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WELCOME TO HALESOWEN COLLEGE

Halesowen College is a highly successful and inclusive college where caring, well qualified and professional staff will support you to reach your full potential.

Our outstanding facilities and thriving student community provide an excellent and secure learning environment. We will help you develop the knowledge and skills needed to take your next steps and we take great pride in seeing our students progress to higher levels of study, including university, apprenticeships or directly into the workplace.

We hope to see you at one of this year’s Open Events, whether they are live or virtual, where you will be introduced to staff, students and our fantastic facilities.

Joanne Williams
Interim Principal

Planned Open Events for 2020 - 2021

OPEN EVENTS 2020
Saturday 17 October – 10.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 11 November – 4.00 – 7.00pm

OPEN EVENTS 2021
Saturday 23 January – 10.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 27 April – 4.00 – 7.00pm

www.halesowen.ac.uk/openevents

Rated Good Overall

The latest Ofsted Inspection rated Halesowen College as Good overall. Inspectors were pleased to note that ‘Learners make good progress’, ‘Learners benefit from an effective range of support’ and ‘the College environment is inclusive and harmonious’

Together we create a safe place to learn...
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I’ve loved everything about Halesowen College, the environment is fantastic the staff are so helpful and friendly and will help you no matter what the problem and you feel part of the College family.

KOREN O’BRIEN
Media Student

The thing that I love the most about the College and has been the most consistent, is the support and sense of community you get from not just your peers and teachers, but even staff you don’t interact with on a daily basis. I felt comfortable in my space from the very start, and it is the main reason why I decided to choose Halesowen College over my school’s sixth form.

MADI WRIGHT
A Levels & Combined Programme Student

My time at Halesowen College has been so beneficial and enjoyable. I got to study a subject that I loved with the support of new friends and brilliant teachers. The staff were always on hand to help me out and I could tell they genuinely cared about my education but also about me as a person.

ELENI BROOKS
Health & Social Care L3 Student

Being a Student Ambassador at Halesowen College has been one of my highlights at College. It’s a fun, friendly and positive group to be in, as you get to mix with people who you wouldn’t have met without being an Ambassador. This opportunity has allowed me to grow in confidence with some of the friendliest staff working with you constantly.

TYLER THOMPSON
A Levels Student

Halesowen College is a place where sharing your ideas on how to improve College life are welcomed and supported. Being a student has given me more confidence to take an active role in College events and I enjoy talking to students, parents and staff. Overall, my student experience has been fun, positive and rewarding.

GRACE JOEBSURY
Applied Science Student

Being at College has developed my communication skills and increased the confidence I have in my ability to talk to other students about College and my studies. Being able to participate in College events, such as guiding prospective pupils, has improved my leadership and team working skills.

ELLEN MYATT
Applied Science Student

YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS

Halesowen College students achieve the highest levels of performance in all courses and programmes.

The College has an established position for excellent A Level provision, with results that remain consistently high. Significant numbers of students have achieved outstanding grades. Vocational results, continue to be exceptional, reinforcing the College’s reputation for excellence and the provision of one of the widest ranges of pathways to higher education or an attractive career.

Improving student achievement is mirrored by growing aspirations to aim higher. There has been a steady increase in the number of students progressing from College to Higher Education, an Apprenticeship or into sustainable employment and succeeding in their goal.

Currently, Halesowen College has one of the highest success rates in the UK for progression.

We also offer an exciting range of higher level courses, enabling students to stay at Halesowen College to successfully achieve higher level qualifications, including degree equivalent programmes.

over 700 students progressed to university

Excellent Apprenticeship provision with all learners securing employment

THE HIGHEST PERFORMING 16-18 PROVIDER IN THE AREA
OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS...

Michael-Akolade Ayodeji
After completing his A Levels, Michael went on to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford. He is interested in a career in the Arts, politics and social enterprise.

Michael said, “Halesowen College offered me a chance to chase my dreams and prove myself capable of taking on A Levels. The College has incredible facilities, free travel and the staff are very friendly. When I was a student at Halesowen College, I had a lot going on in my life, but this was definitely a place I could escape my worries in a safe and supportive environment.”

Georgia Smith
Since leaving Halesowen College, Georgia’s career has gone from strength to strength.
Currently working at University of Oxford as a research technician in the Plant Sciences department, Georgia is also working towards Registered Scientist Status (RSci).
Prior to this, Georgia completed a Halesowen College Biology Technician Apprenticeship at the University of Worcester, achieving Biology HNC.

Georgia said, “After my apprenticeship, I was more confident and aware of different avenues of work, this helped me to apply for my current position at University of Oxford. I am very excited about all the opportunities I have had and to be working in my ideal career.”

Luke Aston
Three days after leaving Halesowen College, Luke started working in Michelin starred restaurant, Adams, in Birmingham, quickly securing two promotions to become Chef de Partie.

Luke will be using this invaluable experience to achieve his goal of running his own Michelin starred restaurant in the future.

Luke said, “Halesowen College really helped me get into work. It’s a great place to learn and I still pop in to see the lecturers and support the students.”

Owain Taylor and Joel Owusu
Football Academy Level 3 students, Joel Owusu and Owain Taylor, were selected to represent England Colleges at a tournament in Italy. This was a fantastic experience for them both.

Louis Hannis
Louis achieved a D*D* in Travel and Tourism and was successful in gaining a work placement with Virgin Holidays as a Concierge.

Louis progressed to Sales Consultant before securing his dream job with British Airways as Cabin Crew where he continues to flourish.

Louis said, “It’s always good to come and visit my Travel and Tourism family. As a student here, I finally got to be myself. The staff were so supportive.”

Stu Deeley
Former catering student, Stu Deeley, won Masterchef: The Professionals and this year has launched the Stuart Deeley Professional Chef Academy at Halesowen College, offering students the opportunity to benefit from Stu’s industry knowledge and contacts.

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HELPING STUDENTS TO SUCCEED
We want all of our students to reach their full potential and here are some of the ways in which we ensure you get the support you need:

“Our students are at the heart of everything that we do”

LEARNING SUPPORT
The Learning Support Team supports students through their learning journey, working with current Educational Health Care Plans.

Students requiring extra help with their studies include those with:
- LEARNING DISABILITIES
- HEARING IMPAIRMENTS
- ASD
- PHYSICAL NEEDS
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- ANXIETY
- VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Our friendly and approachable staff are qualified in:
- EHCP REVIEW
- MANUAL HANDLING
- INFECTION CONTROL
- MEDICATION
- SAFEGUARDING
- PERSON CENTRED PLANNING
- LEARNING DISABILITIES

Ways we can enable more independent learning:
- SUPPORT IN THE CLASSROOM
- REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS IN FORMAL EXAMINATIONS
- ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT
- ASSISTANCE WITH CARE NEEDS
- ACCESS TO READ, WRITE ACCESSIBILITY SOFTWARE
- ACCESS TO ONLINE SUPPORT/MENTOR
- ACCESS TO ONLINE VIRTUAL LOUNGE TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT INTERACTION

The Head of SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities), or a member of the Learning Support Team are available to respond with any queries or requests.

Email: learningsupport@halesowen.ac.uk
Telephone: 0121 602 7777 Ext. 7535

CAREERS ADVICE
The need for specialist careers advice and guidance has never been so important.

It is vital that people of all ages have access to good quality, realistic and impartial information, advice and guidance for them to make informed decisions for their future.

Halesowen College has been recognized for its outstanding careers provision by being awarded Gold Level in the Quality in Careers Standard, which is under licence by Prospects.

This is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on Careers and how they support students with making decisions about their futures.

The College has a Matrix accredited service. The standard is the unique quality framework for the effective delivery of information, advice and guidance.

The College has a team of qualified career guidance professionals who are dedicated to helping people progress into further and higher education, employment or apprenticeships.

Our Careers Service offers an extensive range of resources and support to prepare students for their next steps

THESE INCLUDE:
- An extensive Careers Library
- Online resources via the Careers Moodle pages
- Delivery of Careers Lessons and Workshops on UCAS and Student Finance
- Job Application and CV workshops
- One-to-one appointments for careers advice and guidance – email careers@halesowen.ac.uk

LEARNING RESOURCES
The Learning Resource Centre in the Hub is an excellent place to study, with independent and group study areas, including computers, books and journals to support you in your studies.

All our students have access to online resources and eBooks onsite or from home, so you can work wherever it suits you best.

Our staff help students to find resources, assist with referencing, connect to FREE College WiFi and with the general use of computers etc.

Computers in the Hub can be booked up to seven days in advance, which helps to manage your study time, printing and scanning are also available.

The team can be contacted via email – library@halesowen.ac.uk
The Student Hub, at our Whittingham Road Campus, is a purpose built, state-of-the-art facility for all student services needs. The modern and relaxed environment offers a drop-in service desk as well as spaces for independent study.

Need to talk to someone? The College Counselling Service has appointments from Monday to Friday during normal College hours. The service is confidential and our counsellors are accredited and fully qualified. Appointments can be made in person or by using our online booking system.

STUDENT HUB OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
08.30 – 17.00
FRIDAY
08.30 – 16.30

STAFF IN THE STUDENT HUB CAN HELP WITH:
• FINANCIAL SUPPORT
• TRANSPORT
• STUDENT SUPPORT
• CAREERS ADVICE
• STUDENTS’ UNION
• LEARNING SUPPORT
• CHAPLAINCY
• COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE
• LIBRARY & RESOURCES
Alternatively, they can be contacted by:
Email: studentservices@halesowen.ac.uk
Telephone: 0121 602 7688

College Counsellors work with a wide range of issues, and our philosophy is to help students find a way to manage any difficulties in an accepting and safe environment.
We also offer a multi-faith Chaplaincy service.
Our Chaplain is here to support everyone who wants to talk about issues such as lifestyle, faith, friendship, family or bereavement.

STUDENT SUPPORT ADVISORS
We also have student support advisors who specialise in a solution focused approach.
The student support advisors offer one to one sessions in the form of emotional support.
This could be to help with issues such as mental health, bereavement, relationship and sexual health.
Referrals can be made via tutors/SSM and there is also the opportunity to make a self-referral.
Halesowen College is one of the leading members of the Care Leavers Covenant and is committed to offering a tailored support package to care leavers in order to ensure they:

- Are better prepared and supported to live independently
- Have improved access to employment, education and training
- Experience stability in their lives and feel safe and secure
- Have improved access to health and emotional support
- Achieve financial stability

Examples of ways in which Halesowen College supports care leavers:

- Provide opportunities to enter the world of work, such as offering work experience placements, work shadowing placements, internships, traineeships and apprenticeships
- Provide additional support, such as, one-to-one mentoring or pastoral support and guidance on various aspects of their lives, financial guidance, career/employment guidance, educational prospects and opportunities
- Provide opportunities to broaden their horizons, such as concessionary access to sport, leisure and cultural activities along with discounted retail offers
- Encourage involvement in specific activities and events which inspire personal interest and widen employment prospects
- Support them with educational and training opportunities that will improve their vocational and educational profile and open up future employment opportunities

For more information contact
Mandy Davis,
Director of Learner Services – mandydavis@halesowen.ac.uk

Working in partnership with both local and national organisations, who are committed to the progression and support of Care Leavers in further and higher education, is what we pride ourselves on at Halesowen College. Halesowen College recently participated in the national pilot of the Quality Mark Framework to Improve Support for Care Experienced People in Colleges and Universities. This initiative was implemented by the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL) and funded by the University Partnership Programme Foundation (UPPF).

Our commitment can also be seen on a local level with our Raising Aspirations from Care Experience Programme (RACE) which supports care experienced students to aspire and achieve in education. This programme has been supported through our collaborative working with Aimhigher Plus (Uni Connect) who work within our college to raise aspirations and inspire young people to achieve.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students at Halesowen College may be eligible for financial help to support with the cost of being at College. This could include support with the cost of meals, uniforms, equipment, trips, books and childcare.

Financial support is dependent on household income and/or the receipt of an income based benefit. Three income thresholds determine the level of support that may be available and this is also subject to students making good progress in their course and having excellent attendance and behaviour.

There are two main types of funding for 16-19-year olds, which are:

16 – 19 DISCRETIONARY BURSARY
Linked to household income this fund can help with College costs, including educational visits.

16 – 19 VULNERABLE BURSARY
In certain circumstances, such as those who have recently left care, or you are personally in receipt of Income Support, they may be entitled to a bursary which is payable in weekly instalments.

Some adult students may be eligible to receive benefit from the 19+ Discretionary Bursary Scheme, which also supports the costs of childcare

Other types of support include:

- FREE FE MEALS
- CARE TO LEARN – HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS FOR STUDENTS UNDER 20 YEARS
- BURSARY FOR EXTENDED WORK PLACEMENT

To find out about financial support available, visit the Student Hub, phone 0121 602 7688 or email studentservices@halesowen.ac.uk.
We provide a FREE, reliable bus service to Halesowen College from across the region, which means students can meet up with friends and enjoy the journey to College in a safe and environmentally sound way.

YOU CAN EVEN ACCESS FREE WiFi!

"It’s so easy getting to College and because the buses are free it saves money" RYAN

"Travelling on the College buses makes catching up with my friends really easy and the WiFi means I can even check my social media" NADINE

"I feel really safe travelling to College; the buses are always clean and the stop is convenient for my home" JOSH

TOP QUALITY COACHES COVER 24 ROUTES, WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW TO ENSURE THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO OFFER THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS OF TRAVEL.

For the most up to date routes and timetables visit www.halesowen.ac.uk

Please be advised that routes are subject to change

20+ ROUTES and a shuttle service between sites

9 OUT OF 10 STUDENTS USE OUR FREE EXPRESS BUS SERVICE
Facilities that help all our students to succeed include:

- ANIMAL CARE UNIT
- ART & DESIGN STUDIOS
- BUSINESS SCHOOL NEW
- COMPUTER SUITES WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY – WINDOWS & APPLE AND MULTI-MEDIA CENTRES
- HAIR & BEAUTY SALONS – INCLUDING THE LEE STAFFORD ACADEMY
- OUTDOOR GYM & FITNESS TRAIL
- RECORDING STUDIO & REHEARSAL PODS
- PHOTOGRAPHY SUITE
- UNIVERSITY CENTRE
- SCIENCE LABORATORIES
- SPORTS HALL & FITNESS CENTRE
- STUDENT HUB
- ALL WEATHER SPORTS PITCH AND TRACK INCLUDING THE ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL ACADEMY
- TRAINING RESTAURANT – BISTRO AT B63
- PROFESSIONALLY EQUIPPED KITCHENS INCLUDING THE STUART DEELEY PROFESSIONAL CHEF ACADEMY
- TRAVEL & TOURISM CENTRE WITH AN AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE
- STUDENT SOCIAL SPACES INCLUDING STARBUCKS & MUNCH RETAIL OUTLETS
- PERFORMANCE THEATRES & DANCE STUDIOS
- LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES

Our Classrooms are Modern and Well Resourced

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

Work has recently been completed on the redevelopment of an exciting new Business School at the Whittingham Road Campus. This will provide some of the best accommodation for Business & Enterprise students. Updating College classrooms continues, ensuring that our teaching facilities are some of the most modern and well-resourced in the region. For 2020, we have a further exciting project to refurbish blocks on the Whittingham Road Campus. This will provide outstanding learning environments and excellent resources.
SAFEGUARDING & PROMOTING EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

SAFEGUARDING
The College takes its responsibilities for Safeguarding seriously and is committed to working with official organisations, complying with their procedures to ensure our learners’ safety and well-being.
We are proud to have achieved ‘Leaders in Safeguarding’ accreditation.

Designated members of staff have responsibility for Safeguarding matters. Any concerns must be reported to enable appropriate action to be taken.
Details for College Safeguarding team and the College Safeguarding Policy are available online at www.halesowen.ac.uk.
Details for College Safeguarding Officers are available online at www.halesowen.ac.uk.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY
At Halesowen College, we are proud to promote equality and diversity and the prevention of discrimination in all aspects of our activities.
As an acknowledgement of this, the College has been confirmed as a Leader in Diversity and is one of very few colleges in the country to achieve this accolade.
We regularly hold events to support our learners from different backgrounds, we support mental health, LGBTQ+, celebrate different religions, races and cultures in an inclusive and respectful environment.

“I’ve developed confidence in the classroom”
“I like being treated as an adult”
“I feel safe at Halesowen College”

“Excellent facilities are really accessible”
“Staff and students are very friendly”

“Being at College has unlocked my potential!”
“I am treated as an individual and have grown as a person”
GETTING THE MOST OUT OF COLLEGE LIFE

College life can be a lot more than just studying...

New experiences will take leavers beyond the school years and prepare them for their next steps, where they can enter the world of work or university with confidence.

Halesowen College students can access and enjoy an exceptional range of opportunities, developing personal and social skills. These could include joining College clubs, volunteering in the local community, taking part in residential trips or a work experience placement in the UK and abroad. From a cross College visits, theme parks, to politically charged trips to Washington, there is something for everyone to choose from.

Enrichment activities are a good way to keep healthy and contribute to good mental health. At College, students will be able to access a number of sporting activities including Football, Basketball, Netball, Clubbercise, Zumba, Table Tennis and many more. Our outstanding Gym is also extremely popular and is free for College students to use, along with our all-weather facilities and outdoor gym. Everyone is welcome!

There are a range of other opportunities, such as joining the Film Club, Debating Society or an e-Gaming team. Alternatively, students can develop life skills by taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, gain a First Aid qualification, or learn some basic sign language.

The College Trim Trail also adds another dimension to the physical and mental wellbeing of students and staff, and is a popular feature of College life.

STUDENT ROLES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

STUDENTS’ UNION

The Students’ Union is a symbol of the partnership between students and staff that is such a distinctive feature of the College. It represents every student who attends the College, acts as the voice of the student body and stands firm on their views and values.

All students over the age of 16 are encouraged to become members of the Students’ Union, where they can take part in social, fundraising and volunteering activities. They can even qualify for some amazing offers and discounts with their NUS Card.

NUS CARD

A Freshers’ Fair takes place early in September, offering a fun introduction to the academic year.

For all the latest information on what’s on, or for help and advice, a visit to the Students’ Union office is a good place to start – their door is always open.

