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KEY DATES

Sunday 1st October – Tuesday 31st

October – Black History Month

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 8th November – Halesowen College Open Evening (4pm-7pm)

Saturday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Sunday 12th November – Diwali

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November – National Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Saturday 20th January 2024 – Halesowen College Open Day (10am-2pm)

WELCOME TO HALESOWEN COLLEGE

The new academic year has started off well for our new students joining us here at Halesowen College. They have been settling in well, meeting with their personal coach, applying for support, engaging in lessons and making the most of the facilities here at Halesowen College.

Also, in September 2023, Halesowen College welcomed a new Principal and Chief Executive, Jacquie Carman.

Jacquie has been central to the college's staff team for over twenty years. In taking up this post, Jacquie will look to move the College forward ensuring that through the delivery of the highest quality education and skills development, Halesowen College will transform lives and shape futures.

Commenting on her new appointment, Jacquie said "It is an honour to have the opportunity to motivate, encourage and lead with positivity and a genuine passion for the local area and the Halesowen College community. I am committed to providing an outstanding experience for learners of all ages and levels of ability."

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

We know this can be a challenging time for year 11s and parents / carers as students start to think about their next steps after GCSEs. Therefore, we wanted to share some information about how we can support with this process. It is never too early to start looking around lots of different colleges and thinking about what course your year 11 would like to do after finishing school.

On Wednesday 8th November 2022 (4pm – 7pm) we have our open event.

An open event allows you to explore our amazing

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campus and facilities, chat with teachers and students, find out about our courses and the excellent support we offer here at Halesowen College. This will be a great chance to understand what college is about and discover what Halesowen College could offer your young person. Our open events will also allow learners to apply for courses starting in September 2024.

You can register for the open events via the following link: www.halesowen.ac.uk/openevents


DIGITAL PROSPECTUS

At Halesowen College we want to leave our mark as the first choice for education, but we don't want to leave our mark on the planet. So, we have a fully digital prospectus.

Here's why we think this is the right thing to do:

- We're reducing waste
- We're reducing carbon used in the print & distribution processes
- We're using a lot less paper, saving trees that protect ecosystems and helping prevent climate change

The prospectus allows you and your young person to explore the courses that Halesowen College has to offer. You can see the variety of study options, subjects available, entry requirements and key information about courses and the college.

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Click on the link below to browse our digital prospectus. [Halesowen College Prospectus](#)

STUDY ROUTES

There are lots of options with how students can study at college, therefore we encourage students to do lots of research before deciding on what they would like to study at college. It is important to consider future plans as what your young person studies at college could impact their next steps after college. A Levels - A Levels are subject based qualifications where you study 3 different subjects in depth. These could be subjects your young person has studied at school before or something different. They are assessed by examinations.

A Levels and Vocational – Students will choose 2 A Level subjects and 1 vocational diploma to gain a qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels. The combined programme offers a more practical and applied delivery of learning.

Apprenticeships – An apprenticeship is a job where your young person would learn, gain experience, and get paid. The learner would be an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave, working for a minimum of 30 hours per week. Apprenticeships come in a range of levels and can vary in time scale depending on level, subject, and



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experience.

T Levels – These are 2-year courses developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to make sure the content meets the needs of industry. T Levels offer a mixture of classroom learning and on the job experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (45 days).

Vocational – These practical courses would be good for a student who is interested in a specific field of work and looking to gain hands on training through a specialised programme. Vocational courses are assessed through a combination of coursework and written or practical exams.

To find out more information about study routes at Halesowen College, please visit our website, view our digital prospectus or come and speak to staff at one of our open events.

HOW TO APPLY

Our application process is very simple and can be found via the “apply now” buttons located on our website (www.halesowen.ac.uk) and within our digital prospectus.

Once your young person has clicked the apply now button you can start the application.

- The first page allows the applicant to choose a course type and then the subjects they wish to study.
- After this, there will be a chance to write a short statement about their interests and any future plans.
- The student will then add personal details such as address, contact information, and any additional information about the applicant.
- Once this is complete the applicant can then add in their achieved and pending qualifications.
- There is then a page regarding consent for communication preferences and previous educational institutions.
- Once this is all done there will be a chance to check the information and confirm the application.

If you have any questions about applications, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Admissions Team via email admissions@halesowen.ac.uk or call the team on 0121 602 7888.

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