.

Employer Links Include:

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

You could earn...

£25k - £31k
Dental Nurse

£27k - £38k
Pharmacy Technician

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **Pharmacy and Dental** through our Apprenticeship pathway

Apprenticeships
Level 3 Dental Nurse (Integrated) Apprenticeship Standard
Level 2 Pharmacy Technician (Integrated) Apprenticeship Standard
Level 3 Pharmacy Services Assistant Apprenticeship Standard

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

Thinking about next steps?

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



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Pharmacy



Dental

How to apply

You can view the vacancies we currently have available on our website or submit an enquiry form by scanning the QR codes above.

Entry Requirements

Ideally you will possess grade 4 or above in English and Maths; we can offer support if required. Each employer and Standard will have different entry criteria. Check with our Apprenticeships Team for further information.

"With an apprenticeship, you're immediately gaining the skills and knowledge to carry out a role in the workplace. Plus, this experience helps you move into different industry areas and progress."

Rahul Kumar
Progression: Drug Administration Pharmacy Technician - Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Engineering Operative
 - Mechanical Engineering Technician
 - Welder
 - Toolmaker
 - Machine Setter
 - and much more...

Did you know...
Approximately **6.4 million people** in the UK are employed in engineering and technology roles.

Employer Links Include:

- Element
- Interpump Fluid Solution
- PP Control & Automation
- Power Utilities Group
- Unitech Engineering Ltd

You could earn...

£23k - £40k

CAD Technician

£26k - £50k

Manufacturing
Systems Engineer

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **engineering, machining and manufacturing** through one of the following pathways

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VTQ Pathway

- Level 1 Engineering Machinist
- Level 2 Engineering Machinist

Develop in-demand technical skills

- Engineering principles - both mechanical, 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

Pick the qualification pathway you would like to study, for your chosen subject on our website. During your interview you will be assigned a level dependent on your predicted grades.

T Level

- T Level Engineering in Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Entry Requirements

VTQ Pathway

Level 1: Grade 2 in Maths & English or Functional Skill equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event)

Level 2: Grade 4 in Maths desired, grade 3 in English desired or Functional Skill equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).

T Level Pathway

Grade 4 Maths, grade 4 English, grade 4 Science. Grade 5s preferred. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).

Walsall College University Pathway...

Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ Higher National Certificate in Engineering for England (2024)



"My T Level shaped my ambitions. It's shown me which sectors I can apply all my knowledge to, and it's given me an idea of what the industry looks like in future."

Alisha Ash

Progression: BSc Automotive and Motorsport Engineering - University of Staffordshire



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.

- Aspire to be...
- Beauty Therapist
 - Salon Owner
 - Nail Technician
 - Make-up Artist
 - Eyelash Technician
 - and much more...

Did you know...
Approximately **224,000 people** are directly employed in the hair and beauty services sector.

Employer Links Include:

- Glitterbels
- Fairlawns
- Glam Ibiza
- Hoar Cross Hall
- Dermalogica
- Rebecca Orme (London Fashion Week)

You could earn...

£16k - £25k

Beauty Therapist

£19k - £23k

Nail Technician

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **beauty therapy** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Certificate 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
- Health and Safety
- Sustainability and commercial skills
- Spa treatments

Thinking about next steps?

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



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Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** No formal qualifications required.
- Level 2:** Minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade 4 or equivalent. This must include English Language or Maths or a Level 1 related quantification in Beauty Therapy.
- Level 3 Beauty:**
A level 2 Beauty Therapy related qualification is required and Maths or English at grade 4.
- Level 3 Nails:**
Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy / Nail Services. GCSE English or Maths grade 4 or above.



Beauty students participating in WorldSkills UK qualifying heats.

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Barber or Hairdresser
 - Stylist for Film and Photography
 - Hair Product Marketer
 - Hair Loss Specialist
 - Salon Manager
 - and much more...

Did you know...
1 in 50 working people in the UK are employed in the hair and beauty industry.



Employer Links Include:

- Francesco Group
- FG Man
- Wella
- KEM Unisex Salon

You could earn...