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.
CHOOSING YOUR HALESOWEN COLLEGE
2021/22 STUDY PROGRAMME

We offer a number of exciting and varied study programmes, that enable learners to achieve and move into further study or a job.

As part of their programme, learners will study either A Levels, an A Level/Vocational combination, the Vocational qualification of your choice, or an Apprenticeship.

A LEVELS OR VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

A TYPICAL STUDENT STUDY PROGRAMME

TUTORIAL - INCLUDING SAFEGUARDING, PREVENT, E-SAFETY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

TRIPS/ VISITS/ PERFORMANCES/ ENRICHMENT

ENGLISH/ MATHS DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING: DIRECTED STUDY/ INDEPENDENT LEARNING

WORK EXPERIENCE/ PLACEMENT

It is possible to blend A Levels with some Vocational options, this can be discussed in more detail during an Open Event or Applicant Day. Apprenticeships are dependent on securing employment and we strongly recommend choosing a classroom based alternative whilst job searching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At an open Event and/or Applicant Day, we will advise about the most appropriate level of Vocational Course or Apprenticeship. We will also advise on the most suitable A Level subject combinations. Generally, we expect 5 good GCSEs for our A level programme, although individual subjects may have some specific requirements.

To APPLY go to www.halesowen.ac.uk
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have read through the courses listed in the prospectus, it’s a good idea to attend one of our Open Days to get a feel for what it’s like to be a student at Halesowen College.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for a place before you attend an Open Event, during the event or any time afterwards.
It’s best to apply as soon as possible, however, to secure your place on the course of your choice.
Applying is really easy – you can do it online at www.halesowen.ac.uk

OUR OPEN EVENTS

SATURDAY
17 OCTOBER 2020
10.00AM – 4.00PM
WEDNESDAY
11 NOVEMBER 2020
4.00PM – 7.00PM
SATURDAY
23 JANUARY 2021
10.00AM – 2.00PM
TUESDAY
27 APRIL 2021
4.00PM – 7.00PM

ADVICE & GUIDANCE

We hold regular Advice & Guidance sessions throughout the year and once you have applied online you will be given the opportunity to book onto an event at a time to suit you.
Attending an Advice & Guidance session will give you a chance to discuss your application and receive excellent impartial information about your chosen programme.

Choose the course you’re interested in studying and complete the application form.
Don’t forget to include your mobile number and email address so we can keep in touch with you and make sure you receive updates.
Once you have completed your application, you’ll be invited to book on to an Applicant Event at a time to suit you.
During this event, you will receive advice and guidance about your chosen course, discuss your application and receive excellent impartial advice about your chosen programme.
You will then receive a course offer from us, meaning your place is secure.
If, at any point, you would like to discuss the progress of your application, you can contact us using live chat on our website.

ALTERNATIVELY, GET IN TOUCH BY
T: 0121 602 7888
E: admissions@halesowen.ac.uk
If you would rather complete a paper application, you can download the application form from our website and return it to: Admissions, Halesowen College, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, B63 3NA

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO HALESOWEN COLLEGE
A LEVELS
AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

We offer an exceptional A Level programme, which can be tailored for personal achievement. Generally learners will choose 3, or possibly 4, related A Levels, which may include some exciting subjects they haven’t studied previously.

WHAT MAKES HALESOWEN COLLEGE THE LEADING CHOICE FOR A LEVELS?

• An excellent learning experience
• Consistently good results
• Friendly and supportive staff
• First class teaching rooms, equipment and campus
• Hundreds of our A Level students progress to university and successful careers
• Access to our virtual learning environment
• Visits and trips in the UK and abroad help bring the subjects to life

A LEVEL COURSES:

ART
BIOLOGY
BUSINESS
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTER SCIENCE
DANCE
DRAMA & THEATRE
ECONOMICS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
ENGLISH LITERATURE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
FILM STUDIES
FRENCH
FURTHER MATHEMATICS
GEOGRAPHY
GEOLOGY
GERMAN
GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION
HISTORY
MATHEMATICAL STUDIES
MATHEMATICS
MEDIA STUDIES
PHOTOGRAPHY
PHYSICS
POLITICS
PSYCHOLOGY
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SOCIOLOGY
SPANISH
TEXTILES

“Halesowen College has the best A LEVEL choice in the area, fantastic facilities and teacher support”

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING AN OPEN EVENT, WHERE STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
A LEVELS + VOCATIONAL COMBINED PROGRAMMES

We offer a combined A Level and Vocational Diploma programme where students can study two A Levels and one Vocational Diploma to gain three A Level grades. Having the benefit of being more applied and practical than A Levels, the Vocational Combined Course is suited for A Level students, who may be more skilled in continuous assessment (coursework), with some examination elements.

A LEVEL ENRICHMENT & EXTENSION OPPORTUNITIES

Enrichment on our A Level programme is designed to strengthen university applications and employment opportunities. There are many options to enhance the study programme, for example joining a sports team or the debating club. College visits and events such as university competitions have recently included the UK Senior Maths Challenge.

Masterclasses at universities have also been very popular with our students, as have lectures from a variety of guest speakers. Many A Level students have the opportunity to participate in residential trips, taking in the culture in Washington DC as a Humanities student or undertaking fieldwork in Dorset and Anglesey for Geography or Geology.

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Students can add extra qualifications to their programme with an AS in The Extended Project Qualification, which is highly valued by universities and attracts UCAS points. We offer the full range of EPQ opportunities so students can choose to either: write a dissertation, design and carry out a scientific investigation, or create an artefact or performance. Although there is a taught element, success in this qualification depends on the quality of independent research and study skills, while engaging in a subject of great personal interest that is not necessarily related to their academic programme.

Other additional qualifications students can undertake include Mathematical Studies. There is also the chance to build in work experience or placement if this is not part of your course.

A LEVEL + VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES:

- APPLIED HUMAN BIOLOGY
- APPLIED LAW
- APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
- BUSINESS
- CRIMINOLOGY
- DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION
- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- MUSICAL THEATRE
- MUSIC PERFORMANCE
- SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE PATHWAY

A COMBINATION OF 3 A LEVELS

The Vocational Diploma enables students to access university degree courses.
VOCATIONAL COURSES AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

Halesowen College offers an exceptional range of Vocational courses from entry to advanced level that will help to develop the skills and knowledge employers value. Vocational subjects are generally qualifications that develop practical skills and knowledge and are often assessed through a combination of coursework and written or practical exams. There is also the chance to complete a work placement, which offers the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.

WHAT MAKES OUR VOCATIONAL COURSES SO POPULAR?
• Excellent blend of practical and theoretical learning
• Realistic work experience and understanding of industry sector standards
• Friendly, knowledgeable and supportive staff
• Valuable work experience opportunities
• First class industry-standard equipment and facilities
• Consistently high performance in course results
• Additional short course qualifications in many areas that increase employment chances
• Preferred route of entry to certain industry sectors and specialist higher education courses

“It’s great being able to learn in a professional environment”

VOCATIONAL COURSES ARE OFFERED IN:

ANIMAL CARE
ART & DESIGN
BEAUTY
BUSINESS STUDIES
CATERING & PATISSERIE
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & COMPUTER SCIENCE
EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION
ESOL
FOUNDATION

HAIRDRESSING
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
MEDIA STUDIES
PERFORMING ARTS
PUBLIC SERVICES
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL
SPORT & LEISURE
TRAVEL, AVIATION & HOSPITALITY

“Being given the opportunity to perform alongside my friends makes the course great fun”

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING AN OPEN EVENT, WHERE STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
New T Level courses are being introduced in 2021. These courses are equivalent to three A Levels and have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to meet the needs of industry and prepare students for the world of work.

T Levels will combine the career focus and practical elements of current technical and professional qualifications like BTECs and NVQs, with the theory and study of traditional A Levels.

T Levels focus on the skill acquisition required to move directly into industry. Courses consist of time spent in the classroom plus a valuable work placement, where students will apply the theory they learn in the classroom to the workplace and develop the essential work-ready skills that employers are looking for.

Our students in these popular curriculum areas will be among the first to gain the knowledge and experience needed to enter skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship.

Students who pass all the elements of their T Level will get a nationally recognised qualification showing an overall grade of pass, merit, distinction or distinction*. T Levels will primarily prepare students to move into a skilled job but can also lead to further technical training, such as higher technical qualifications, higher apprenticeships or degree apprenticeships. As well as offering a clear line of sight to industry, T Levels are recognised by UCAS to support applications to study at university.

They have been described as the biggest shake-up to technical education in a generation.

The Education Secretary is confident these new qualifications will become world leading.

T LEVEL COURSES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMPULSORY ELEMENTS:

- A technical qualification
- Core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area
- Specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career
- An industry placement with an employer

T LEVEL COURSES:

EARLY YEARS

HEALTH/HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

DIGITAL

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"T Levels will be the gold standard technical course of choice for young people post-16. They will ensure students can get the skills and knowledge they need to progress, whether that is going to university, landing a great job or doing an apprenticeship."

GAVIN WILLIAMSON
Education Secretary

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PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS
AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

Apprenticeships provide an excellent opportunity to study, while working and learning the skills needed for future success.

DURING AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME STUDENTS WILL:
- Gain real life hands on experience to kick start their career
- Gain an industry recognised qualification
- Earn as they learn
- Feel supported in a flexible, engaging and safe environment

The duration of the Apprenticeship depends on the subject studied, the level of the programme and previous experience/skills. Following successful completion, most Apprentices stay in employment, with a third receiving a promotion within 12 months and many more taking increased responsibility in their role.

Halesowen College has an impressive reputation for its Apprenticeship provision at all levels, and offers popular programmes that are grouped into the following clusters:

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT LEVEL 3
ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 4
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR LEVEL 3
CUSTOMER SERVICE PRACTITIONER LEVEL 2
OPERATIONS & DEPARTMENTAL MANAGER LEVEL 5
TEAM LEADER LEVEL 3

HEALTH, SCIENCES & EDUCATION
BARBERING LEVEL 2
EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR LEVEL 3
EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER LEVEL 2
HAIR DRESSING LEVEL 2
HAIR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL 3
HEALTHCARE SCIENCE LEVEL 2
HEALTHCARE SCIENCE ASSOCIATE LEVEL 4
HEALTHCARE SUPPORT WORKER LEVEL 2
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3
PHARMACY SERVICES ASSISTANT LEVEL 2
TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 3
TECHNICIAN SCIENTIST LEVEL 5

BUILT ENVIRONMENT & DIGITAL INDUSTRIES
BUILDING SERVICES DESIGN TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3
DIGITAL MARKETING LEVEL 3
ENGINEERING DESIGN & DRAUGHTSPERSON LEVEL 3
INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3
SURVEYING TECHNICIAN LEVEL 3

“During my apprenticeship, I have learned valuable skills that I believe will help me move forward in my career”

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HIGHER EDUCATION AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

We offer a range of Level 4 and Level 5 Higher Education programmes at Halesowen College, including Higher National Certificates; Higher National Diplomas; and Foundation Degrees.

For more information you can review the College’s Higher Education Prospectus for 2021 entry, or visit our website’s dedicated Higher Education page available via www.halesowen.ac.uk

OUR HIGHER EDUCATION PROVISION INCLUDES:

• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND APPLIED SCIENCE, WITH PATHWAYS IN BIOLOGY; CHEMISTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND BUSINESS
• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND COMPUTING WITH PATHWAYS IN NETWORK ENGINEERING AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT
• LEVEL 4 HNC CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT WITH PATHWAYS IN SURVEYING; CIVIL ENGINEERING; BUILDING SERVICES; AND ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION
• LEVEL 5 FOUNDATION DEGREE IN EARLY YEARS (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER)
• LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION & TRAINING (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER)
• LEVEL 4 HNC ENGINEERING WITH PATHWAYS IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING; MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; GENERAL ENGINEERING
• LEVEL 5 FOUNDATION DEGREE IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER)
• LEVEL 5 FOUNDATION DEGREE IN LEARNING SUPPORT (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER)
• LEVEL 4 HNC AND LEVEL 5 HND SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE
• LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

WHY CHOOSE HIGHER EDUCATION AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

• AFFORDABLE FEES
• FINANCIAL SUPPORT
• GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY
• EXCELLENT PASS RATES
• PERSONAL & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
• SMALL CLASS SIZES
• OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

UNIVERSITY CENTRE HALESOWEN

The University Centre Halesowen, in partnership with the University of Worcester, acts as an educational and cultural hub which aims to raise educational aspirations and encourage increased participation in higher education.

WHAT’S ON OFFER?
A range of talks, lectures and activities are available to the public and students. All events are free of charge and open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Though these will all be on varied subjects, they offer you the opportunity to get a feel of what university lectures may be like, and how you can be inspired by the expansion of ideas and theories.

The Centre is also a good first point of contact for anyone with questions and queries about higher education, such as:

• What course or subject area is right for me?
• How can I study higher education locally?
• How do I write a UCAS application and statement?
• What financial support is available?
• What are tariff points?
• How do I prepare for an interview?
• Where can I study my chosen subject?
• What is student life like?
• Where is the University Centre Halesowen?

Students from all walks of life choose to study at the College’s Whittingham Campus based at Whittingham Road. For visitors to the University Centre Halesowen, the Campus provides the ideal environment to explore the prospect of higher education and experience what university-level study could be like.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Student HUB:

Phone: 0121 602 7888
Email: admissions@halesowen.ac.uk
Write to: University Centre Halesowen Halesowen College Whittingham Road Halesowen B63 3NA

REQUEST A COPY OF OUR HIGHER EDUCATION PROSPECTUS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VISIT WWW.HALESOWEN.AC.UK
Halesowen College are here ready to help adult learners get work ready, life ready and career ready.

**GCSEs and Functional Skills**
- Biology
- English
- Maths

**Teaching & Learning**
- Access to Higher Education, Social Science & Humanities Level 3 Diploma
- Access to Higher Education, Education Level 3 Diploma
- English as a Second Language (ESOL) pre entry to Level 1
- Supporting Teaching & Learning, Levels 1 Award Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- Supporting Teaching & Learning, Levels 1 Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- Supporting Teaching & Learning Levels 2 and 3

**Healthcare, Science and Care**
- Access to Higher Education, Health Professionals, Level 3 Diploma
- Access to Higher Education, Health Midwifery Level 3 Diploma
- Access to Higher Education, Nursing Level 3 Diploma
- Access to Higher Education, Science Level 3 Diploma
- Access to Higher Education, Social Work Level 3 Diploma
- Awareness of Mental Health Certificate (Distance Learning)
- CACHE Certificate in Health & Social Care Level 2
- Care and Management of Diabetes Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Counselling Skills Level 2 Certificate and Level 3 Diploma
- Dementia Care Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Introduction to Food Safety in a Production Kitchen (Short Course)
- Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Principles of End of Life Care Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Principles of Prevention and Control of Infection Certificate
- Safe Handling of Medication in Health & Social Care Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Understanding Autism Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Understanding Behaviour that Challenges Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Understanding Children & Young People’s Mental Health Certificate (Distance Learning)
- Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses Certificate (Distance Learning)

**Business Centre**
- Access to Higher Education, Business & Law Level 3 Diploma
- Bookkeeping Award Level 1
- Accountancy Software Award Level 1
- Access to Higher Education, Computer Science Level 3 Diploma
- Accounting (AAT) Certificate and Diploma (Levels 2 and 3)
- Supporting Teaching & Learning, Levels 1 Award Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- Supporting Teaching & Learning, Levels 1 Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- Supporting Teaching & Learning Levels 2 and 3

**Digital**
- Digital Skills Award
- Digital Upskilling Bootcamp
- IT Skills (ECDL)
- Microsoft Academy

**Find out more about our adult provision, by visiting**
www.halesowen.ac.uk/study/course-category/adult-learning/

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A Levels

REASONS TO STUDY A LEVELS AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- We offer an exciting range of A Level subjects
- Most combinations of courses are possible
- An opportunity to combine A Levels with a Vocational Qualification
- Impressive examination pass rates
- Exciting College progression routes, many in partnership with popular universities
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- The option to complete the Extended Project Qualification
- Excellent enrichment opportunities, including guest speakers, educational visits and trips abroad
- Pastoral support from a dedicated progress coach and Pastoral Head of Year

Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...
Successful A Level students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.
Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Most universities will expect at least GCSE grade 5 in Maths and English
Art A Level

A team of practicing arts professionals will work closely with you to develop the creative skills you will need to pursue a career in Art and Design. Through one-to-one teaching and support, we will help you gain confidence in your creative training, as well as opening new opportunities to develop your critical knowledge of contemporary and historical art practice.

Your skills will be nurtured through a range of practical hands on projects that will allow you to explore a broad approach to Fine Art making.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Your final grade is awarded through a combination of coursework and an externally set assignment, ending in an examination at the end of the second year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5, including an Art & Design subject.
A Level 2 Vocational qualification in Art & Design or a strong portfolio may also be considered.
Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Art A Level combines well with English Literature, Graphic Communication, History, Photography & Textiles.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses including Graphics HNC, or a Creative Apprenticeship. Other options include the BTEC Foundation Degree in Art and Design, HND Art & Design or a related degree in a subject such as Fine Art, Art & Design, Illustration, Textiles, Fashion, Architecture and Teaching.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you have an interest in a career as a Product Designer, Fashion Designer, Illustrator, Teacher, Architect or Community Projects Leader.

Biology A Level

Biology is the study of living organisms and how they interact with each other and the environment they live in. During this course, you will study and learn about a wide range of biological concepts. In the first year, key areas you will cover include Biological Molecules, Enzymes, Health and Disease and Evolution. In the second year, your knowledge will further develop in areas including Respiration, Photosynthesis, Excretion and Genetics. During both years you will also cover a range of mathematical and statistical methods to analyse biological data. A range of teaching approaches will be used to help develop your independent study and research skills such as presentations, group work and self-evaluation activities.

