



Halesowen  
College

## PARENT GUIDE

HALESOWEN COLLEGE



2018 - 2019

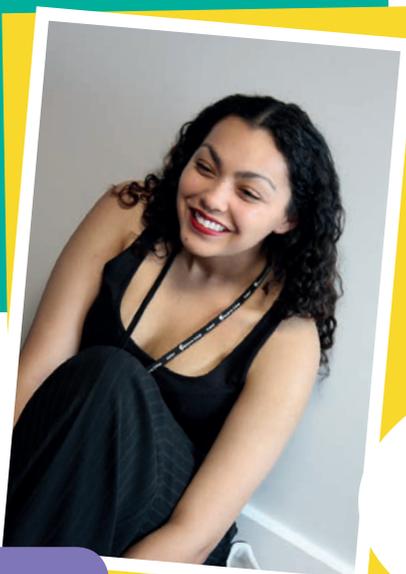
INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF  
FULL TIME STUDENTS

WE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THE PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS IS TO ENSURE OUR STUDENTS HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

#### WE WILL...

- Keep in touch with you about your son/daughter while they are studying with us
- Ensure you know who their Personal Coach is and how they can be contacted
- Give you access to our Student Guide and Safeguarding Policy
- Send progress reports twice a year and, for parents of full time students, an invitation to meet us at Parents'/Guardians' Evenings
- Invite you to our VIP Parents' Day, showcasing all that the College has to offer
- Let you know if attendance falls below our accepted standard (95%) and work with you if we have concerns about punctuality, behaviour or work completion issues
- Raise any issues about attendance or progress of our Apprentices by liaising with the employer and regularly review Apprenticeship Work Based Programmes
- Contact you if we have concerns about their health and well-being
- Give you access to our Attendance App



# EXAM RESULTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR EXAM SUCCESS RATES, WHICH ARE CONSISTENTLY WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AT ALL LEVELS.

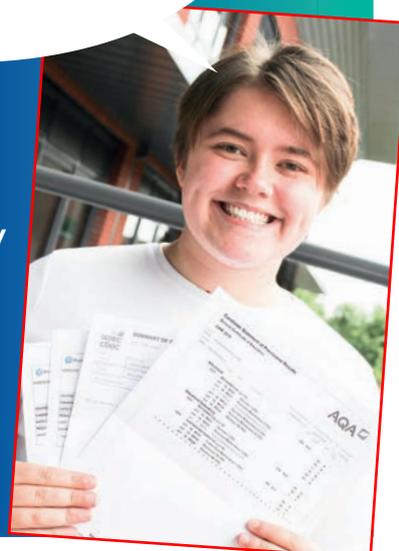
**100%**  
A LEVEL PASS  
RATE  
in 26 subjects

**750**  
Halesowen  
College Students  
Progressing to  
University

**100%**  
Vocational  
Courses  
Pass Rate  
in 32 subjects

**32%**  
of A Level  
Students  
Achieved  
High  
Grades

"I couldn't have achieved my success without the support of the College's brilliant, caring staff"



**Mellissa Kelly**  
A, A, A, B  
Progressing to  
Keele University

**ATTEND  
TODAY  
ACHIEVE  
TOMORROW**



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Install the **NEW HALESOWEN COLLEGE APP** to access your profile, timetable, course progress and notifications.

Search for 'MyHalesowen' on all App stores to download.

Your Personal Coach can supply an App User Guide.



Students need to attend all classes at Halesowen College.

If you are unwell or unable to attend, let your Personal Coach know.

- ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS
- GET GREAT EXAM RESULTS
- IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING A JOB

## ABSENCE

If students are unwell and unable to attend College, they must let us know 0121 602 7777 or [absence@halesowen.ac.uk](mailto:absence@halesowen.ac.uk)

# TUTORIALS

ALL FULL TIME STUDENTS, WHATEVER THEIR COURSE, WILL HAVE ACCESS TO:

- **A Personal Coach**  
Each individual will belong to a tutor group which, wherever possible, is within their principal subject area. The Personal Coach is your direct link with the College. You can contact them if you have any concerns or queries
- **One-to-One Tutorials**  
Their tutor will monitor their progress, set targets and give pastoral and welfare support
- **Group Tutorials**  
There will be a structured programme of group tutorial sessions covering topics such as personal safety, career progression, employability skills, equality & diversity, health, well-being and financial awareness



*“Staff at Halesowen College are really caring – I felt supported throughout my course”*

**Rebecca Willis**  
**A\*, A, A, B**  
**Progressing to Durham University**

*“Friendly and supportive staff make coming to College a pleasure”*



**Jacob Smith**  
**Level 3 ITC**  
**Progressing to a Level 4 Apprenticeship at Halesowen College**

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The College has a number of professional services that support student health, emotional well-being and welfare. Students can book an appointment to see one of our counsellors or see a member of staff in the Student Hub for advice about finance, careers and other support services.