£19k - £30k

Hairdresser

£19k - £30k

Barber

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **barbering and hairdressing** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Hairdressing and Barbering
Level 2 Women's Hairdressing
Level 3 Hairdressing
Level 2 Barbering
Level 3 Barbering

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 & Safety)

Thinking about next steps?

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



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Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** GCSEs in English and Maths grade 2 and above.
- Level 2:** Level 1 Hairdressing/Barbering qualification, or prior experience within the industry, plus GCSE English or Maths at grade 4 or above.
- Level 3:** Level 2-related hairdressing qualification or prior experience running a column within the hairdressing industry. GCSE in English or Maths grade 4. Practical cut and finish is required.

"Through college, I took part in and became an industry competition winner; a huge achievement that I know helps me stand out as I turn fully professional."

Jack Bradshaw
Level 2 and 3 Barbering



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 skills will soon be sharper than your kitchen knives.

- Aspire to be...
- Chef (executive, private, pastry, sous etc)
 - Events Caterer
 - Recipe Developer

- Food Writer
- Food Stylist
- and much more...

Did you know...
At the end of 2023, there were **112,000** vacancies in hospitality.

Employer Links Include:

- Hundred House Hotel
- Quorn Foods • The Boat Inn
- Fairlawns Hotel and Spa
- Dunstall Park
- The Manor House
- Walsall Council
- Henry Tudor House Shrewsbury

You could earn...
£22k - £40k
Chef

£20k - £34k
Catering Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **cookery and catering** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Introductory Award in Hospitality (Culinary Skills)
Level 2 Diploma in Patisserie and Confectionary
Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery
Level 3 Advanced Diploma for Professional Chefs (Kitchen & Larder)
Level 3 Diploma in Patisserie and Confectionery

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

Thinking about next steps?

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



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Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** No formal qualifications are required.
- Level 2:** 4 GCSEs at grades 3-1.
- Level 3:** 4 GCSEs at grades 3-1, relevant Level 2 qualification and previous industry experience.



"The encouragement from lecturers helped me develop strong skills and win competitions through the British Culinary Federation. I also gained industry experience through preparing different menus and hosting themed events."

Gabriele Mesko
Progression: Chef – Black Swan Restaurant, Bradford

Hospitality and Events Supervisory

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

With opportunities to plan a dining experience and hold a personal/corporate event, you'll share your creativity, innovation and high quality service values - all underpinned with involvement from employer clients.

- Aspire to be...
- Accommodation Manager
 - Event Manager
 - Restaurant, Hotel or Pub Manager
 - Wedding Planner
 - and much more...

Did you know...

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

Employer Links Include:

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

You could earn...

£23k - £40k

Events Manager

£20k - £34k

Catering Manager

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **hospitality and events supervisory** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway

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

Entry Requirements

Level 3: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and/or Maths. Or a Level 2 related qualification.

Thinking about next steps?

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



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"I've taken part in and supported events and competitions at the college where I've pushed myself and seen what's possible career-wise."

Toby Harris
Progression: HNC Hospitality Management and employment

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Armed Forces Personnel
 - Revenue and Customs Officer
 - Police Officer
 - Fire Fighter
 - Prison Officer
 - Security Specialist
 - and much more...

Did you know...
There's a **13% skills shortage** in protective services.

Employer Links Include:

- British Army • Royal Navy
- Birmingham Airport
- West Midlands Police
- Counter Terrorism Units
- West Midlands Fire Service
- HM Prisons • Royal Air Force

You could earn...

£30k - £40k

Police Officer

£28k - £42k

Firefighter

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **protective services** through our VTQ pathway.

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Public Services
Level 2 Public Services
Level 3 Uniformed 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
- Teamwork, leadership and communication
- Behaviour and discipline
- Security work and procedures

University Pathway...

Pearson BTEC Level 4 HTQ in Public Services
Pearson Level 5 HTQ Diploma in Public Services



Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** No formal entry requirements.
- Level 2:** 4 GCSEs at grade 3 including English Language or a Level 1 related qualification.
- Level 3:** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths and a Level 2 related qualification with a Merit grade.