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to participate in a range of biological and ecological investigations and as a result you will develop a number of practical skills.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including Double Science or Biology and 3 at Grade 5 including Maths.
Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Biology A Level combines well with Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Maths and Psychology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Biology HNC/D. Other options include a related degree in subjects such as Biochemistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Geology, Pharmacy, Zoology, Plant Biology and Psychology.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you wish to pursue a career in Medical Science, Ecology, Dentistry, Biochemistry, Pharmacy or Nursing.
As consumers, employers and employees affected by the actions of business, it is beneficial to understand how the real world works. Businesses come in different shapes and sizes and many have other motives than just existing solely for profit. This course will give you a comprehensive view of how companies function and the ways in which they interact with the world. During the first year, the course will focus specifically on the internal functions of a company such as, Finance, Marketing, Human Resources and Operations. The second year will chiefly concentrate on major external factors that impact on the strategies of bigger businesses.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed by examinations.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including Maths & English.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Business A Level combines well with Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Politics and Modern Foreign Languages.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Business HNC/D. Alternatively, a degree in Business, Economics, or Law & Management could be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in an Apprenticeship or a career in Management, Finance and Business.

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Chemistry has the right formula for life!
From the moment you are born and throughout your life, you are surrounded by chemistry – in the air you breathe, the food you eat and the clothes you wear. Chemistry is the study of substances, what they are made of, how they interact and what role they play in living things.

This course will suit you if you are practical, like solving problems and are good at Maths. An ability to learn and recall facts will also help with the study of a wide range of organic molecules and reactions.

Particular areas of study will include rates of reaction, structure and bonding, analytical techniques, carbon chemistry and patterns in the Periodic Table.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed by examinations.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – a minimum of 2 Sciences at Grade 6 (Double or Triple Science) and 3 subjects at Grade 5, with Maths studied at the higher tier.

Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Chemistry A Level combines well with Biology, Mathematics, Physics and Geology.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Chemistry HNC/D and Computing HNC/D. A degree in a related subject, such as Chemistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Forensic Science, Biochemistry and Chemical Engineering, is also an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you wish to pursue a career as a Medical Doctor, Vet, Pharmacist or Dentist. Chemistry is a facilitating subject offering access to a wide range of other courses.
Computer Science
A Level

The course is designed not only to give you an insight into the science, mathematics and ‘art’ of how computers work, but more importantly will encourage a new way of thinking about the solutions to world problems.

You will learn about different components and how each of them interacts to make a working system. Through a range of units, you will be taught to think in an abstract and computational way and you will complete a practical project in a computing field.

You will also discover how computers hold and manipulate data using algorithms and ‘in-memory’ data structures, how machines ‘learn’ and how they communicate with each other over a network. In addition, you will learn how to write your own programs using the widely-used programming language Python. As well as introducing you to the world of computational thinking, the course will develop your problem-solving skills, which can be applied throughout all of your subjects.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations (80%) and coursework (20%).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 in Maths and English and 3 at Grade 5.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Computer Science A Level traditionally combines well with Maths & Science, however any subject where analytical and/or abstract thinking is important would be suitable. The most important aspect is that you have a passion for the subject.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Computing HNC/D. Alternatively, you could study a related degree, such as Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Engineering and Software Engineering.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you wish to pursue any career where problem solving and analytical skills are important, or specifically as a Computer Scientist, Systems Developer, Systems Analyst, Engineer or wish to pursue higher qualifications in any other Computing specialism.

Dance
A Level

This A Level Dance course will show you how contemporary Dance has evolved over recent decades. You will look at the developments that have taken place in Britain’s leading dance company, Rambert Dance Company, through the study of a range of choreographer’s work and more recent changes in Dance, whilst also exploring developing and honing your skills as a choreographer.

Practical tasks provide the creative opportunity to develop work that you will perform solo, as a quartet and for a group piece, for one of the many shows we have throughout the year. There is a focus on learning to dance with others, in works choreographed by/for you, as well as having workshops from some of the UK’s leading choreographers.

This is an exciting, creative course which challenges students in many ways, whilst preparing them for university or the world of work.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through theory & practical examinations

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English plus have some Dance experience, preferably in either contemporary or ballet.

Entry is also by participation in a short technique Dance audition.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

You are also required to audition.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Dance A Level combines well with English Literature, Drama, History and Media Studies.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching, or a University or Dance Academy to study a related degree.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
Successful completion of this course, along with your other A Level subjects would enable you to study Dance or a related subject at university or in full time professional Dance training. This would provide you with the opportunity to enter the world of professional Dance as a performer, Choreographer or Dance Teacher in range of environments, such as schools, colleges, professional dance companies and their education teams, community dance work, etc. There are also many transferable skills developed during this course, such as problem solving, analytical and researched-based attributes.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Drama & Theatre

A Level

Drama is an exciting, creative and challenging course that allows you to develop your passion for theatre. The course increases your theatrical understanding of plays and performance and encourages you to develop and apply practical acting techniques and directing skills through the study of a variety of theatrical works. You will study two set plays, classical and contemporary, and make evaluative judgements of live theatre performances in preparation for the exam. In addition, you will work as a part of a group to present several extracts from a wide variety of plays and create an original devised performance for an audience. You will also undertake research into influential practitioners and theatrical styles, discussing practical rehearsal techniques as part of written coursework. Throughout the course you will prepare for several public performances and be involved in a number of workshops, including working with visiting theatre companies. You must be prepared to attend theatre visits and extra rehearsals during the course, which could include after College hours or during the holidays.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of practical performances, coursework & written examination.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English. An audition will also be required. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Drama & Theatre A Level combines well with Dance, English, History, Media, Film Studies, Psychology and Sociology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching, or a related degree at university or Drama School, such as Drama, Theatre Studies, or Stage Design & Management.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in Performing, Directing, Stage Design, Stage Management, Producing & Teaching.

Economics

A Level

Economics is the study of how we can best allocate our scarce resources (eg land, labour, capital and entrepreneurship) to satisfy unlimited demands of society. Put another way, how can we better solve society’s needs with what we have? The course provides you with a range of skills and tools to analyse given problems and produce viable solutions. During the course, you will be studying unemployment, inflation, gross domestic product, economic growth, exchange rates and international trade in the macro unit. Also, we will explore demand and supply, elasticities and externalities in the micro unit.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English and Maths.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Economics A Level combines well with Business, English, Geography, History, Mathematics & Politics.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Business HNC/HND. Alternatively, a university degree such as Economics, Business, International Affairs, Accountancy or Politics, is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Banking, Insurance, Business Management, Journalism or Charity Work.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
English Language

A Level

On this course, you will be introduced to linguistics (the study of language), enabling you to analyse and investigate features of spoken and written language produced for specific audiences, purposes and contexts including: children’s language development, textual variations and diversity, such as gender and cultural change.

Being curious about language, and how we create meaning and understanding of the world around us through the words we use, you will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of specialist terminology and concepts that make it possible to analyse a range of texts; from fictional genres, such as stories to non-fiction advertisements and media scripts with accuracy and precision. The key constituents will include: phonology, morphology, lexis, grammar, semantics and pragmatics.

English Language is a dynamic course and you will be encouraged to develop skills and expertise in language investigation and your own creative writing. The coursework element of the course allows you to choose an area of language for investigation related to identity (language and self-representation, gender, culture and diversity). The coursework can be adapted to your particular area of interest and is an excellent companion for any A Level subject, and may appeal to mathematicians and scientists due to its analytical approach.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through examinations and a Non-Exam Assessment:

Language in Action ~ 3500 words (20% of the A Level), which consists of: A Language Investigation (2000 words) and a piece of original writing and commentary (1500 words)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English Language and/or English Literature.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Language A Level combines well with any A Level subject but especially with English Literature, Modern Foreign Languages, Social Sciences (Sociology, Psychology), Humanities (History), Maths and Science.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses including Teaching, or a range of degrees including English Language, Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Media Screen Writing, Teaching, Humanities, Creative/Performing Arts, Science and Mathematics.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Teaching, Publishing, Journalism, Expressive & Performing Arts and the Public Sector.

English Language & Literature

A Level

This balanced course brings together some skills from the study of English Language and some from the study of English Literature. You will combine literary and linguistic approaches in your interpretation and creation of texts. The literary strand gives you the chance to engage creatively and critically with a wide range of texts, including Renaissance drama and Victorian poetry. You will explore the influence of the contexts where the writers worked and discuss the texts’ impact on different readerships. The linguistic strand explores planned and spontaneous speech and considers how personal experience is presented in contemporary autobiography.

Being a keen reader who enjoys discussing texts, you will be supported in gaining the specialist terminology and concepts which will give you a precise language to express your understanding.

The examined components extend skills developed at GCSE, such as textual analysis, in further depth and breadth. The non-exam assessment component provides an opportunity for you to develop reflective skills and deepen your enjoyment as a producer and interpreter of language, through its focus on independent research, drafting and editing.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

Component 1: Poetry and Prose - open text exam following the study of an Anthology of pre1914 poetry and a novel.

Component 2: Drama - closed text exam following the study of a Shakespeare play and a play written after 1900.

Component 3: Non-Literary Texts ~ unseen extracts exam following the study of spoken English; closed text exam based on the study of a non-literary text.

Component 4: Non-exam assessment ~ 3500 words. Critical study of a prose genre and also 2 pieces of individual creative writing related to that genre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English Language and/or English Literature. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Language & Literature A Level combines well with Drama, Film Studies, History, Media Studies, Modern Foreign Languages and Politics.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching. Alternatively, a degree in a related subject, such as English Language, English Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Media Screen Writing, Teaching, Humanities, Performing Arts, Law, Business, Marketing or Counselling, is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Teaching, the Media, Publishing, Journalism, Performing Arts, Law and Public Relations.
English Literature
A Level

On this course, you will develop and enhance techniques in analysis, evaluation and comparison of literary texts that have been selected for their richness and diversity. You will develop critical thinking about a range of texts that span over 400 years, using wider reading and an appreciation of other interpretations to support your understanding of the texts studied.

Being a keen reader, with an appreciation of the way in which a wide range of texts are shaped by their cultural and historical backgrounds, you will explore literature through different time periods and in different forms. A collection of poetry texts will be studied, alongside both modern and renaissance drama, which provide you with an opportunity to develop your analytical skills through comparison whilst applying contextual and critical readings.

You will also be encouraged to develop skills and expertise in formulating your own personal and creative responses to texts. The coursework affords you the opportunity to produce an essay that requires independent research and wider reading, with a selection of texts available for study. You will choose a topic or theme to explore across two texts and will be supported by subject specialists with a wealth of experience in teaching the course.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations in Poetry, Drama and unseen texts and an extended Prose Study based on the reading of two prose texts.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English Language and/or English Literature. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
English Literature A Level combines well with Drama, Modern Foreign Languages, Film Studies, History, Media Studies, Religious Studies and Sociology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching. Alternatively a degree in a related subject, such as English Language, English Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Media Screen Writing, Teaching, Humanities, Creative/Performing Arts, or Law, is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Teaching, the Media, Publishing, Journalism, Performing Arts and the Public Sector.

Environmental Science
A Level

Environmental Science applies scientific principles to help us understand and manage the Earth and the natural environment. Our planet is currently undergoing rapid change which threatens all life on Earth, as we know it. In order for us to influence the current environmental trends, whether that be climate change or ecological extinctions, we first must understand Earth systems and cycles. You will develop an understanding of how different events and cycles within the environment are associated, how they influence subsequent environmental events, the human impacts on these events and cycles, and the strategies that can be used to minimise the problems caused. Some of the key aspects include Wildlife Conservation, Global Climate Change and Sustainability.

Environmental Science is a fascinating and growing subject, in which you will have the opportunity to study areas such as: The Living Environment (Conservation of Biodiversity, Life Processes in the Biosphere and Conservation Planning), The Physical Environment (The Atmosphere, The Hydrosphere, Mineral Resources, Biogeochemical Cycles and Soils), Energy Resources, Pollution, Biological Resources (Agriculture, Aquatic Food Production and Forest Resources), Sustainability and Research Methods. All of the topic areas are interlinked and allow you to develop the building blocks which will provide you with the opportunity to resolve the pressing environmental issues of today and the future.

By developing an understanding of different research methods, which will incorporate fieldwork and laboratory investigations, you will gain an understanding of how the principles of scientific methodology can be used to investigate a wide range of environmental situations and techniques. The knowledge and skills you will gain in this subject are highly transferable which makes this subject the perfect combination with multiple subjects within the sciences, humanities, and media sectors.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 including Double Science, Maths and English. Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Environmental Science A Level combines well with Geology, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths. Depending on your potential career pathways, the subject would equally combine well with Business, Economics, Politics, Law, Film Studies, Media Studies and English.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Science HNC/D and Teaching. A degree in a related subject could be an option, including Environmental Science, Ecology, Oceanography, Environmental Engineering and Climatology.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Local Government, DEFRA, Forestry, The Environment Agency, Highways, Waterways or Conservation Agencies, Geopolitics, Environmental Law, Environmental Broadcasting and Environmental Journalism.

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Film Studies

A Level

This course will enable you to read films and learn how to make them too! You will study and be examined on a variety of British, American and Global films, including Hollywood, Independent, Foreign Language and Silent films. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of the significance of film in a national, global and historical context, how films make meaning, and apply both critical approaches and practical understanding, either through filmmaking or screenwriting with an accompanying photographic storyboard. Exciting visits and activities, such as screenings as part of National Films Schools Week, will be available to enhance your understanding.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Film Studies A Level combines well with Drama, English Language, English Literature, Media Studies and Sociology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Creative Media Production HND. A related degree, such as Film, Media or Journalism, is also an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

The course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Film Production, TV Production, Film Journalism, Photography, Advertising, Public Relations and Radio.

French

A Level

Did you know that French is one of the most widely spoken languages with over 120 million speakers worldwide? With increased globalisation and the opportunities offered by email, social networking and video-conferencing, a modern foreign language such as French is an enormous asset in many spheres of life and work.
French A Level involves the development of four aspects of the language (Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking). It will enhance your understanding of French-speaking countries and their cultural differences.
During the course, you will learn through a variety of exercises including reading and listening comprehension from a range of media sources. You will also present information, opinions and arguments either orally or in writing. Through a range of units, you will consider many aspects of French-speaking society and culture, including the Changing Nature of the Family and A Culture Proud of Its Heritage. A study of political life will look at topics such as, The Right to Vote for Teenagers.
You will also study a film and a book and have the opportunity to complete an Individual Research Project (IRP) in preparation for your speaking exam.
The first term includes a diagnostic and bridging course to ensure you have the necessary basic knowledge and skills to achieve your full potential in French.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

A combination of assessments includes:
- Paper 1 – Listening & Reading comprehension and writing assessment (Translation) - 2 hours 30 minutes
- Paper 2 – Writing assessment (Essays on the film and book) – 2 hours
- Paper 3 – Speaking (presentation & discussion of IRP and stimulus card) – 23 minutes, including 5 minutes preparation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including French and 3 at Grade 5 including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

French A Level combines well with Business, Economics, English, History and another Modern Foreign Language.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching and Business HNC/D. Alternatively, a degree in a related subject, such as French, Marketing or Business, could be an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Teacher, Linguist, Journalist, Translator, Interpreter, Banker or Travel Representative.
Further Mathematics
A Level - FastTrack

This course is designed for students wishing to study Mathematics at university, or to study Science or Engineering at any of the Russell Group universities where they recommend Further Mathematics to complement other A Levels taken. Students are Fast-Track to sit the general A Level in Mathematics at the end of the first year. The A Level Further Mathematics is studied in the second year, leading to two A Levels at the end of the programme. This course enables the students to study four A Levels overall if they choose to. In the first year, you will study Pure Core Maths with elements of Mechanics and Statistics.


**Mechanics** – Vectors, Kinematics, Motion with Constant Acceleration, Forces & Motion, Newton’s Laws of Motion, Objects in Contact, Projectile, Moments, Kinematics and Dynamics.


In the second year, you will study Further Pure Maths with a choice of two from Decision Maths, Statistics and Mechanics.

**Further Pure Maths** – Complex Numbers, Polar Coordinates, Hyperbolics, Matrices, Complex Roots of Polynomials, Differential Equations, Vectors, DeMoivre’s Theorem and more complex Calculus.


**Statistics** – Discrete and Continuous Random Variables, Chi-Squared distribution, Poisson Distribution, Errors and Hypothesis Testing including T-tests.

**Decision** – Network Flows, Group Theory, Linear Programming & Simplex Method, Game Theory, Graph Theory and Critical Path Analysis.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through exams at the end of each of the 2 years. There will be an opportunity for all students on this course to resit the end of year 1 external exams if they choose to. You will be assessed with rigorous internal exams that will build you up until the final exams. You will also be taught how to perform data analysis on a large data set.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs including Maths at Grade 7 and 4 at Grade 5. A diagnostic interview will also be required. Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Further Mathematics A Level combines well with Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Geography, Psychology and Physics.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Science HNC/D or a Higher Apprenticeship. You could also consider a related degree, such as Human & Physical Geography, Geology, Environmental Studies, International Relations, Economics, Land Economy, Teaching, Law, History and Psychology.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Science, Engineering, Finance, Accountancy, Medicine, Teaching or IT.

Geography
A Level

Geography focuses on the study of issues which affect us all, from earthquakes and global warming to migration and conflict over land and resources. You will look at world patterns before trying to understand the human and scientific processes behind these patterns. We then explore the issues in depth. One of the key questions concerns equality – should the superpowers do more? You will look at both high-tech solutions and more common-sense approaches and assess what difference these might make to the lives of people on our planet.

**A compulsory field trip will help you to prepare for your coursework.**

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through examinations, including a ‘synoptic’ paper, which will focus on bringing together your knowledge of the whole 2 years. There is also a 4000 word piece of coursework.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including Geography or another Humanities subject and 3 at Grade 5 including Maths and English.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Geography A Level combines well with Economics, Politics, English, Psychology, History, Sociology, Religious Studies and most Science subjects – especially Environmental Studies, Maths and Geology.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Science HNC/D or a Higher Apprenticeship. You could also consider a related degree, such as Human & Physical Geography, Geology, Environmental Studies, International Relations, Economics, Land Economy, Teaching, Law, History and Psychology.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Leisure Management, Banking & Finance, Teaching, Property Management and Environmental research.

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Geology

A Level

A Level Geology is the study of Earth and Earth systems. During this course, you will understand how our planet works and unravel its history by understanding Earth processes and using this knowledge to interpret the stories that rocks, sediments and fossils "tell us". During this time of environmental uncertainty, due to climate change, evidence from the past can provide us with ideas we need to manage the present and the future.