All students are required to sign a code of conduct during their induction to College. This clearly demonstrates the College’s commitment to our students and what we expect from each individual as part of our support contract with each student.

The College does not tolerate bullying of any kind.



*“Thanks to my teachers who went the extra mile”*

**Chloe Walker**  
**A, B, B**  
**Progressing to University of Birmingham**

*“The fantastic facilities at Halesowen College helped me make the grade!”*



**Jordan Neil**  
**A, A, B, B**  
**Progressing to University of Roehampton**



# STUDENT SUPPORT

## LEARNING SUPPORT

Lecturers and tutors will help students throughout their course, but students can also access additional help from our Learning Support Team. This expert team is dedicated to ensuring that all learners experience equal opportunity, regardless of physical or learning difficulty/disability.

We work closely with our partners to offer students specialist support where it is needed.

To speak to a member of our Learning Support team, contact 0121 6022 7626.

## TIMETABLES

The College day is often different from a typical school day. Students might have a study period during the day, or finish/start earlier than they would have done at school. We try to ensure, wherever possible, that students do not have too many gaps in their timetable. Where students do have gaps, we would always advise that they use one of our well-equipped learning centres for private study.

## TRAVEL

We provide a **FREE**, reliable bus service to Halesowen College from across the region, which means our students can meet up with their friends and enjoy the journey to College in a safe and environmentally sound way. Students can even access **FREE** WiFi!

Top quality coaches cover over 20 routes, which are constantly under review to ensure we can offer the best possible means of travel. A shuttle service is also provided between sites.

*"FREE buses make getting to college easy and it's one less thing to worry about"*  
Jack

*"Halesowen stands out because it offers FREE transport and great student support"*  
Josh

Go online to find your nearest route... [www.halesowen.ac.uk](http://www.halesowen.ac.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING

The College takes its responsibilities for safeguarding very seriously and is committed to working with local Safeguarding Children boards (which include the Police and Local Authority Children's Care) and complying with their procedures.

### Safeguarding Officers



**Lynn Pass**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Direct Line 7760  
Room 2.209



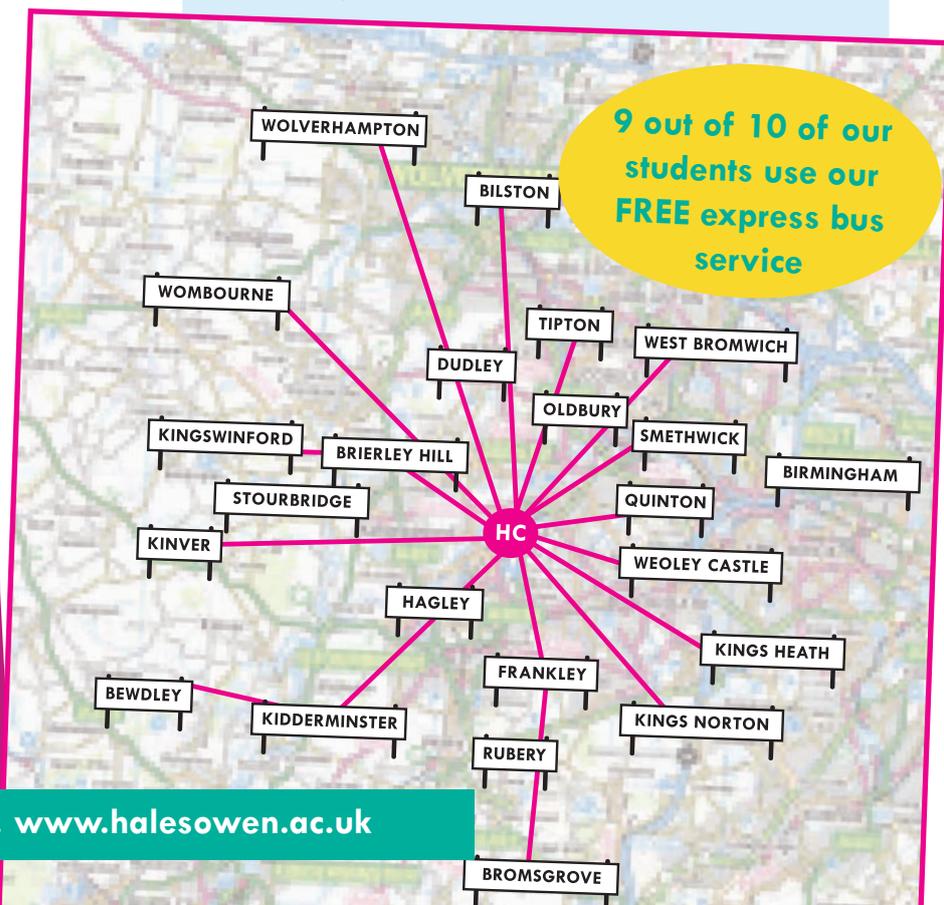
**Haroon Bashir**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Person  
Direct Line 7857  
Room 4.101