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"The hands-on activities, classroom discussions, presentations and outdoor experiences add up to a course that helps you better understand the industry and explore job roles in-depth."

Oliver Bramwell
Progression: HNC & HND in Public Services

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.

Aspire to be...

Forensic Scientist Geneticist

Environmental Scientist

Biomedical Scientist

Manufacturing Scientist

Pharmacist

and much more...

Did you know...

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

Employer Links Include:

- Aston University
- Birmingham City University
- New Cross Hospital

You could earn...

£48k - £63k

Clinical Scientist

£28k - £53k

Biochemist

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Choose your Pathway

Study **science** through our VTQ pathway

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VTQ Pathway

- Level 2 in Applied Science
- Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma 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
- Particles and radiation
- Astrophysics and many more

**Your exact topics and skills will depend on the course and level you are allocated. See our website for full listing of modules.

Entry Requirements

- Level 2:** Grade 3 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).
- Level 3:** Grade 4 Maths & English or Functional Skills equivalent. Successful completion of a practical assessment (Taster event).

Thinking about next steps?

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



"My studies were full of challenges and achievements that shaped me academically and personally. There was a fun atmosphere in class and we covered topics my school didn't offer."

Jamie Thompson

Progression: BSc Palaeontology - University of Leicester



* Subject to change

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.

- Aspire to be...
- Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer
 - Sports and Exercise Psychologist
 - Sports Centre Manager
 - Professional Athlete
 - Sports Coach
 - and much more...

Did you know...
The **sport and fitness** sector is growing with market value rising to **£6.5 billion**.

Employer Links Include:

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

You could earn...

£32k - £49k
PE Teacher

£31k - £55k
Sports Physiotherapist

Figures taken from National Careers Service



Your Pathway

Study **sport and fitness** through our VTQ pathway

VTQ Pathway
Level 1 Certificate in Sports
Level 2 Diploma in Exercise and Fitness
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

Thinking about next steps?

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

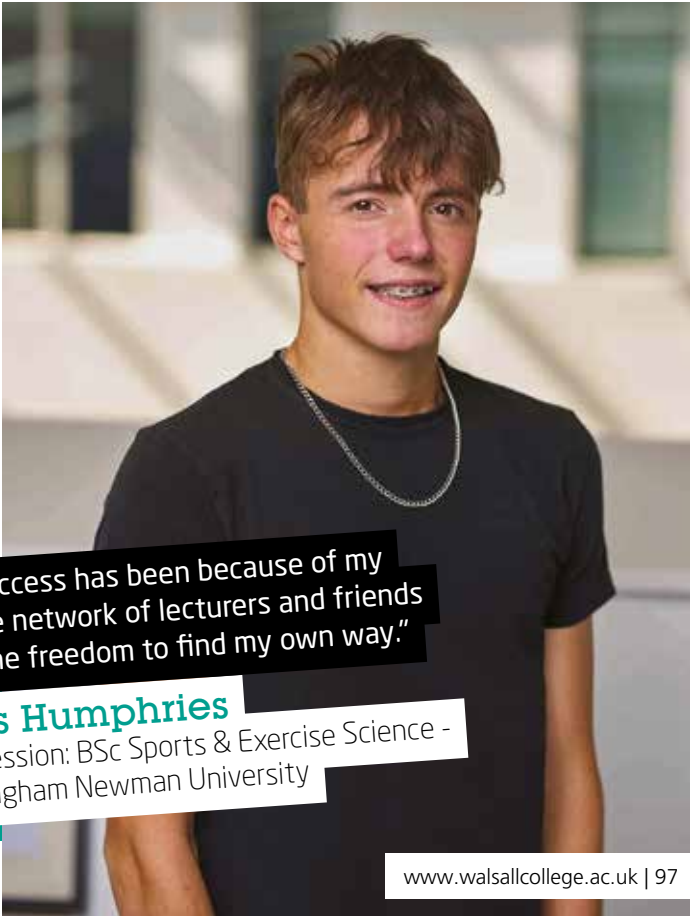


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Entry Requirements

- Level 1:** No formal qualifications however Initial Assessment will be required.
- Level 2:** 4 GCSEs grade 3 and above including Maths or English.
- Level 3:** 4 GCSEs at grades 4 or above including English Language. If you have studied BTEC Level 2 in Sport you must achieve Merit grade or above.