Whilst studying Geology, you will improve your knowledge and understanding of minerals, rock types, plate tectonics, evolution of life and climate (including fossil interpretation incorporating dinosaurs!), geohazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes, engineering and economic geology, structural geology, and practical skills. As well as gaining subject specific knowledge, you will gain transferrable scientific skills that will be enhanced through lessons, laboratory investigations and fieldwork.

You will have access to fantastic facilities, such as a specialist Geology laboratory and equipment, where you will learn how to interpret the rocks, sediments, and fossils to reconstruct episodes of Earth history and make accurate records of Geology in the field. No previous knowledge of Geology is required; although whilst studying this amazing and diverse subject, you will be surprised at how much Geology you have previously covered in GCSE Geography, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and practical assessments. Field trips and a residential trip will go towards your practical endorsement component.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 including Double Science, Maths and English. Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**

Geology A Level combines well with Environmental Science, Geography, Biology, Physics, Maths, Business, Economics, Engineering, Computer Science, History and Politics.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Science HNC/D. You could also consider a related degree, such as Geology, Geophysics, Earth Systems Science, Physical Geography, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Applied Environmental Science, Mining Engineering, Engineering Geology and Geotechnics and Hazard Management.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

Traditionally, Geology used to lead to a career in the Oil, Gas and Mineral Exploration fields. With changing times and global warming however, there are multiple amazing career opportunities associated with Geology, such as: Geotechnical Engineering, Palaeontology, Meteorology/Climatology, Geopolitics, Civil Engineering, Hydrology, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, Volcanology and Seismology. Geologists are now being employed as scientific advisors to Governmental Organisations and to the Energy and Pollution sectors.

It's worth noting that Geology graduates who are prepared to work abroad command some of the highest salaries of any graduates!

German

A Level

Did you know that German is spoken by 95 million native speakers worldwide and is the European Union’s most widely spoken native language? With increased globalisation and the opportunities offered by email, social networking and video-conferencing, a modern foreign language such as German is an enormous asset in many spheres of life and work.

This is a 2 year course which involves the development of four aspects of the language: Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking. It will enhance your understanding of German-speaking countries and their cultural differences.

During the course you will learn through a variety of exercises including reading and listening comprehension from a range of media sources. You will also present information, opinions and arguments either orally or in writing.

The first term includes a diagnostic and bridging course to ensure you have the necessary basic knowledge and skills to achieve your full potential in German.

**Course units will include:**

- Aspects of German-speaking society - including The Changing Nature of Family, The Digital World and Youth Culture
- Artistic culture in the German-speaking world - including Festivals & Traditions, Art & Architecture and Cultural Life in Berlin
- Multiculturalism in Society - including Immigration; Integration; and Racism
- Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world - including Germany and the EU, Politics & Youth and German Reunification

You will also study a film and a book, and have the opportunity to complete an Individual Research Project (IRP) in preparation for your speaking exam.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

Assessments are at the end of the second year and include:

- Paper 1 – Listening & Reading comprehension and writing assessment (Translation) - 2 hours 30 minutes
- Paper 2 – Writing assessment (Essays on the film and book) – 2 hours
- Paper 3 – Speaking (Presentation & discussion of IRP and stimulus card) – 23 minutes, including 5 minutes preparation

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to achieve at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including German and 3 at Grade 5 including English.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**

German A Level combines well with Business, Economics, English, History and another Modern Foreign Language.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching and Business HNC/D. Alternatively, a degree in a related subject, such as German, Marketing or Business, could be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Teacher, Linguist, Journalist, Translator, Interpreter, Banker, Travel Representative, Flight Attendant or Logistics Administrator.

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Graphic Communication

A Level

Graphic Design represents communication in its purest form. The designer has a responsibility to make information easily available and understandable through skill, knowledge and wit. Good visual communication is at the heart of a civilised society. During the course, you will gain the necessary skills and understanding to create great design. By studying the work of great designers, and the art movements they are influenced by, you will gain the knowledge to make your work stronger.

You will cover disciplines such as typography, digital design, photography, traditional illustration and animation. You will discover where your particular talents lie when communicating visually; then work towards a specialism with one-to-one expert guidance during the second year. At the end of the two years you will have created a body of work that reflects your particular skills in the field of Graphics.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The first year is assessed internally resulting in a formative grade. The second year is assessed internally and moderated by AQA and has 2 components; the Personal Investigation and the externally set assignment. The grade for these units makes up your A Level grade.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including an Art & Design subject.

Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

A Level 2 Vocational qualification in Art & Design or a strong portfolio may also be considered.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Graphic Communication A Level combines well with English, Film Studies, Media Studies, and Photography.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses including Graphics HNC, or you could consider a Creative Apprenticeship. Alternatively, a related degree in Graphic Design, Illustration or Animation is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you have an interest in a career as a Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Packaging Designer, Animator, Character Designer, Interior Designer or Art Director.

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History

A Level

The study of History will appeal to those who wish to discover how and why the world evolved to be as it is today. History is regarded as a keystone academic subject by competitive universities, and offers an established route into the professions.

During the course, you will study tumultuous periods of early modern and modern history. During Year 1 you will explore the origins and consequences of the brutal civil wars that ravaged and transformed both Britain and America.

In Year 2 you will study the development of the American civil rights movement, charting the heroic fight of civil rights activists, striving to gain equality for all Americans, regardless of race, gender or ethnicity.

You will also complete a coursework assignment from a selection of titles.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including a Humanities subject and 3 at Grade 5 including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

History A Level combines well with Economics, English, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies and Sociology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching, or a related degree such as History, Politics, Law, English or Sociology.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Historian, Archivist, Civil Servant, Teacher, Curator or Lawyer.

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Mathematical Studies

AS Level

Mathematical Studies is a stand-alone AS qualification aimed at students who know Maths will be useful, but don’t want to or can’t do a full A Level. This course will cover advanced statistics along with estimation techniques and financial mathematics in real life context. It is worth exactly the same UCAS points as any other AS qualification.

The course, particularly the advanced statistics, has relevance in other A Levels. It is mandatory for students taking A Level Biology if they are not also taking A Level Mathematics. It is also recommended for those in Year 2 of their Psychology A Level.

The course allows you to deepen and extend your Mathematics knowledge and be better prepared for university or employment.

It is taught by specialist A Level teachers.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

There are 2 calculator papers with an assessment time of 1½ hours to suit students’ concentration levels.

Paper 1 is compulsory for all students. The papers have a mix of question types and there is a focus on realistic contexts to help you enjoy and value Maths. There is also use of pre-release materials to help prepare you for examinations.

Paper 2 is one of the following options:

- Statistical Techniques
- Critical Path and Risk Analysis
- Graphical Techniques

This option will be agreed between the teacher and student.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including Maths.

Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Mathematical Studies AS Level combines well with Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Physics and Psychology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching, or a related degree such as Economics, Business, Psychology, Mathematics or Statistics.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Economics, Business, Teaching, Accounting and Architecture.

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Mathematics

A Level

Mathematics is an interesting and challenging subject at A Level that builds on topics studied at GCSE. The course is best suited to students who enjoy problem solving. New ideas and topics will be introduced providing you with a strong foundation for studying Maths, Engineering and Science subjects at university.

Mathematics A Level is essential for entry to a wide variety of courses at university. Additionally, it will give you a greater understanding of the variety of ways in which Mathematics is applied in the real world.

In the first year, you will study Pure Core Maths with elements of Mechanics and Statistics.

Pure Core Maths – Algebra, Co-ordinate Geometry, Proof, Polynomials, Calculus, Trigonometry, Exponentials and Logarithms.

Mechanics – Vectors, Kinematics, Motion with Constant Acceleration, Forces & Motion, Newton’s Laws of Motion, Objects in Contact.


In the second year, you will continue to study Pure Core Maths, Mechanics and Statistics.

Pure Core Maths – Binomial Theorem, Algebra and Functions, Further Calculus, Further Trigonometry, Parametric equations and Numerical Methods.

Mechanics – Projectiles, Moments, Kinematics and Dynamics.


HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed by examinations.

You will be assessed with rigorous internal exams that will build your confidence towards the final exams.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including Maths and 3 at Grade 5.

A diagnostic interview will also be required.

Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Mathematics A Level combines well with Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Geography, Psychology and Physics.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses including Teaching and HNC/Ds in Applied Biology, Applied Chemistry, Computing or Graphics. There is also the option to study for a degree in a related subject, such as Mathematics, Science, Medicine, Computing, Engineering or Physics.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Science, Engineering, Finance, Accountancy, Medicine, Teaching or IT.

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Are you interested in how your opinions about the world are shaped and influenced by the media products you consume? Have you ever considered how those products are put together, by whom and for whom? Studying Media offers you the chance to explore and analyse a wide range of media texts to identify the messages and values they contain, as well as giving you the opportunity to produce your own media products.

During the course, you will learn practical skills including camera and editing for moving image, and print based desktop publishing. You will also develop your analytical skills and knowledge of media forms, industries and audiences. Topics such as Television in the Global Age and Media in the Online Age, ensures that the course content addresses contemporary issues.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Media A Level combines well with Art, English, Graphic Communication, History, Photography, Politics and Sociology.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including the HND in Creative Media Production or HNC Graphics. You could also consider a degree in a related subject, such as Media, Communications or Marketing.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in TV, Film, Journalism, Advertising or Public Relations.

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Photography A Level is an art-based course for learners who have a strong visual sense, that they would like to develop further. We all feel the need to record the events that we experience by photographing them; usually using a smartphone, but photographs are taken for many reasons and are used for many different purposes. The course looks at these reasons by studying the work of some great photographers; you respond to them with your own photographs.

You will learn how to use a camera skilfully, how to think more deeply about your photographs and how to use post-production to craft images to a professional standard. During the first year, you will sample different disciplines of Photography, for example; still life, social documentary and portraiture. The experience of the first year will lead you to specialise during the second year, when you will discover your voice as a Photographer. On completion of the course, your work will be exhibited, and you will have created a portfolio of your best work; something to be proud of!

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The first year is assessed internally, resulting in a formative grade. The second year is assessed internally and moderated externally. There are 2 components in the second year, the Personal Investigation and the externally set assignment – the grade for these units will make up your summative A Level grade.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including an Art & Design subject.
Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.
A Level 2 Vocational qualification in an Art & Design subject or a strong photographic portfolio may also be considered.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Photography A Level combines well with English, Film Studies, Graphic Communication and Media.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Graphics HNC, or you could consider a Creative Apprenticeship. Alternatively, a degree in Photography, Graphic Design, Art & Design or Photo Journalism, could be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Photojournalism, Fashion, Advertising and Wedding & Portrait, Sport, Wildlife or Editorial Photography.

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Physics
A Level

Physics is the study of how the Universe works, what it is made of, how it started and where it is going, with topics ranging from Particle Physics to Cosmology. The course will give you a broad and analytical understanding of the fundamental physical principles.

During the course, you will study the application of Physics theory along with the skills of problem solving, analytical, logical and creative thinking, and the application of mathematical skills to Physics problems and communication skills when explaining physical processes. The ability to analyse and interpret data will also be developed.

The first year of the course will cover Particle Physics, Quantum Phenomena, Electricity, Mechanics, Materials and Waves. During the second year, you will consider Fields (Electric, Gravitational and Magnetic), Capacitors, Radioactivity, Nuclear Energy, Thermodynamics and Astrophysics.

A range of teaching approaches will be used to develop your independent study & research skills including presentations, group work and self-evaluation activities. Weekly activities will include discussion of theory, work on derivation sheets & practice questions and usually a practical investigation.

This course is ideal if you like applying mathematical concepts and logical thinking to solving problems and enjoy learning through practical work.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed by written examinations.

During the course, twelve practical tasks set by the exam board must be completed over the duration of the course. These, along with the weekly practical activities, give evidence for the five practical competencies needed to gain the Certificate of Practical Competency.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5.
In addition, you will need to achieve Grade 6 in Double or Triple Science & Higher Maths.
Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 6.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Physics A Level combines well with Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Maths, Engineering and Computer Science. Given the extensive mathematical content of this course, A Level Mathematics must be one of the options taken.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Engineering HNC and Teaching. Alternatively, you could consider a degree in a related subject, such as Physics, Engineering, Medical Physics, Optometry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Law, Finance, Veterinary Science, Radiography or Information Technology/Telecommunications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Science R&D, Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Automotive, Aerospace, Civil etc.), Civil Service (Scientific Officer), Medical Science, Chartered Surveying, Telecommunications, Teaching and the Armed Services.

Politics
A Level

Do you have an enquiring mind, an interest in current affairs and want to study a challenging and contemporary subject? Yes? Then Politics A Level is for you!

During the course, you will study the following key elements:

UK Politics and UK Government: where you will look at the core institutions, ideas and concepts of UK Government and Politics as well as a range of topics relating to UK Government such as the UK constitution, Parliament, Prime Minister and the relationship between the branches. You will also look at topics relating to UK politics such as UK democracy and participation, elections, political parties, voting behaviour and the role media plays in UK politics.

Comparative Politics (of the USA): consideration will be given to core institutions, ideas and concepts of US Government and Politics. You will study topics including The US Constitution and Federalism, US Congress, US Presidency, The Supreme Court and civil rights, democracy and participation and comparative theories. You will be required to look at the interrelationships between the different branches of government and draw comparisons between UK and US political systems.

Core Political Ideas: this will take you beyond UK and US politics. You will also look at core political ideas, concepts and thinkers whilst studying 3 core ideologies - Socialism, Liberalism and Conservatism.
You will also study one additional non-core political idea from a choice of Nationalism, Feminism, Anarchism, Ecologism or Multiculturalism. You will also have to look at core thinkers for each ideology.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed by written examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including a Humanities subject, and 3 at Grade 5, including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Politics A Level combines well with Business, Economics, English, Geography, History and Modern Foreign Languages

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including the Social Science Foundation Degree. You could also consider a degree in a related subject, such as Politics, International Relations, History, Philosophy, Sociology, Journalism, Law or Teaching.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you have an interest in a career in Journalism, Law, Media, Local Government, Charity Work, Civil Service, Teaching or the Armed Forces.

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Psychology
A Level

Psychology is a scientific exploration of human behaviour and emotion. On this course, you will have an opportunity to develop an understanding of the main theoretical perspectives within the subject, including biological, behavioural, cognitive, psychodynamic and the positive approach. You will understand how each perspective explains and treats a variety of abnormal behaviours, alongside this you will study a range of core studies within each field. You will also study research methods and understand how psychological investigations are carried out. You will then have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to your own small-scale investigations and develop skills that will allow you to collect and analyse data using statistical analysis.

In addition, you will study the application of Psychology to real life, looking specifically at the causes of schizophrenia, addiction and theories of crime. Finally, you will cover issues and debates in Psychology including whether sexism and culture bias still exist within Psychology.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through 3 written examinations.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 or above, including a Humanities subject, Maths, English and a Science, possibly Biology.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Psychology A Level combines well with Biology, Human Biology, Sociology, Criminology, Applied Law and Maths. Vocational Health & Social Care could also be considered.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching. A university degree in a related subject, such as Psychology, Criminology, Politics or Law, is also an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Psychologist, Counsellor, Social Worker or Teacher.

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Religious Studies
A Level

Religious Studies offers a relevant and engaging study of philosophical and ethical issues alongside secular study of religious beliefs, behaviours, and institutions. During this course, you will have the opportunity to study a range of widely disputed issues. How can God and evil coexist? Do miracles really happen? What are the key moral principles in Christianity? What are Christian views about gender and sexuality?

You will learn how to question, argue, debate and develop your views in an open-minded and challenging environment.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed by written examinations.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including Religious Studies or another Humanities subject, and 3 at Grade 5, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**
Religious Studies A Level combines well with Economics, English, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Psychology and Sociology.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching. A degree in a related subject, such as Theology & Religion, Philosophy, Law, History, Social Policy or Sociology, could also be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Teacher, Probation Officer, Journalist, Charity Worker, Social Worker or Lawyer.

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Sociology

A Level

Sociology is the study of society and is therefore concerned with what people do and why. Sociology is a theoretical subject which uses arguments and debates, both historical and contemporary, to make sense of society and uses empirical evidence (based on research) to fully investigate the society in which we live. Consider this, have you ever viewed yourself to be the author of your own destiny, through the choices and decisions you make? Or do you think that we are subjected to social forces and institutions that determine our behaviour as human beings? This is the central question within Sociology, and one that continues to shape our understanding of humans within all aspects of society.

As we continue to experience an ever-changing world, you will consider global inequality, poverty, racism, sexism, disease, crime and family breakdown along with educational inequality. Sociology will provide you with the necessary tools to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions about our social world and our place in it.

The four components studied during the course are, Education with Theory & Methods, Families & Households, Beliefs in Society and Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through written examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6, including Sociology or another Humanities subject, possibly Religious Studies or History, and 3 at Grade 5 including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Sociology A Level combines well with English, Geography, History, Politics and Psychology.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching, or a related degree at university, such as Psychology, Government & Politics, Criminology, English Language & Literature, Philosophy, International Relations, Business and Marketing.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Education, Business, Marketing, Law, Governmental & Non-Governmental Agencies, Charities, Social Policy and Welfare Services.

Spanish

A Level

Did you know that Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages with over 450 million speakers worldwide? With increased globalisation and the opportunities offered by email, social networking and video-conferencing, a modern foreign language such as Spanish is an enormous asset in many spheres of life and work. Being fluent in a second language is highly respected in the business world.

Spanish A Level involves the development of four aspects of the language (Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking). It will enhance your understanding of Spanish-speaking countries and their cultural differences.

During the course, you will learn through a variety of exercises including reading and listening comprehension from a range of media sources. You will also present information, opinions and arguments, either orally or in writing.

Through a range of themes, you will consider many aspects of Spanish-speaking society and culture, including the Modern & Traditional Values and Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World. A study of political life will look at topics such as, Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Citizens and Popular Movements.

You will also study a film and a book, and have the opportunity to complete an Individual Research Project (IRP) in preparation for your speaking exam.