**Sue Crowley**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Person  
Direct Line 7518  
Student Hub, Block 11



**Lee Clulow-Smart**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Person  
Direct Line 7819  
S3.15



## ENRICHMENT

### COLLEGE LIFE CAN BE A LOT MORE THAN JUST STUDYING...

New experiences take our students beyond school years and prepare them for a more adult future, where they can enter the world of work or university with confidence.

Halesowen College students will be able to enjoy an exceptional range of enrichment activities, which could include joining College clubs, entering various curriculum-based competitions, enjoying interesting trips and visits and even taking part in residential trips in the UK and abroad. Whether it's a geological survey on Anglesey or a politically charged visit to Washington DC, students will make memories and friends that will be with them for years to come.

Sports and fitness also play an important part in College life and all students can enjoy getting active by participating in activities including football, basketball, volleyball, netball, tennis, badminton, wheelchair basketball and many more. Our outstanding gym is extremely popular and is FREE for College students to use, along with our all-weather facilities and outdoor gym. Everyone is welcome!

The College Trim Trail also adds another dimension to the physical and mental well-being of students and is a popular feature of College life.

## STUDENT ROLES

College staff value the views of students and recognise the contribution they make to College life by appointing them to positions of responsibility. Each year, students take up rewarding and satisfying roles that develop their personal skills and build their self-confidence.

### COLLEGE AMBASSADORS

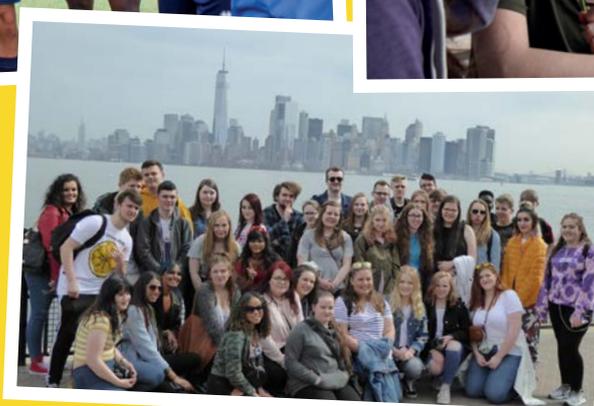
College Ambassadors are the student face and voice of the College and they make a major contribution to College Open Events and Welcome Days. They also give talks in schools and are around to assist new students at enrolment, where they are happy to share their experience of being a Halesowen College student.

### STUDENT GOVERNOR

Each year nominations take place for the election of a Student Governor who holds a position on the College Corporation and plays an important role in the continuous improvement of the College.

### STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union (SU) is a symbol of the partnership between students and staff that is a distinctive feature of the College. All College students over the age of 16 are encouraged to become members of the SU, where they can take part in social, fund-raising and volunteering activities. Students also qualify for amazing offers and discounts with a NUS card.



# KEY DATES / STUDENT CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- 10th ALL CLASSES BEGIN  
**NEW PARENTS WELCOME EVENINGS:**  
 17th Academic Studies  
 18th Prof Services & Sciences  
 20th Creative Arts  
 28th Mini HE Fair

## OCTOBER 2018

- 1st Review Point 1  
 4th PARENTS' EVENING  
 A2 / Applied A Level / Voc Year 2  
 15th **OPEN EVENING**

29th Oct - 2nd Nov HALF TERM

## NOVEMBER 2018

- 5th GCSE English Language Re-sit  
 6th GCSE Maths Re-sit  
 7th GCSE English Language Re-sit  
 8th GCSE Maths Re-sit  
 9th UCAS Internal Deadline  
 10th **OPEN DAY**  
 12th GCSE Maths Re-sit  
 w/c 12th Anti-Bullying Week  
 15th PARENTS' EVENING  
 AS / Early Years 1 of 1  
 26th Review Point 2  
 29th Health & Environment Fair