"My success has been because of my college network of lecturers and friends plus the freedom to find my own way."

Rhys Humphries
Progression: BSc Sports & Exercise Science - Birmingham Newman University

Supported Learning

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

Our programmes are for students that require a more supportive start to their Walsall College experience and lead towards progression on to cross college courses, community inclusion or a Supported Internship.

Support we offer...

- SEND specialist lecturers
- Smaller class sizes
- 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



"It's nice knowing and showing others that my disability has not stopped me from doing the same things as others. If I can do it then, with some adaptations, others can too."

Jazmin Robotham
Progression: Customer Service Assistant – Orbital 10



Supported Learning Pathways

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Supported Learning

Skills for Engagement

This pathway is for High Needs students with the most complex needs and aims to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their social and communication skills, enabling them to establish a strong sense of self and explore their individuality. On Skills for Engagement, students will participate in a range of new opportunities and experiences within the local community to help foster self-advocacy, independent living, and community inclusion.

Supported Internship

Supported Internships help 16–24-year-olds with SEND and an EHCP gain real work experience (200 hours a year) with the support of a Job Coach. Students spend up to 3 days a week in a work placement and 2 days at college studying English, Maths and Employability. This programme supports a smooth move into work, further training or an apprenticeship.

Skills for Progression and Development

To build the skills students need to move on to Level 1/2 programmes or the Development Pathway, with a focus on improving English and Maths.

Students will choose from a variety of vocational subjects including:

- Automotive
- Childcare
- Computing
- Construction and DIY skills
- Creative Art
- Electric and Plumbing
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care
- Media
- Motor Vehicle
- Performing Arts
- Protective Services
- Sport



"The Supported Internship and all my time at college has been brilliant at helping me find what I'm good at doing, be more confident and move into a career. My message to others is to always work hard and believe in yourself. Your confidence will grow and turn into success."

Abdoulie Joof
Progression: Court Marshall – Ninja Warrior UK

What people say about us



"Thanks to the support of the tutors over the entire six years, I am more confident within myself as a person as well as my chosen career path. Thank you Walsall College."

Tommie



"Walsall College is a great place to learn. It's an environment where you are supported and guided to the best form of success. The tutors are very knowledgeable and there is a great balance where you can bounce ideas off a mixture of talents."

James



"I appreciate the help, support and guidance that I received, I hope the College know that I am thankful for everything they have done for me. I learned a lot and gained great grades."

Shanice



"I am so happy that I chose to go to college, especially Walsall College, life at Walsall College is helping me to figure out the right career path that I should take."

Chloe



"My experience has been the best, I have gained new skills from attending work placement and have enjoyed it very much. Staff and students are all polite and treat each other with respect. I have made many friends that will stick by me and hopefully be by my side for life."

Sophie



"Such a pleasant experience, the staff were professional and really helpful throughout the process. I recommend the institution to anyone looking to progress in their career or better their lives."

Bianca

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.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

Course advice

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

Financial advice

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

Stay safe

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

Students with disabilities

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

Students' Union

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

Apprenticeships

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

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Open Days



**Thursday 9th
October 2025**

4.30pm - 7.30pm

**Saturday 18th
October 2025**

10.00am - 2.00pm

**Wednesday 26th
November 2025**

4.30pm - 7.30pm

**Saturday 17th
January 2026**

10.00am - 2.00pm

**Thursday 12th
February 2026***

4.00pm - 7.00pm

*Apprenticeship and T Level open day

**Saturday 20th
June 2026**

10.00am - 2.00pm



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