The first term includes a diagnostic and bridging course to ensure you have the necessary basic knowledge and skills to achieve your full potential in Spanish.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

A combination of assessments includes:

- Paper 1 – Listening & Reading comprehension and writing assessment (Translation) - 2 hours 30 minutes
- Paper 2 – Writing assessment (Essays on the film and book) – 2 hours
- Paper 3 – Speaking (presentation & discussion of IRP and stimulus card) – 23 minutes, including 5 minutes preparation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 including Spanish and 3 at Grade 5 including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have a Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Spanish A Level combines well with Business, Economics, English, History and another Modern Foreign Language.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching and Business HNC/D. Alternatively, you could study a degree in a related subject, such as Spanish, Marketing, or Business Studies.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Teacher, Linguist, Journalist, Translator, Interpreter, Banker, Travel Representative and many others.
Textiles
A Level

This exciting course is designed to inspire the next generation of fashion and interior textile designers. You will be introduced to a wide variety of innovative techniques that push the boundaries of textile design. Throughout the course you will explore screen printing, surface decoration and constructive textiles techniques, inspired by the world’s leading designers. You will also develop your drawing and designing skills, using both industry standard software and traditional techniques, and research contextual sources of historical and contemporary textile designers, fashion, art and design practitioners. The course units will help you to explore a range of textile techniques and processes through a wide variety of media, to produce your own body of work, which you will have the opportunity to showcase at the College’s Summer Exhibition & Fashion Show.

An opportunity to visit galleries and exhibitions will inspire and inform your ideas.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and practical examination.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 6 and 3 at Grade 5 including an Art & Design subject.
A Level 2 Vocational qualification in Art & Design or a strong Art portfolio may also be considered.
Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

GOOD SUBJECT COMBINATIONS
Textiles A Level combines well with Art, Business, English, Media Studies and Photography.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Teaching. You could also consider a degree in a related subject, such as Textile Design, Fashion Design, Surface Pattern Design, and Costume Design.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Textile Designer, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Buyer, Trends Forecaster, Visual Merchandiser or Teacher.

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A Levels & Vocational Combined Courses

REASONS TO STUDY A LEVELS + VOCATIONAL COMBINED AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- We offer an exciting range of A Level subjects
- Option to take a combined A Level and Vocational programme, usually 2 A Level subjects and a Level 3 Vocational Programme
- Reduced examination element
- Work experience can enhance your studies
- Many combinations of courses are possible
- Impressive examination pass rates
- Exciting College Progression Routes, many in partnership with popular universities
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Option to study more than one A Level and Vocational Combined Course

- The option to complete the Extended Project Qualification
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including guest speakers, educational visits and trips abroad

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Successful A Level + Vocational students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Applied Human Biology
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

This course is a great option if you would like to study a Science subject at a higher level but don’t want to pick a single Science A Level, or feel that a course with some coursework assessment will allow you to achieve a better outcome.
If you enjoy learning about the human body, the systems of health and are ambitious to learn more about fundamental scientific techniques and their application in health careers, then you will enjoy this Human Biology course.
The course encompasses practicals that allow you to learn in the context of realistic workplace situations, as well as gaining relevant scientific knowledge, laboratory analytical skills and develop numerous transferable skills which will enable you to progress into any career.
Valued by employers and universities, the skills gained on this vocational qualification offer a clear route into employment or higher education.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by a combination of external exams and assessed coursework. During Year 1, you will take an external exam, the Principles of Applied Human Biology and a coursework unit Practical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. In Year 2 there is an external exam in Human Biology and Health Issues as well as 1 optional unit.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature and a Grade 4 in Science.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Applied Biology HNC/D. Other options include a related degree in subjects such as Biochemistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Psychology.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Nursing, Teaching, Pharmaceutical Science, Forensics, Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, Paramedical Science, Physiotherapy, Optometry and Psychology.

ANYTHING ELSE?
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include Chemistry, Geography, Psychology and Environmental Science.
An Apprenticeship could also be considered.

Applied Law
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

Everyone in this country is affected by the Law in their daily lives. This course will help you to understand how the English legal system works, from where laws are made and the roles of people working in administration of the law such as magistrates, juries, lawyers and the police.
By using a variety of learning activities, such as role play, class debates and internet research, you will have an excellent opportunity to develop an appreciation of the legal process. You will develop skills in applying the law to particular scenarios and playing the role of a solicitor giving advice to their client. You will gain an appreciation of where the legal system is not working well, and where reforms are needed. You will also develop a strong understanding of our democracy and how everyone can play a role in creating new laws.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by a combination of controlled assessments and coursework for each of the 4 units you will complete.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses including HNC/D Business. A degree in a related subject, such as Law, Criminology, Business, or International Law & Politics is also an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Paralegal, Police Officer, Civil Servant, Probation Officer or Solicitor/Barrister/Legal Executive.

ANYTHING ELSE?
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include Business, Politics, Sociology and Psychology.
Applied Psychology

Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

Applied Psychology offers a broad basis of study, which is valued within the sector and supports progression to higher education and a fulfilling career.

The course covers 4 main topics, which will give you an excellent grounding in this fascinating subject.

Psychological Approaches & Applications introduces some basic ideas from different approaches in Psychology, helping you to understand how psychological research can explain gender identity, aggression and consumer behaviour.

Conducting Psychological Research explores scientific research principles and processes that are needed to investigate theories in Psychology. Results from such research can be analysed using statistical techniques to verify their significance and enable researchers to explain or predict behaviour. As part of this unit you will conduct a pilot study in a chosen area, for example social psychology. Drawing on key psychological theories you will gather primary data and analyse your research findings to present to an audience.

The study of Health Psychology explores the motivation behind healthy and unhealthy behaviours, and the factors that might persuade individuals to change their behaviour or follow the advice given by medical practitioners. You will explore how Health Psychologists can help improve behaviours, using psychological theories of persuasion and specific physiological and behavioural addictions and treatments, making judgments about their effectiveness.

Finally, an Introduction to Psychopathology will examine modern and historical concepts of psychopathology in society, and the types and characteristics of different mental disorders. You may consider factors that cause mental illness and professional approaches to the treatment of mental disorders, OR an introduction to criminal and forensic psychology (factors that contribute to criminal behaviour and the effectiveness of punishment strategies and behavioural modification programmes). You will apply different methods to create an offender profile.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through a combination of external and internal modules.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature, and Grade 4 in Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses and professional qualifications. A related degree in Psychology, Philosophy, Politics, Law or Criminology is also an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Health Specialist, Therapist, Behavioural Analyst, Lawyer, Police Officer, Probation Officer, Social Worker or Teacher.

ANYTHING ELSE?

This course should be combined with A Levels

Good combinations could include Sociology, English and Religious Studies.

Business

Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

The Level 3 Business course will provide you with comprehensive understanding of how businesses are structured, operate, grow and how they maximise their brand and financial success.

Throughout the Business course you will enjoy and learn about a wide range of topics such as: Marketing, Exploring Business, Recruitment and Selection, Personal and Business Finance.

The course involves learning in depth about well-known major international businesses such as: Apple, Jaguar Land Rover, Nando’s, Netflix, Amazon, Alton Towers and many more.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through a combination of external and internal assessments, which may include real-world tasks, tests, research projects, essays and presentations.

In addition, there are two exams, one in the first year of study and the second exam in your final year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Accountancy, Law, Marketing, Management, Retail, Office Management, HR, Banking/Finance or owning your own business.

ANYTHING ELSE?

This course should be combined with A Levels

Good combinations could include Economics and Law.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.
**Criminology**

**Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme**

WJEC APPLIED DIPLOMA

An understanding of Criminology is relevant to many job roles within the Criminal Justice sector, Social & Probation work, Sociology and Psychology. This course includes elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology that complement studies in Humanities. Throughout the course you will study 4 mandatory units, including Changing Awareness of Crime, which covers under-reported crimes and the many reasons why people do not report crime. You will also look at media representations of crime and the impact on public perception, and how campaigns have changed the law. You will develop your understanding of using Criminological Theories to examine how policy is set.

Crime Scene to Courtroom will develop the knowledge and skills needed to examine information, and review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. You will follow a crime from the initial crime scene, to the investigation by the police and other personnel involved in criminal investigations. Miscarriages of justice will be considered by exploring real life situations. Finally, by studying Crime and Punishment, you will develop skills to evaluate the effectiveness of social control in delivering policy in practice. There is a focus on agencies in the criminal justice system such as the Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Probation Service and prisons. There will also be the opportunity to consider pressure groups and charities and the role they play in achieving social control.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and controlled assessments.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level qualifications, including HND Policing. A related degree, such as Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Law, Criminal Justice or Policing, is also an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Law, Policing, the Probation Service, the Crown Prosecution Service, Teaching, Counselling, Mental Health Nursing and Social Work.

**ANYTHING ELSE?**

This course should be combined with A Levels

Good combinations could include Law and English.

**Criminal Justice Pathway**

**Combination of 3 A Levels**

The Criminal Justice Pathway is designed to provide you with a wider understanding of the criminal justice system, including aspects of Law, Criminology and Psychology.

**Applied Law**

This will provide you with an insight into Law, specifically looking at how the English legal system works, how and where laws are made, and the roles of people working in administering the law such as magistrates, jurors, lawyers and the police. You will develop the skills needed when working within the legal sector as well as facilitating skills for many others areas of employment.

**Criminology**

You will also have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the causes of crime and deviance and the main theoretical perspectives within the field of Criminology, including biological, individualistic, and sociological explanations of crime. You will discover the processes used when analysing crime scenes and identifying suspects and develop an understanding of how criminal behaviour is treated, or in some cases punished. You will be presented with a range of real-life cases and are encouraged to develop your critical thinking skills to further understand the application of criminological theory and perspectives.

**Applied Psychology**

This will give you an excellent grounding in this fascinating subject. Psychological Approaches & Applications introduces some basic ideas from different approaches in Psychology, helping you to understand how psychological research can explain behaviours such as aggression. An Introduction to Psychopathology will examine types and characteristics of different mental disorders, the factors that cause mental ill health, and how mental disorders can be treated. Conducting Psychological Research considers the sound scientific research principles that are needed to explore theories in Psychology. You will conduct a pilot study in a chosen area, drawing on key psychological approaches and gather and analyse your research findings using statistical techniques to then present to an audience. Finally, the study of Health Psychology explores the motivation behind healthy and unhealthy behaviours and the factors that might persuade individuals to finally change behaviour or to follow the advice given by medical practitioners.

**DURATION**

2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course is assessed through a variety of methods specific to each subject.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and 1 at Grade 6. You must have achieved a Grade 5 or above in a Humanities subject and English and a Grade 4 or above in Maths and Science (Biology).

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level qualifications, including HND Policing. A related degree, such as Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Law, Criminal Justice or Policing, is also an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

This pathway is designed for those with an interest in a career within the criminal justice system, including the study of Criminology or employment such as Court Official, Police Service, Prison Service or Offender Management.

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Engineering
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

Engineering is about providing solutions to problems, so if you love Maths and Physics and want to apply your knowledge to real world issues, then this course will suit you.

This is a general introduction to Engineering designed to allow progression to further study, an apprenticeship or employment within Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineering. It focuses on the principles and ideas of Engineering and develops the mathematical, problem solving, analytical and logical thinking skills required to solve Engineering challenges.

Throughout the course you will consider topics such as Maths for Engineering and Engineering Materials and Applications. You will also study Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Engineering for the Environment (sustainability).

A range of teaching approaches will be used to develop your independent study & research skills and weekly activities will include discussion of theory, work on practice questions and practical investigations.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
This course is assessed through a combination of external exams and coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved Maths and Double Science/Physics at Grade 6, and 5 GCSEs at Grade 5, including English Language.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HND Engineering. A university degree in a related subject, such as Music Production, Sound Design, Radio Broadcast, Media Production and Music Performance, is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career within any area of Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Automotive, Aerospace, Design etc.) or related technical industries.

THING ELSE?
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include most Humanities subjects and Computer Science.

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Digital Music Production
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

This vibrant and varied study of Music Production will give you a solid foundation in DAW Production, Software, Studio Recording and Music and Sound Design for Media.

You will explore the Music Production process from concept through to product creating music using recording techniques, synthesis, commercial vocal acapella remixes, original moving image soundtracks, sound effect and voice production, works. This is a fast paced and engaging study of one of the UK’s multi-billion pound exports.

As a Digital Music Production student, you will have the opportunity to use the College’s fantastic facilities that include rehearsal PODs, recording studios, rehearsal rooms, fully equipped Apple Mac Suites and a backline workshop.

We are passionate about integrating technology into the submission of coursework.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examination (DAW Production) and internal assessments that may take the form of recordings, compositions, written analysis & reflection, vlogs and other formats.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC Engineering. A university degree in a related subject is an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Studio Engineer, Music Producer, Arranger, Composer for Film/TV/Commercial Music, Sound Designer, Game Designer or Programmer.

ANYTHING ELSE?
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include most Humanities subjects and Computer Science.

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This course will develop your learning and skills in IT and computer systems at a higher level. It covers different aspects of Computer Science and IT, including computer hardware, software, networks, legislation, industry bodies, how organisations use IT and information, information security, threats to data and protection methods.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

This course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework. In Year 1, two examined units are studied; Information Systems and Global information.

In Year 2, two additional optional units chosen from Project Management, Product Development, Systems Analysis & Design and Internet of Everything are assessed, using assignments and coursework. A final examined unit in Cyber Security completes the course.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/HND Computing. An Apprenticeship, or a related degree, such as Computer Systems, Business Information Systems, Software Engineering or Computer Network Security, may be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as an IT Technician, Network Engineer, Web Developer, Programmer, Database Analyst or IT Teacher.

**ANYTHING ELSE?**

This course should be combined with A Levels. Good combinations could include Graphics and Business. The problem-solving skills developed during this course will also complement many other disciplines. An Apprenticeship could also be considered.
Music Performance Foundation Diploma
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

This course will give you a taste of how to make a living in the music industry from a performer’s perspective. This includes Music Performance Techniques, Song Writing, Improvisation, Marketing Techniques, Events Management and more! Students have the opportunity to use our specialist computer suites, studios, rehearsal pods and radio booth. Collaborative work with other vocational areas will help to develop work experience opportunities.
The course culminates in an opportunity to develop and perform at our annual Mayfly Festival.
Duration
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
All assessment is course work based. Students will be assessed in a variety of situations, including performances, portfolio, presentations and essays.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to achieve at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English Language or Literature.
Some ability to play an instrument would be useful and you are required to attend a live audition.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HND Music. You could also consider a related degree in Music Performance, Technology or Events Management.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Freelance Performer, Music Teacher, Freelance Songwriter/Arranger, Music Technician or Music Promoter.

ANYTHING ELSE?
Good combinations include Drama & Theatre Studies and Media.

Musical Theatre
Level 3 Foundation Diploma
Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme

This course gives you an opportunity to increase your practical performance experience and confidence in all aspects of triple threat musical theatre skills through auditions, showcases and a full-scale musical production in each year. There are 3 elements to the assessment of your performance skills; Exploring Performance Styles, Creating Performance Material and Performing Musical Theatre to an Audience.
These are assessed through regular workshops, weekly singing, dancing and acting classes, and termly public performances with a focus on developing technique, discipline, and professionalism.
There is also a professional preparation assessment focusing on employability in the arts where you will research, develop and plan your own career in the industry to support your practical development.
Over the 2 years, you will work towards many collaborative performance opportunities, from working on individual performance skills and solos to large ensemble productions with the full time Musical Theatre students. Upon completing the course, you will gain a Foundation Diploma worth 1 and a half A levels to support your applications to higher education.
Participation in Cross-College productions will require rehearsals and performances outside normal College hours.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of performance, theory and coursework. Large and small scale performances will be assessed through both rehearsal observation and final performance effectiveness. Coursework is often connected directly to the analysis and research done as part of the Performance and Production Process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.
You will be invited to attend an audition at the time of your interview, for which you should prepare a solo speech or song from a musical.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level and professional qualifications, or a related university degree such as, Performing Arts, Musical Theatre, Drama or Performing Arts.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Theatre Performer, Director or Entertainer, other careers in Teaching and Public Relations could also be considered.

ANYTHING ELSE?
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include Drama & Dance.
Sport & Physical Activity

Vocational Level 3 + A Levels Combined Programme (Sport & Exercise Science)

On this course, you will be given the opportunity to explore and investigate different factors that impact sports performance, health, lifestyle and wellbeing. The course will enhance your knowledge and understanding of Sport from theoretical and practical perspectives, which are designed to cover a wide range of Sport Science related units, giving you the skills and knowledge required for higher education.

Additional opportunities during your course of study include university visits and a trip to the National Cycling Centre in Manchester for a track day. Furthermore, during the first year of study, you will be given the opportunity to gain additional coaching qualifications in football and multi-skills which can enhance UCAS applications and employability prospects.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
This course is assessed through coursework and there are no examinations. Assessment is varied and could include methods such as assignments, workbooks, presentations, reports, academic posters and case studies.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above, including English, Maths and Science.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/D in Sport. You could also consider a related degree, such as Sports Studies, Sport Science, Coaching, Physical Education, Sports Development, Sports Therapy or and Teacher Training.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Coaching, Teaching, Performance Analysis, Sports Therapy, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Sports Physiology, Sports Event Management and Leisure Centre Management.

**ANYTHING ELSE?**
This course should be combined with A Levels
Good combinations could include Biology, Psychology, Dance or Sociology.

Access to A Levels

**Level 2**

The Access to A Levels pathway offers prospective students the chance to study a range of GCSEs in order to gain the skills, understanding and entry requirements needed to progress to an A Level programme at Halesowen College.

**Students select five GCSEs from our broad subject range:**
- Biology
- Citizenship Studies - combination of Law, Politics and Economics
- English
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Psychology
- History
- Maths
- Sociology
- Statistics

Students are also able to study a Level 3 Extended Project Qualification alongside their subject choices and they will be encouraged to participate in a range of enrichment experiences, designed to support the next step - A LEVEL STUDY. All students have access to a dedicated Personal Coach in order to help support them through their Access to A Levels programme.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 2 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above and 2 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and Maths.

Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
Successful completion of the Access to A Level course will allow you to progress to studying A Levels or a Level 3 Vocational Programme at Halesowen College.

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Animal Care

REASONS TO STUDY ANIMAL CARE AT HALESWEN COLLEGE

- Excellent facilities for an impressive range of domestic and exotic animals and birds
- A realistic working environment in a replica Veterinary Surgery
- An interesting mix of theory and practical sessions
- Opportunities for work placements, for example the West Midlands Safari Park

- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Animal Management HND
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including guest speakers and regular visits to animal sanctuaries, kennels, stables and zoos

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Animal Management

Level 3

If you are interested in Animal Management and working with a variety of animals then this course, consisting of practical and theory sessions, will give you relevant hands on experience.