## DECEMBER 2018

- w/c 3rd Personal Safety Week  
 6th Advice & Guidance Evening  
 w/c 10th A2 Mock Exams  
 20th **END OF TERM**

## JANUARY 2019

- 7th **START OF TERM**  
 w/c 7th A Level Timed Mock Exam  
 8th Adult Enrolment Evening  
 10th Adult Enrolment Evening  
 w/c 14th GCSE / FS Mock Exams  
 w/c 21st Equality & Diversity Week  
 26th **OPEN DAY** (inc. Advice & Guidance)

## FEBRUARY 2019

- 4th Review Point 3  
 w/c 4th Safer Internet Week  
 7th PARENTS' EVENING Voc 1 of 1  
 13th PARENTS' EVENING A Level  
 18th - 22nd Feb HALF TERM  
 w/c 25th Student Volunteering Week  
 28th PARENTS' EVENING Voc 1 of 2

## MARCH 2019

- 6th Advice & Guidance Evening  
 8th HE Fair  
 20th **OPEN EVENING**

## APRIL 2019

- 12th **END OF TERM**  
 29th **START OF TERM**  
 Review Point 4  
 Advice & Guidance Evening

## MAY 2019

- 6th **MAY DAY**  
 21st Maths GCSE Exam  
 21st **OPEN EVENING**  
 (inc Advice & Guidance)  
 23rd Careers Fair

27th - 31st May HALF TERM

## JUNE 2019

- 4th English GCSE Language Exam  
 6th GCSE Maths Exam  
 Advice & Guidance  
 Adult Enrolment  
 7th English GCSE Language Exam  
 10th Apprenticeship Fair  
 11th Maths GCSE Exam  
 14th 1 of 1 and 2 of 2 FINISH  
 18th Student Finance Evening

## JULY 2019

- 5th AS / Sub Dip / 1 Of 2 FINISH  
 10th Freshers Fair - **INFOFEST**  
 11th Advice & Guidance  
 Adult Enrolment  
 16th NEW PARENTS VIP EVENT  
 22nd **END OF TERM**

Please note  
 these dates  
 may be  
 subject to  
 change

## STUDENT HUB

HALESOWEN COLLEGE HAS VIBRANT STUDENT HUBS TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS WITH THEIR STUDIES.

WiFi is available throughout the College and students are welcome to bring in their own laptops to make use of the specialist software available to support specific subject areas.

Our Student Hubs are equipped with PCs, study areas, books, newspapers, journals and DVDs, e-Books, e-Resources and the library catalogue.

Also in the Student Hub...

### Careers

Our dedicated Careers team are trained to give advice and guidance about the College and help make sense of all the choices. Should your son/daughter change their mind about their course, Careers are always on hand to help.

### Apprenticeships

Our dedicated Apprenticeships team are available to provide advice and guidance on Apprenticeships, finding an employer, applications and CVs.

### Financial Support

Learners may be eligible for financial support from a variety of funds:

#### 1. Learner Support Fund

If you have a household income of £34,524 or below or someone in the household is in receipt of benefits, we may be able to offer financial support.

All funds are distributed on a needs basis and are subject to affordability.

The fund can help to pay for meals, equipment & uniform, trips & enrichment and childcare

#### 2. Vulnerable Bursary

Students who are 16-18 years on 31/08/2018 and in care or who have recently left care and/or personally in receipt of benefits, may be able to access a weekly-paid bursary of up to £1,200 per year.

For a confidential discussion, call Sue Crowley on 0121 602 7518 or email [scrowley@halesowen.ac.uk](mailto:scrowley@halesowen.ac.uk)

# STEPS TO SUCCESS

## 1.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For a full list of courses [www.halesowen.ac.uk](http://www.halesowen.ac.uk)

## 2.

### ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

Take a look around our outstanding facilities, meet friendly staff and find out more information about our courses

### OPEN EVENTS 2018/19

Monday 15th October 5.00 - 7.30pm

Saturday 10th November 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 26th January 10.00am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 20th March 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st May 5.00pm - 7.30pm

## 3.

### APPLY & SECURE A PLACE

at one of our Open Events or apply online [www.halesowen.ac.uk](http://www.halesowen.ac.uk)

## 4.

### ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

We want to make sure our students have applied for the most suitable course, so they will be invited to come along for an interview where our expert advisers will talk through all the options

## 5.

### ENROL!

We start enrolling as soon as students get their GCSE results. Don't panic if the results weren't as expected - we still have lots of alternative courses on offer.

**Halesowen College, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3NA**

**0121 602 7777**

**[info@halesowen.ac.uk](mailto:info@halesowen.ac.uk)**