We provide excellent Animal Care education in specialist facilities providing housing for exotic mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, as well as domestic small animals.

This is a comprehensive course if you want to increase your knowledge and develop an understanding of animals.

During the course, you will study units that will give you knowledge and experience in areas such as Animal Biology, Animal Behaviour, Animal Welfare & Ethics, Practical Animal Husbandry and the Principles of Exotic Care.

In the practical sessions, you will learn Handling & Restraint Techniques, Accommodation Management and Feeding Regimes for a wide variety of animals including exotic mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

All students must complete 300 hours work experience in an animal related industry – one day a week will be allocated for this as part of your timetable.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Assessment is mainly by written coursework, practical observation, photographic evidence and oral presentations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English, Maths and Science.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Animal Management HNC/D. University undergraduate courses include Wildlife Conservation, Vet Nursing, Animal Behaviour and Zoology.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are considering a career working with animals in roles such as Cattery/Kennels Assistant, Stable Hand, Trainee Veterinary Nurse, Pet Store Assistant, Trainee Zoo Keeper, Dog Grooming Assistant, Trainee Ecologist or Trainee Welfare Officer.

Animal Care

Level 2

If you are interested in working with a variety of animals, then this course will give you relevant hands on experience.

We provide excellent Animal Care education in specialist facilities providing housing for exotic mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, as well as domestic small animals.

During this introductory Animal Care course, you will undertake theory-based lessons, along with some practical activities related to the correct care and husbandry of a large range of animals.

During the course you will study Animal Health & Welfare, Animal Biology, Animal Behaviour and you will also learn about the most suitable accommodation and feeding for a variety of animals.

All students must complete 100 hours of work experience in an approved animal-based work placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Assessment is through assignment-based coursework that evidences both theoretical knowledge and practical abilities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

Evidence of an up to date tetanus vaccination must be provided for students in order to undertake practical activities.

Due to the structure of this course, all students need to be well organised, motivated and maintain good attendance throughout.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to Level 3 vocational courses, including Animal Management.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position working as a Pet Shop Assistant, Kennel & Cattery Assistant, Animal Nursing Assistant or Trainee Zoo Keeper.
Dog Grooming Assistant
Level 2 + Certificate with Animal Care

This course includes the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants alongside a BTEC Certificate in Animal Care which focuses on theory and practical skills for this industry.

During this introductory Dog Grooming course, you will undertake both theory and practical based lessons giving you knowledge and understanding to assist a professional dog groomer within a salon.

Subjects you will study during the course will include preparing and grooming dogs, bathing and drying of dogs, basic trimming of a dog’s coat, maintaining cleanliness and biosecurity and introduction to anatomical features, breed characteristics and behaviour of dogs.

Attendance to a work placement within a dog grooming salon is highly encouraged to enhance further skills and learning. Students are required to purchase a Dog Grooming tunic, which is to be worn during practical work. Further details of this will be given at enrolment. Proof of tetanus vaccination is required.

Due to the structure of this course, students will need to be well organised, motivated and maintain good attendance throughout.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Assessment is through a combination of a synoptic MCQ knowledge test, Awarding Body synoptic assignment and College based assignments and practical assessments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 Dog Grooming or Level 3 Animal Management qualification.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position working as a Dog Grooming Assistant within a grooming salon, or other canine based establishments.

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Animal Care
Level 1 Certificate in Land Based Studies

If you are interested in working with a variety of animals, then this course will give you relevant hands on experience.

We provide excellent Animal Care education in specialist facilities providing housing for exotic mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, as well as domestic small animals.

The course is suitable for students who have little or no experience with animals but are keen to gain an insight into a rewarding career in this area.

This course will involve a combination of hands-on practical skills, such as handling, cleaning, feeding and health checking a range of animal species.

You will need to study Maths and/or English as part of your study program as well as an additional Science qualification, to prepare you for further study in Animal Care.

All students must complete work experience in the Animal Care sector in order to gain industry experience.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
All assessments are completed through coursework, including theory assignments with given deadlines and practical assessments with a range of small animal species.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Literacy and Numeracy test plus a satisfactory interview.

You need to take part in practical and handling tasks for a range of animals to include species of small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and birds.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to Animal Care – Level 2

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior level role in the Animal Care Sector, such as Junior Kennel/Cattery Hand or Junior Yard Groom, although further training is advisable.

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Art & Design

REASONS TO STUDY ART & DESIGN AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Excellent studio space and fully equipped workshop facilities
- Specialist resources for Textiles, 3D Design, Ceramics, Graphics and Photography
- The latest AppleMac computers and industry standard software
- An interesting mix of theory and practical sessions
- Opportunities to participate in joint projects with professional artists and exhibit at the College’s annual End of Year Show
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Creative Media Production HNC/D
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visits to some of the most important galleries and studios throughout the UK and residential trips to exciting locations.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Art & Design
Level 3

This course offers you exciting and stimulating opportunities to develop practical skills, and the ability to think creatively and imaginatively within different areas of Art & Design in preparation for a career in the creative industries.

Through experimentation with 2D and 3D Fine Art, Graphic Design, Textiles and 3D Design Craft, you will gain an understanding of the distinct characteristics of different Art & Design disciplines before making choices about the creative pathway that you wish to pursue. A, studio based and practical course that encourages you to take risks, think creatively and explore the possibilities of Art & Design in the 21st Century.

You will be expected to complete a work experience placement in Year 1 and Year 2.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

In Year 1, your work is externally assessed through a final project. The project is set in February by UAL and you will produce an evaluation of your project under invigilation at the end of the year.

In Year 2, you will develop a personal body of work that allows for individual expression and ownership. The culmination of this individual research and development is a substantial final project that is exhibited in the end of year exhibition. This final major project is internally assessed and externally moderated by UAL.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English. A relevant Level 2 qualification will also be considered.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

You will need to provide a portfolio of work that demonstrates passion, commitment and energy.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You could progress to a range of higher level courses, including Foundation Diploma in Art & Design and Creative Media Production HNC/D. You can also study a range of degrees at university, including Fine Art, Visual Communication, Set and Costume Design, Architecture and Product Design.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Graphic Designer, Architect, Illustrator, Designer, Conservationist, Artist or Teacher.

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Art & Design
Level 3 UAL Foundation Diploma

This Art & Design course follows on from an existing Level 3 qualification. It will enable you to build a portfolio in a relevant area of creative specialist practice and develop the skills required to progress into higher education or the creative industries. Examples of the specialist practice that you can undertake on the course are: Fine Art Painting, Drawing, Printmaking and Sculpture, Graphic Design, Animation, Illustration, 3D Design including Ceramics, Jewellery and Architecture, Textiles including Surface Pattern or Fashion, Photography or Moving Image.

The course is divided between independent studio sessions and taught sessions that aim to develop your critical thinking, help you to establish an individual creative identity and challenge you to solve problems in a variety of contexts. You will learn how to discuss your work confidently and present your ideas to different audiences through group critiques and tutorials.

The course is made up of 3 stages all of which you must pass. The first stage challenges you to think critically, work experimentally and take risks in a supportive studio environment. You will explore a range of approaches, materials and processes across the different areas of creative practice in response to themes and experiences. The second stage of the course requires you to reflect on the experiences of the first stage and use this to identify and develop an area of your own specialist practice. The final stage of the course is your opportunity to bring together what you have learned and take charge of a self-initiated project that includes an extended critical essay or seminar and a summer exhibition.

An important part of the course is the emphasis on using experiences outside of the studio to enrich and nourish your creative practice. Therefore, wherever possible we will arrange to visit museums, galleries and sites that can provide you with inspiration. We also hope that a field trip can be planned.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The first 2 stages of the course are assessed internally though your projects for Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into Creative Practice and Unit 2: Developing Specialist Practice. In the final stage of the course your Final Major Project is internally assessed and graded and externally moderated against Unit 4: Consolidating Practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including Maths and English.

In addition, you will need 1 A Level or equivalent Level 3 qualification, preferably in a relevant creative subject such as Art & Design.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

The Level 3 Foundation Diploma carries UCAS points. You can go on to study a whole range of degrees at university including Fine Art, Visual Communication, Set and Costume Design, Illustration, Architecture, and Product Design amongst many others. Having the additional year to develop your portfolio can prepare you to apply to the most competitive courses and also enhances your potential to succeed at HE level.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Graphic Designer, Architect, Illustrator, Designer, Conservationist, Artist or Teacher.

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If you see yourself working as a Couture Fashion Designer, a High Street Buyer, a Fashion Stylist or a Fashion Store Manager, the skills you learn on this course could be just the thing to jump start your career. Taught by industry specialists, you will spend 2 years developing skills in the following areas, Drawing for Fashion Illustration and Textiles Design, Creative Garment Design and Communication, Creative Pattern Cutting and Garment Construction, and Understanding your Place in the Fashion and Textiles Industry.

Printing, Photoshop, Contextual Analysis and Tailoring are just some of the processes that are used to design and make garments, and students have the opportunity to understand how their work can be styled and marketed, through photoshoots and CAD development in magazine styles.

You will research industry standard project briefs to develop and extend your learning, and the College’s annual Fashion Show and Exhibition is a celebration of the skills and knowledge that you have gained. You will also learn how to become an independent learner, working on problem solving, communication and presentation skills will enable you to flourish in whatever the next step of your career path is.

To further enhance your employability skills, there will be opportunities for you to complete a one week work placement. This compulsory aspect of the course gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course will be assessed on an ongoing basis. There are both short term and long term deadlines set, and all of the latter are specified at the start of the year.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English. A relevant Level 2 qualification will also be considered. You will need to provide a portfolio of work that shows a variety of skills. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
The course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Designer, Buyer, Stylist, Retail Manager, Visual Merchandiser, Costume Designer, Textile Designer and Interior Designer.

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Photography

Level 3

This course is made up of 4 components over 2 years and covers a variety of digital and traditional Photography techniques from studio lighting, location and documentary photography to videography, Photoshop and darkroom techniques. You will also undertake a 5 day work placement which you will need to source; we will support you with this throughout the first few weeks of your course. We have some established placements available that students will be able to apply for. We also take part in cross curricular work where you will get to experience the Mayfly festival and work alongside the Fashion students on the catwalk. We try to incorporate trips where appropriate, exploring a range of themes and helping you with research and influencing your final photographic pieces. The course is delivered in a way that with our support and guidance, allows you to be creative and independent in your learning, giving you the opportunity to really explore your photography skills in a way that will help you create a body of work and help you progress into the work environment or continue your studies at a higher level.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework. You will work on assignments that have set deadlines and you will be expected to show evidence of how your work has been created. You will have the opportunity to exhibit your work at the College’s End of Year Show.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including Maths, English and an Art based subject. A relevant Level 2 qualification may also be considered. You will also need a portfolio of your creative work, which can be presented in either a printed or digital format at your interview.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career working in Studio Photography, Journalism, Digital Marketing, and Forensic, Fashion or Commercial Photography.

Art & Design

Level 2

This course provides a unique opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and techniques essential for anyone interested in a career in Art & Design. The course is delivered through a range of interesting projects which will enable you to research, develop and refine your own creative ideas. The course will help you to explore the work of well-known artists and designers, as well as develop your own practical skills working with both 2D and 3D art media. In addition to an animation project the course allows you to choose your final end of year project. To complement our class based work we encourage students to take full advantage of the various trips we organise to local and national exhibitions.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Your work is continually assessed throughout the course, enabling us to help you reach your full potential.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and Art. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Art & Design or Graphic Design.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course could put you on the path to a career as a Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Animator, Fine Artist, Jeweller, Set Designer, Craftsperson or Art Therapist.

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This course develops skills and knowledge in various techniques linked to the Fashion industry. It offers a wide variety of skills such as digital design, dress making, printing alongside drawing, painting and textiles. The work completed will be strongly supported by an understanding of historical and contemporary fashion contextual studies, enabling you to appreciate how fashion has progressed through time, and offering a broad range of inspirational sources to draw from in your own work.

You will research industry standard project briefs to develop and extend your learning. The College’s Annual Fashion Show is a celebration of the skills and knowledge that you have gained.

To further enhance your employability skills there will be opportunities for you to complete a one week work placement. This compulsory aspect of the course gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
Your coursework will be continually assessed by completing a series of projects and exhibiting your work.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and an Art-based subject. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Fashion for Design & Retail and Art & Design.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course could put you on the path to a career as a Stylist, Design Assistant, Store Manager, Retail Manager, Junior Buyer and Merchandiser.

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Graphic Design
Level 2

If you are interested in the world of Graphic Design this course will give you the opportunity to study the work of contemporary and historical artists, typographers and designers.
You will also learn the traditional and digital skills required to develop your own ideas and creativity.
Through working in a variety of specialisms including drawing, printmaking, photography and digital design, you will be able to explore, experiment and develop practical skills. This will enable you to learn about Graphic Design and the career opportunities available.
To further enhance your employability skills, there will be opportunities for you to complete a one week work placement. This compulsory aspect of the course gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class, to the real world of work.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Your coursework will be continually assessed by completing a series of projects and exhibiting your work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and an Art-based subject. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Graphic Design and Art & Design.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course could put you on the path to a career as a Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Animator or Advertiser.

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Photography
Level 2

This course provides a unique opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and techniques essential for anyone interested in a career in Photography. The course is delivered through a range of topics enabling you to understand how to research, develop and evaluate your ideas.
This course will help you to focus on Photography as your specialism and, comprising of 8 units, covers a variety of digital and traditional Photographic techniques, from studio lighting, location, documentary photography and Photoshop
You will also undertake a 5 day work placement which you will need to source; we will support you with this throughout the first few weeks of your course. We have some established placements available that students will be able to apply for.
We offer support for all our students in a friendly and creative environment.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by coursework and practical projects. The typical structure of each unit is research, planning and then producing your own images.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and an Art-based subject. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course including Photography, Graphics and Media.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course could put you on the path to a career in Photography, including Advertising, Commercial or Studio and Digital Marketing.

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Beauty Studies

REASONS TO STUDY BEAUTY STUDIES AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Excellent purpose-built Beauty Salons and Treatment Rooms
- Access to a realistic working environment
- The latest range of equipment and professional products
- Well-equipped base rooms and resource centres for theory work
- Participation in special promotional events
- The possibility of taking dedicated units
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visiting speakers, trips to trade shows and exhibitions and the possibility of taking additional relevant qualifications

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Beauty Therapy
VTCT Level 3

The content of this qualification is comprised of all the required elements to work effectively as a Beauty Therapist including health & safety, client care and communication, electrical face and body treatments, and body massage. In addition, you will learn about anatomy and physiology for beauty therapies. During the course, you will develop an underpinning knowledge and understanding of the practical skills required for this qualification.

The course also includes enrichment opportunities (additional to your qualification), to enhance employability skills and meet industry trends. These include opportunities to take part in workshops, introducing Level 4 services and other relevant industry skills.

Work experience is a compulsory element of the course to give you a realistic experience of working in the industry alongside your studies.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by a combination of practical observations and external written exams. You will also need to compile a portfolio of evidence.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
This course builds on existing knowledge and understanding of Beauty Therapy gained at Level 2, enabling learners to expand the scope of their technical skills to prepare for employment as a Beauty Therapist.

Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level VTCT qualifications to complement your studies. These could include certificates, diplomas or awards in: Salon Management, Micropigmentation, Advanced Beauty Therapy, Permanent Hair Removal & Skin Rejuvenation and Skin Blemish Removal.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in working as a Beauty Therapist in a Beauty Salon, Day Spa including on cruise ships, in hotels, hospitals/care homes and HM prisons or in Product Manufacturing, Training and Self Employment.

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Complementary Therapies
VTCT Level 3

The VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies is a preparation for work qualification, that has been designed to prepare you for a career as a Complementary Therapist, either it be as an Aromatherapist, Reflexologist or Massage Therapist/Practitioner.

This qualification will develop your knowledge and understanding of the principles and business practice for Complementary Therapies. In addition, you will learn about anatomy, physiology and pathology for Complementary Therapies.

You will also develop your understanding and practical skills to provide body massage, aromatherapy and reflexology.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of practical observation and written exams. You will also need to produce evidence of your practice and underpinning knowledge.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
There are no formal prerequisite qualifications that you must have prior to undertaking this qualification. You will need however, to have the required knowledge, understanding and skills to successfully achieve this qualification.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a Level 3 vocational course in Beauty Therapy or Theatrical & Media Make Up.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you want a career as a Complementary Therapist, in a Beauty Salon, Day Spa including on cruise ships, in hotels, hospitals/care homes, HM prisons, or in Product Manufacturing, Training and Self Employment.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Theatrical & Media Make Up
Level 3
This course will give you the opportunity to learn and develop make up, wig & hair skills, and gain the knowledge and techniques needed to work in film, theatre and TV.
During the course, you will focus on the following; Health & Safety, Photographic Make Up, Media Make Up, Airbrushing Make Up, Cosmetic Camouflage, False Lash Applications, Fitting Wigs & Postiche, Cosmetic Make Up Science and Anatomy & Physiology for Make Up Services.
There will be opportunities for enrichment activities, including trade shows and trips. You will need a uniform and make up kit.
Work experience is an essential requirement, this will include evenings and weekends at local theatres and community venues and services.
DURATION
1 Year
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of practical observations of make up looks, group assessments, external written exams and graded synoptic assessment. You will also need to compile a portfolio of evidence.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths. Art, Science or History may also be beneficial.
A Pass in Level 2 Hair & Make Up Artistry, or related qualification, may also be considered.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to another Level 3 qualification in Hair or Beauty or an exciting range of higher or professional level courses in Hair or Beauty. An Apprenticeship may also be considered.
JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career working in Film, Theatre, TV, the Fashion Industry or as a Freelance Make Up Artist.
CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Beauty Therapy
VTCT Level 2
Throughout this course you will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to consult and perform a range of treatments.
The units studied will include, Facial Skin Care, Removing Hair Using Waxing Techniques, Eyelash and Brow Treatments, Manicure/Pedicure Treatments, Make Up Application, Salon Reception Duties and Salon Health & Safety.
In addition, you will develop communication & customer service skills, awareness of environmental sustainability & commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. Problem solving, team working & research skills will also be developed.
The course also includes enrichment opportunities (in addition to your qualification) to enhance employability skills and meet industry trends. These may include workshops in Gel Nails and Nail Art.
Work experience is a compulsory element of the course, giving you a realistic experience of working in the industry alongside your studies.
DURATION
1 Year
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed by a combination of practical units, tests and assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of evidence. The evidence in the portfolio may take the following forms including; observed work, witness statements, audio-visual media, evidence of prior learning or attainment, written questions, oral questions, assignments and case studies.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and Science. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could consider a junior position in a salon, retail setting or self employment.
JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position in a salon, retail setting or self employment.
CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry

Level 1

The VTCT Level 1 Introduction to Hair & Beauty has been designed to introduce you to a range of practical skills, from across the Hair and Beauty industries. This course will develop your confidence and build on basic hair and beauty skills to support possible progression on to Level 2 courses.

Throughout this qualification, you will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to consult and perform a range of treatments. You will also develop your communication, customer service and commercial skills, all of which are highly valued by employers. Problem solving, team working and research skills will also be developed.

The course also includes enrichment opportunities (additional to your qualification) to enhance skills, and further prepare you for the next step. These include opportunities to take part in tasters for Level 2 treatments and workshops from industry speakers.

Work experience is a compulsory element of the course and will give you a realistic experience of working in the industry alongside your studies.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through assessments for all practical units and you will be required to produce a portfolio of evidence. The evidence in the portfolio may take the following forms including: observed work, witness statements, audio-visual media, evidence of prior learning or attainment, written questions, oral questions, assignments and case studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Literacy and Numeracy test, plus a satisfactory interview.

You will continue to study English and Maths at an appropriate level as part of your curriculum timetable.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course in Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing. An Apprenticeship could also be considered.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could progress to a junior position in the Beauty or Hairdressing industries in a salon, retail setting or self-employment, but further training would be advisable.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Business Studies

REASONS TO STUDY BUSINESS STUDIES AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Exceptional levels of student achievement
- An opportunity to study in the College’s outstanding Business School
- Develop research and problem solving techniques
- Interesting and rewarding work placements
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Business HNC/D
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including speakers from major national and international companies, and trips to vocationally relevant destinations

Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...

Apprenticeship Opportunities in Business & Professional Services include:
- Accounts
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Digital Marketing
- Operations & Departmental Management
- Team Leader

Successful Level 3 students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Business Level 3

The Level 3 Business course will provide you with comprehensive understanding of how businesses are structured, operate, grow and develop, to maximise their brand and financial success.
Throughout this Business course you will enjoy and learn about a wide range of topics such as: Marketing, Exploring Business, Recruitment & Selection, Personal & Business Finance, Event Management, International Business, English Legal Systems and more.
The course also involves learning in depth about well-known major international businesses such as: Apple, Jaguar Land Rover, Nando’s, Netflix, Amazon, McDonald’s, Disney and many others.
All students are expected to complete a 1 week work experience placement.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and internal and external assessments, which may include real-world tasks, tests, research projects, essays and presentations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to achieve at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Business HNC/D and a degree course at university.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Accountancy, Law, Marketing, Management, Retail, Office Management, Human Resources, Finance or setting up your own business.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Level 3

Students completing this course will be budding entrepreneurs with a business idea that they wish to pursue further. The course has been developed with a view to equipping learners with the entrepreneurial skills that are required in order to start their own business.
These skills are increasingly valued by larger organisations, as creative ideas are encouraged in order to maximise quality and efficiency within the organisation.
This is a practical course that covers a wide range of topics, including elements of Economics, Accounts, Law, Marketing, Business Ethics and Human Resources.
Students will be able to study and examine small businesses in order to enhance their practical understanding of these key areas. Work experience is a mandatory requirement for the course where completion of an appropriate placement enables students to link classroom theory to practical scenarios and enhance employability prospects.
Throughout the course there are opportunities to take part in visits that enhance knowledge and the general understanding of business concepts. There will also be an opportunity for students to practice their project management skills as part of a team, working in a marketplace environment.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to achieve at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.
An initial Business idea would also be advantageous.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Business HNC/D.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you want to run your own business but will also prepare you to work in a range of business fields, such as Finance, Marketing, Retail, or Human Resources.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Business

Level 2

This course provides many opportunities for students, from gaining useful business knowledge to being able to demonstrate key employability skills. The range of units allow you to get an insight into various concepts and theories, which are related to real life scenarios. Students who have their own business ideas find this course useful as it contains finance aspects, marketing, building customer relations, as well as making your own web page. As part of this course you will be taking part in work experience which will further enhance your knowledge of how businesses work and develop.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Business.

An Apprenticeship could also be considered.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position that is Finance or Law based, although Retail is also very popular. Other roles could include working in Business Administration, Customer Service, Marketing or Management.

Business & IT

Level 1

The two strands of this course, Business & IT, will prepare you for progression to a Level 2 programme.

In the Business strand, you will investigate how businesses work, and why innovation and change are important. You will develop your own business idea and present it to others. You will also investigate where businesses obtain their money from and how they spend it, and the importance of delivering good customer service to everyone you meet and how to ensure you do this effectively.

The IT strand will focus on designing and presenting information for an audience, using a wide variety of digital software. You will learn how to use email, social media and visual media for a given purpose. You will also have the opportunity to create a simple website.

During the course, you will enhance your life skills and learn how to become more organised, using to-do lists, schedules, reminders and planners. You will enhance your research skills and how you record the information you have found. Working with others will improve your social interaction. You will consider what you want to do in the future, and what you need to do to achieve it.

All students are expected to complete a 1 week work experience placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Literacy and Numeracy tests, plus a satisfactory interview.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, such as Business and IT.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position working in Business or IT, but further training would be more appropriate.
Catering & Patisserie

REASONS TO STUDY CATERING & PATISSERIE AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63, providing a realistic working environment
- Opportunities to be part of MasterChef Champion and former student, Stuart Deeley’s Professional Chef Academy
- Fantastic facilities in the Training and Production Kitchens
- A Professional Patisserie Kitchen
- The latest industry standard equipment and utensils
- Strong industry links, including Michelin starred city restaurants
- Organising and managing themed Events
- Opportunities for industrial placements in top local hotels and restaurants
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education

- Experienced and supportive staff with extensive Catering and Hospitality experience
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visits to exhibitions and shows and the possibility of taking additional relevant qualifications

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Professional Patisserie & Confectionery

Level 3

If you like the idea of running a busy restaurant kitchen or bakery, where patisserie skills and craftsmanship are valued, this course covers the supervisory skills and all aspects of dessert preparation and cooking that you will require. You will develop and practice the skills needed for successful employment within the industry and you will also gain valuable hands-on experience in managing a production kitchen.

During the course, you will gain the necessary Patisserie skills required to work in the industry, and learn how to make high class desserts and decorative pieces, as well as gaining your full Food Safety qualification. The course contains a variety of interesting and creative units including, exploring gastronomy, producing petits fours, and pastry products.

All students are expected to complete a 1 week industry work experience placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through the combination of a portfolio (including photographic evidence), skills tests and synoptic tests.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least a Pass at Level 2 Professional Patisserie & Confectionery.
Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to exciting higher level and professional qualifications, including Science or Social specialisms such as Bakery Technology Management BSc.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career working as a Patisserie Chef, Baker or self-employment.

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Professional Cookery

Advanced Diploma Level 3

If you like the idea of running a busy restaurant kitchen, where cookery skills and craftsmanship are valued, this course covers the supervisory skills and all aspects of food preparation and cooking that you will require. You will develop and practice the skills needed for successful employment within the industry and you will also gain valuable hands-on experience in managing a production kitchen.

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of practical lessons, where you will be cooking a range of sweet and savoury dishes. Advanced skills and techniques will help you to prepare a variety of dishes including: vegetarian, meat, poultry, fish & seafood, desserts and cakes to a professional standard.

You will also develop Supervisory Skills in the Hospitality Industry, which will help you to establish good teamwork in a professional kitchen, and an understanding of Practical Gastronomy will ensure that you appreciate the principles of the dining experience. Covering the influences of the impact of gastronomy including cultural, religious, geographic location, transportation of commodities, science and technology

All students are expected to complete a work experience placement in a professional kitchen and have the opportunity to access the Stuart Deeley Professional Chef Academy.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
This course is assessed through a combination of assignments, tests and synoptic exams.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least a Pass in the Level 2 Professional Cookery qualification.
Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are considering opportunities in top hotels and first class restaurants, possibly working as a Chef de Partie or Commis Chef.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Professional Patisserie & Confectionery
Level 2

This practical course is the next step towards an exciting career in Catering.
You will have hands-on experience of working within professional kitchens and
producing baked goods for sale.
During the course, you will learn the basic skills needed in the patisserie world,
working with cakes, chocolate, sugar and understanding working in the
Hospitality industry. You will also study for your Food Safety and Health & Safety
qualifications.
In addition, you will be taught how to produce pastry and fermented goods, hot
and cold desserts and a range of petit fours to create the perfect afternoon tea.
All students are expected to complete a 1 week industry work experience
placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
This course is assessed through the combination of a portfolio (with photographic
evidence), skills tests and synoptic tests.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including
English and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and
Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you
can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future
employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to Level 3 Professional Patisserie & Confectionery or move
across to Level 2 Professional Cookery.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position working as a Patisserie Chef or Baker.

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Professional Cookery
Level 2

Do you want to be the next Stuart Deeley, winner of MasterChef the Professionals
2020?
This practical course is the next step towards an exciting career in Catering.
Having learnt the basics at Level 1, you will get hands-on experience of cooking a
range of dishes in our training and production kitchen, although you may be able
to start at Level 2 if you have achieved the required grades, and not necessarily
complete the Level 1 course.
The production kitchen supplies the College Restaurant – ‘Bistro at 63’ and our
paying guests.
Throughout the course you will build on your knowledge of Food Safety and Health & Safety
within the industry and alongside learning about kitchen operations, special attention will be given to costs and menu planning.
Preparing and cooking food is a vital part of this course and will include: stocks,
soups & sauces, meat, poultry & fish, rice, pasta & grains, puddings & desserts and a
variety of sweet treats.
All students are expected to undertake a work experience placement within
a professional kitchen and have the opportunity to access the Stuart Deeley
Professional Chef Academy.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
This course is assessed through a combination of assignments, test, skills test and
synoptic examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including
English and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and
Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you
can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future
employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to Level 3 Professional Cookery or move across to Level 2
Professional Patisserie & Confectionery.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider employment as a Commis Chef or any junior position in
Catering.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Professional Cookery
Level 1

Do you want to be the next Stuart Deeley, winner of MasterChef the Professionals 2020? If you do, then this course is the first step into a successful career in this exciting industry and will introduce you to Employability, Food Safety and Health & Safety Awareness within Catering.

You will look at the growing need for special diets and the increased popularity of healthier foods, while learning how to prepare and cook food in a variety of ways, including boiling, poaching, steaming, stewing, baking, roasting, grilling and frying.

You will also have the opportunity to prepare cold food and find out more about the regeneration of pre-prepared food.

All students are expected to complete a 1 week industry work experience placement.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
This course is assessed through a combination of assignment work, kitchen assessments and theory question papers.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Literacy and Numeracy tests and a satisfactory interview.

You will also need to have commitment and enthusiasm.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, including in Professional Cookery and Professional Patisserie & Confectionery.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
You could consider a junior position in the Catering industry such as Kitchen Assistant or Commis Chef

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY]
Digital Technologies & Computer Science

**REASONS TO STUDY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & COMPUTER SCIENCE AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE**

- Exciting courses that meet the latest technological trends
- Outstanding IT facilities in fantastic accommodation
- The latest hardware and software available
- High quality learning resources are available on the College’s Virtual Learning Environment
- Exceptional results and progression rates
- Interesting and rewarding work placements
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Computing HNC/D
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visiting speakers and trips to vocationally relevant destinations

**Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...**

Apprenticeship Opportunities in Digital Technologies & Computer Science include:
- Digital Marketing
- Infrastructure Technician

Successful Level 3 students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

*Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English*
Cyber & Network Security (Ethical Hacking)

Level 3

During the first year of the course, the focus is to build a foundation in both practical and theoretical computer science. You will learn hardware and software skills including Computer Systems and Networking, together with Web Technologies and Programming. There will also be modules on Cyber Security Awareness and its impact on business.

The second year will be focused more on Cyber Security and Data breach. There will be modules on other subjects such as Cloud Systems, Project Management, and advanced programming techniques.

The overall aim of this course is to help you become a competent Programmer or IT Technician and give you a firm foundation in Cyber Security.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of exams and coursework. The coursework will be made up of practical sessions, demonstrations, presentations, and games expo, allowing you to develop and showcase all your academic and personal skills.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/D Computing and degrees in Computer Science, Cyber Security, Games Development and many more.

**AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.**

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are considering a career working as a Software Engineer, Mobile Application Developer, Systems Analyst, Cyber Security Analyst, Network Engineer or a Web Developer.

**Esports**

Level 3

This Level 3 Diploma has been developed to meet the upcoming demand for skills in Esports. The qualification includes a breadth of transferable skills that will enable you to experience different areas of Esports and aid your progression to employment, directly or via further study. Esports offers a unique opportunity to study a sector that crosses over multiple subject areas such as Sport, Marketing, Enterprise, IT and the creatives. It provides an opportunity for alignment of social, physical, mental and financial skills into one qualification to deepen and expand learning. These are skills that are highly valued in the changing and fluid workplace. All learners must apply strategy, skill and teamwork to be successful. All learners must apply strategy, skill and teamwork to be successful and willing to participate in organised, multi-player video game competitions.

The qualification is aimed at learners who want to progress to employment in the Esports industry, possibly via an apprenticeship, or who may aspire to enter higher education. The course is endorsed by the British Esports Association, meaning that it will be recognised by employers and supports entry into the industry in a range of roles.

The course entails extensive case study hours. This will need to be completed during, and outside, of timetabled hours. Time must be planned for this at home or in work placement for successful completion of the course. As part of this study programme, you will also be required to participate in work experience and enrichment.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of practical observations, portfolio evidence of assessment, case study work and evidence of underpinning knowledge.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/D Computing and degrees in Computer Science, Cyber Security, Games Development and many more.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in the following careers, Esports Player, Team Coach, Social Media Influencer, Data Analyst or Events Organiser.
Software & Website Development

Level 3

During the first year of this course, the main focus will be on computer engineering. You will learn how to work with and troubleshoot IT faults, as well as developing an in-depth knowledge of hardware, software and computer networks. The course also includes a module on Social Media and Digital Marketing, along with learning and designing applications for the Internet and mobile devices. Software Engineering and Website Development are the main focus throughout the second year of this course and alongside this there will be units in Project Management, Cloud Based Systems and Cyber Security. Amongst other things, this course will help you to become a competent Programmer, Web Developer, IT Technician and Cloud Specialist, ensuring that you are work ready for the rapidly changing digital market.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of exams and coursework. The coursework will be made up of practical sessions, demonstrations, presentations and games expo, allowing you to develop and showcase all your academic and personal skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/D Computing and degrees in Computer Science, Cyber Security, Games Development and many more.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are considering a career working as a Software Engineer, Mobile Application Developer, Systems Analyst, Cyber Security Analyst, Network Engineer or a Web Developer.

VR Developer 
& Computer Engineering

Level 3

During the first year of this course you will focus on Computer Engineering, where you will learn how to work with and troubleshoot IT faults, as well as learning about hardware, software and computer networks. You will complete a module on Social Media and Digital Marketing along with learning and designing applications for the Internet and mobile devices. The second year will be focused on Games Development, Virtual Reality and Project Management. You will learn about Cloud based systems and cyber security which aims to make you work ready for the rapidly changing digital market. By the end of the course, you will be familiar with a wide range of topics and become a competent Programmer, IT Technician and Cloud Specialist, plus much more!

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of exams and coursework. The coursework will be made up of practical sessions and may be built into projects, allowing you to develop and showcase all your academic and personal skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs – 2 at Grade 4 and above, and 3 at Grade 5, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
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You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including HNC/D Computing and degrees in Computer Science, Cyber Security, Games Development and many more.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are considering a career working as an IT Technician, Mobile App Developer, Computer Programmer, Digital Marketer, Project Manager, Systems Analyst or Cyber Security Analyst.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Digital Technologies
Level 2
This course is ideal if you wish to develop a good overall understanding of modern Digital Technologies; these will include IT, Computer Science and creative skills. If you enjoy creativity and developing technical knowledge along with analytical skills, then this course is for you.
The course will provide you with the core skills necessary to work within the digital industries through the 2 exams that cover the essentials of IT and Cyber Security. This is supported by several coursework units where you will work in teams to design, develop and pitch a product of your choice. You will also develop skills within the fields of data analysis and emerging technologies, and learn how to work within the growing field of social media management.
You will develop the skills necessary to go straight into employment in a wide variety of fields, or to progress into the Level 3 course.
To further enhance your employability, there will be opportunities for you to complete a 1 week work experience placement. This compulsory aspect of the course gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.
DURATION
1 Year
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and assignments, which will include formal team working, practical work, presentation and report writing.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of Level 3 vocational courses, including in IT, Business or Media.
AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

Business & IT
Level 1
The two strands of this course, Business & IT, will prepare you for progression to a Level 2 programme.
In the Business strand, you will investigate how businesses work and why innovation and change are important. You will develop your own business idea and present it to others. You will also investigate where businesses obtain their money from and how they spend it, and the importance of delivering good customer service to everyone you meet and how to ensure you do this effectively.
The IT strand will focus on designing and presenting information for an audience, using a wide variety of digital software. You will learn how to use email, social media and visual media for a given purpose. You will also have the opportunity to create a simple website.
During the course, you will enhance your life skill by learning how to become more organised, using to-do lists, schedules, reminders and planners. You will also enhance your research skills and how you record the information you have found. Working with others will improve your social interaction. You will consider what you want to do in the future and what you need to do to achieve it.
All students are expected to complete a 1 week work experience placement.
DURATION
1 Year
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through assignments.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Literacy and Numeracy test plus a satisfactory interview.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, such as Business or IT.
JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position working in Business or IT, but further training may be more appropriate.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Early Years & Education

REASONS TO STUDY EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- A range of industry recognised courses
- Well-equipped base rooms and a resource centre
- Active learning experiences in the classroom
- Valuable work placement opportunities
- Extensive College Progression Routes, including Early Years Foundation Degree, Education & Training Diploma and Learning Support Foundation Degree
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including guest speakers and the possibility of taking additional relevant qualifications

Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...

Apprenticeship Opportunities in Early Years & Education include:
- Early Years Practitioner
- Early Years Educator
- Teaching Assistant

Successful Level 3 students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Childcare & Education
Early Years Educator

Level 3 (CACHE Technical)

This course will allow you to gain the knowledge and experience required to work with children, from birth to 5 years old. It is an interesting and diverse course that enables you to study a variety of subjects, some of which include: Child Development, Safeguarding, Supporting Children with Additional Needs, Observation, Assessment & Planning and How to Support Emergent Literacy & Mathematics in the Early Years.

The course combines College and work placement, and you will be encouraged to implement your new knowledge into your practice in an Early Years setting. Throughout the course you will have support from the Placement Officers Team. A clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of internally set assignments and 2 externally assessed, controlled assessments (1 per year).

The practical element of the course will be monitored and assessed by the Early Years Assessor and your Personal Coach.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to achieve a minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Foundation Degrees in Early Years or Learning Support, and degrees in Primary Teaching or Social Work.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as an Early Years Practitioner or Teaching Assistant, Child Minder, Social Work Assistant, Play Worker or Children’s Holiday Rep – working with children aged 0-5 years.

Education & Childcare
T Level

What is the CACHE Technical Qualification element of the T Level?
The CACHE Level 3 Technical Qualification in Education & Childcare will provide learners with the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training or study in the Education and Childcare sector. There will be 2 occupational specialisms within the qualification, Early Years Education & Childcare and Assisting Teaching, both of which will consist of classroom-based and practical learning.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels, the course meets industry requirements and offers a mixture of classroom learning and industry placement. Learners who successfully achieve the Early Years Education & Childcare occupational specialism will be counted in the employment ratios for Childcare.

The programme will involve:
- A core set of underpinning knowledge, concepts and skills tailored for the industry and occupation of choice, such as Safeguarding, Observing and Planning for Children’s Development and the Importance of Play.
- Industry and occupational specific content. Specialist content will ensure students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to enter employment.
- An industry placement with an employer focused on developing the practical and technical skills required for the occupation. These will last a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) but can last longer. Within the placement there will be an employer-set project.

DURATION
2 Years. We expect the total time for a T Level to be around 1,800 hours over the 2 years, including the industry placement. This is a significant increase on most current technical education courses.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
Core knowledge and skills (concepts, theories and principles relevant to chosen industrial T Level) are assessed through an external examination and an employer set project. Occupational specialism (skills and behaviours required and demonstrated in placement to achieve threshold competence in an occupational specialism) assessed synoptically through practical assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
T Levels provide several progression options. These include, skilled employment, an apprenticeship and higher education.

UCAS points will only be allocated to the overall T Level Grade. Students must achieve at least an overall Pass Grade to receive UCAS points.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
Completing the qualification can lead to numerous roles, including Early Years Practitioner and Teaching Assistant, depending on the occupational specialism chosen.
This course offers an exciting opportunity for students to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills when caring for, and supporting the learning and development of, children aged 0-7 years. This qualification can be completed as a full study programme alongside GCSE English and Mathematics for those who wish to progress to level 3 qualifications or the workforce.

The course units cover key subject areas including Child Development, Play and Learning, Exploring Legislation, The Role of the Practitioner, Nutrition and Physical Development and Physical Activity.

A clear Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check is required and you will be expected to complete a Professional Skills Record, and a work experience placement.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and placement assessment.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including in Early Years or Health & Social Care.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course could put you on the path to a career as a Nursery Assistant, Teaching Assistant or Pre-School Assistant.

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This course provides the foundation to develop a wide range of skills and techniques essential for anyone interested in a career in Early Years & Education. The course is delivered through a range of topics, enabling you to understand how to research, develop and evaluate your ideas.

As part of this course you will study 12 units, including An Introduction to Children’s Play & Learning, Forest Schools and Science Activities for Young Children.

Teaching and learning will be a mixture of practical and class-based sessions developing your ability to stimulate and engage the children you will work with.

A clear Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check is required and you will have the opportunity to attend a placement where you will gain first-hand experience of working with children.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
Assessment is through a combination of coursework and assignments.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need Literacy and Numeracy assessments, an interview and satisfactory reference.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to Level 2 vocational courses, either within Early Years or a different subject area.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course will give you an insight into working with children, although you will require further study at a higher level to work as a Childcare Practitioner.
English for Speakers of Other Languages

REASONS TO STUDY ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES AT HALESWEN COLLEGE

- An excellent range of courses and vocational tasters
- Exciting purpose-built facilities for learners
- A welcoming and inclusive learning environment
- Excellent results and student progression rates

- Interesting work experience opportunities
- Access to technology and wide range of College resources
- A dedicated team of highly skilled and specialist staff
- Fantastic Enrichment Opportunities, including trips and visits
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Entry 1, 2 & 3 + Level 1

This course is suitable for students whose first language is not English. It is also ideal for students who have only been at school in the UK for 4 years (or less). This course combines English Language skills development with a range of units designed to prepare you for the world of work and/or further education.

These units include:
- Functional English & Maths
- ESOL (Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing)
- Healthy Living
- IT & Digital Skills
- Personal Budgeting & Managing Money
- Local Community & Citizenship
- Diversity in Society
- Teamwork
- Science

You will take part in a work placement and there will be a group trip during each term.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
During the course, you will complete a range of units and compile a portfolio. There will be on-going assessment of your coursework. For Maths and English Functional Skills there will be an exam at the end of the year. For ESOL there will be an exam at the end of each term.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to attend an interview where your initial language skills will be assessed.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to vocational courses at Entry 3, Level 1, Level 2 or possibly A Levels. Previous students have progressed onto: Travel & Tourism, Business & IT Users, Childcare, Hairdressing, Beauty, Public Services, Hospitality & Catering, Graphic Design, Art & Design and Applied Science.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider relevant employment in your chosen area of study.

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REASONS TO STUDY FOUNDATION AT HALESOwen COLLEGE

- An excellent range of courses and vocational tasters
- Exciting purpose-built facilities for Entry Level learners
- A happy learning environment
- Fantastic results and student progression rates
- Small group sizes and individual support readily available
- Interesting work experience opportunities
- Access to technology and the wide range of College resources
- A dedicated team of highly skilled and specialist staff
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including trips and visits

For more information about the support available contact Helen Stockdale (SEND Coordinator) on 0121 602 7626 or email hstockdale@halesowen.ac.uk
Vocational Studies

Level 1

If you are creative, this is the course for you.
The course includes Media, Art, Drama and Music as well as Maths and English.
This is a popular course with an excellent pass rate and will take part in a range of practical skills and learn how to use a range of equipment across the four different subjects. This will allow you to film your own music video, create an art mood board, perform in a band and create your own characters and story for a drama performance.
If you are organised, motivated and willing to try new things, this course will help you to improve your confidence and help develop your team working, practical work and writing skills.
To further enhance your employability skills there will be opportunities for you to complete a one week work placement. This gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A satisfactory interview and Literacy and Numeracy tests.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a range of Level 2 vocational courses including in Media, Art & Design and Performing Arts.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
A junior position in a range of creative industries could be considered.

Foundation Hospitality, Catering & Employability

Level 1 / Entry Level 3

This course is suitable if you are interested in pursuing a career in the Hospitality sector, but would find the transition to the Level 1 Catering course difficult. Units in both food production in our Training Kitchens, and food service within our Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63, will offer an insight into the Hospitality and Catering Sector.
During the course, you will complete a variety of units, which will introduce you to Basic Food Preparation, Baking, Food and Drink Service, Menu Planning and Food Hygiene. In addition, you will gain an understanding of using ICT in the workplace.
You will also complete work experience within the Hospitality & Catering sector and be expected to undertake placements in the College Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63, and the College Shop ‘Elliot’s’.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A successful interview and satisfactory school reference.
To be successful, however, you are expected to be working at a minimum of Entry Level 3 in English and Entry Level 2 in Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a Level 1 or 2 Catering course.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position in Catering, but further training is probably a better option.
Personal Development & Employability
Level 1 / Entry Level 2, 3

This course would be suitable if you are working at Entry Level 2, 3 or Level 1 and need a supported course to improve your transition from school into College or employment.

The programme will help you learn the core skills needed to develop your personal, social and educational wellbeing. It will develop your confidence in decision making, living independently, and getting into employment.

This qualification will allow you to achieve either an extended award or certificate, depending on your individual needs. On successful completion of the course, you will have the opportunity to progress to a higher level course within a diverse range of vocational areas on offer at the College.

You will be expected to participate in a work experience placement.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and practical skill assessment.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A successful interview and a Literacy and Numeracy assessment.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You could progress to a Foundation Studies course or Level 1 vocational courses in a variety of subjects. A Supported Internship could also be considered, if you are keen to get into employment and have an EHCP.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
You could consider a junior position, but further training is probably a better option.

Foundation Studies
Entry Level 3

This course would be suitable if you are working at Entry Level 2 or 3 and need a supported course to improve your transition from school.

You might be in need of some confidence building before progressing, or may not have taken exams for a variety of reasons, e.g. health/personal circumstances.

This course will allow you to take either a certificate, or extended certificate qualification, depending on your individual needs. The course gives learners a taste of different vocations, such as Travel & Tourism, Sport, IT and Business. You will also develop teamwork and learning skills.

You will be expected to take part in a work experience placement.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
This course will be assessed through coursework.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A satisfactory interview.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
On successful completion of the course you will have the opportunity to progress to a higher level course, within the vocational areas at College.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
You could consider a junior position in your chosen vocational area, but further training is probably a better option.
Step Up to Life Skills Plus
Entry Level 2, 3

This course will help you to progress with your independence and confidence for further study and future aspirations. You will enjoy working in small groups to develop these skills, in a friendly and supportive environment. During the course, you will study some vocational subjects such as cooking, sport and gardening, as well as having the opportunity to participate in community projects, and be part of a small enterprise activity. You will also develop your team building and communication skills. Functional Maths and English are also part of this programme.

**DURATION**
1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and practical tasks.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A satisfactory interview to ensure individual needs are met.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to the Step Up to Work Skills or Foundation Studies courses.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
You will be invited to attend an introductory ‘Welcome Week’ and assessment before starting your course.

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Step Up to Work Skills
Entry Level 2, 3

This is an introductory course to develop employability skills and preparation for work or volunteering. During the course, you will complete a range of units to enhance and develop your confidence, and independence preparing you for the next step in your life. Lessons include catering, gardening, enterprise activities, and exploring work and interview skills. You will also have the opportunity to participate in local community projects. Functional Maths and English are also part of this programme.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and practical tasks.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A satisfactory interview

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to the Foundation Studies course or a Vocational Studies Level 1 programme.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
You will be invited to attend an introductory ‘Welcome Week’ and assessment, before starting your course. To enhance your employability skills there will be opportunities to attend work placements and participate in community projects, allowing you to apply the skills and knowledge you have gained in lessons to different environments.

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This course will help you to increase your life skills and independence for further study and future aspirations. You will enjoy working in small groups to develop these skills, in a friendly and supportive environment. During the course, you will study some vocational subjects as well as having the opportunity to participate in community projects and community visits, and be part of a small enterprise activity. You will also be able to improve your Maths, English and Computing skills in an environment that will develop your confidence.

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and practical tasks.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A satisfactory interview to ensure individual needs are met.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to the Step Up to Life Skills Plus, Step Up to Work Skills or Foundation Studies courses.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
You will be invited to attend an introductory ‘Welcome Week’ and assessment before starting your course.

**Step Up to Life Skills**
Entry Level 1, 2

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Hairdressing REASONS TO STUDY HAIRDRESSING AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Excellent purpose-built Hairdressing Salons
- Access to a realistic working environment
- The latest range of equipment and professional products
- Well-equipped base rooms and resource centres for theory work
- Participation in special promotional events
- The possibility of taking dedicated units
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visiting speakers, trips to trade shows and exhibitions and the possibility of taking additional relevant qualifications

Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...

Apprenticeship Opportunities in Hairdressing include:

- Barbering
- Hairdressing
- Hair Professional

Successful Level 3 students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Halesowen College is the only college in the West Midlands to have a partnership with Lee Stafford Education.

The former Hairdresser and Barber of the Year is well known for his TV work and his highly successful business, which includes retailing a range of prestigious hair products across the world.

Lee is delighted to be partnering Halesowen College and working alongside our trainers and students – he is “ready to inspire the next generation of Hairdressers”.

Hairdressing
VTCT Level 3

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as an advanced Hairdresser/Stylist and includes, health & safety, client consultation, selling products and services to clients, advanced cutting, styling and colouring techniques. These units are all mandatory.

You will further develop your understanding and skills by selecting several optional specialist units which include, Maintaining Personal Health and Wellbeing, and Creative Hairdressing Design Skills.

Work experience is a compulsory element of the course and will give you a realistic experience of working in the Hairdressing Industry alongside your studies.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of methods, including practical observations and external written exams. You will also need to compile a portfolio of evidence.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
This course builds on existing knowledge and understanding of Hairdressing gained at Level 2, enabling learners to expand the scope of their technical skills to prepare for employment as a hairdresser.

Retaking GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses and professional qualifications, including VTCT Level 4 Certificate, Diploma or Award in Salon Management, Specialist Hair and Scalp Services, Hair Colour Correction and Advanced Hair Styling.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in working as an advanced Hairdresser/Stylist in a Salon, in the Media, on a Cruise Ship, Hospitals/Care Homes, HM prisons, or in Product Manufacturing, Training or Self Employment.

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Hairdressing
VRQ Level 2

This qualification is designed for learners who either work in, or wish to pursue a career in, Hairdressing. The course reflects this exciting and dynamic industry and will help prepare you to meet the standards required by industry, future employers and clients. Throughout the course you will learn, develop and practice the skills required to provide Hairdressing services for clients with various hair types. Units studied will include, Health & Safety, Shampoo and Condition, The Art of Dressing Hair, Colour and Lighten Hair, The Art of Colour, Cutting Women’s Hair, Client Consultation and Working in the Hair Industry. To further enhance your employability skills, there will be opportunities for you to complete a one week work placement. This compulsory aspect of the course gives you the chance to apply the knowledge gained in class to the real world of work.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a portfolio of evidence and guidance, overseen by your Assessor, who will confirm your underpinning knowledge and observe your practical performance, ensuring you meet the required standard.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a Level 3 vocational course, such as Hairdressing.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position as a Hairdresser in a salon. Self-employment could also be an option.

Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry
Level 1

The VTCT Level 1 Introduction to Hair & Beauty has been designed to introduce you to a range of practical skills from across the Hair and Beauty industries. This course will develop your confidence and build on basic hair and beauty skills to support possible progression on to Level 2 courses. Throughout this qualification you will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to consult and perform a range of treatments. You will also develop your communication, customer service and commercial skills, all of which are highly valued by employers. Problem solving, team working and research skills will also be developed.

The course also includes enrichment opportunities (additional to your qualification) to enhance skills, and further prepare you for the next step. These include opportunities to take part in tasters for Level 2 treatments, and workshops from industry speakers. Work experience is a compulsory element of the course, giving you a realistic experience of working in the industry alongside your studies.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through assessments for all practical units and you will be required to produce a portfolio of evidence. The evidence in the portfolio may take the following forms, observed work, witness statements, audio-visual media, evidence of prior learning or attainment, written questions, oral questions, assignments and case studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Literacy and Numeracy test, plus a satisfactory interview.

You will continue to study English and Maths at an appropriate level as part of your curriculum timetable.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course in Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could progress to a junior position in the Beauty or Hairdressing industries in a salon, retail setting or self-employment, but further training would be advisable.

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Health & Social Care

REASONS TO STUDY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Excellent purpose-built facilities
- An opportunity to study in the College’s Health & Care Academy
- Well-equipped base rooms and a resource centre
- Outstanding results and student progression rates
- Interesting work placement opportunities
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Health & Social Care Foundation Degree and Therapeutic Counselling Level 5 Diploma
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Experienced and supportive staff with extensive Health & Social Care experience
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visiting speakers and the possibility of taking additional relevant qualifications

Apprenticeships are a great alternative to university...
Apprenticeship Opportunities in Health & Social Care include:
- Healthcare Science
- Healthcare Support Worker
- Healthcare Science Associate

Successful Level 3 students can combine studying for an HNC together with an Apprenticeship at Halesowen College.

Contact the College Apprenticeships Team at apprenticeships@halesowen.ac.uk to find out more about the opportunities available.

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Health & Social Care

Level 3

If you are interested in a career in Health or Social Care, this could be the course for you!
As part of the course you will undertake units related to the field of Health & Social Care, allowing you to progress into a variety of careers or higher education. Health & Social Care is a very dynamic subject and you will explore a variety of areas and current topics of interest, from human growth and development, learning about human behaviour, communication, health promotion, to child protection and safeguarding.

A clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required and you will undertake a placement one day a week to gain valuable hands-on experience of careers within the sector.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations. Work placement will also be graded based on attendance and commitment over 2 years of study, and will be graded A* - D.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths. A Grade 4 GCSE in Science would be advantageous due to an Anatomy exam within the programme of study.
Level 3 vocational Science qualifications at Distinction or Merit Level may also be considered.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Health & Social Care Foundation Degree.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Social Work, Midwifery, Nursing, Teaching or as a Paramedic.

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The purpose of a T level qualification is to ensure students have the knowledge and skills needed to progress into skilled employment, or higher-level technical training relevant to the T level. This 2 year course has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so that the content meets the needs of the industry and prepares students for work.

The programme will involve:

- A core set of underpinning knowledge, concepts and skills tailored for the industry and occupation of choice, such as The Healthcare Sector, Providing Person Centred Approach, Infection Prevention, Health & Safety Regulations and so on.
- Industry and occupational specific content. Specialist content will ensure students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to enter employment.
- An industry placement with an employer focused on developing the practical and technical skills required for the occupation. These will last a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) but can last longer. Within placement there will be an employer-set project.

DURATION

2 years. We expect the total time for a T Level to be around 1,800 hours over the 2 years, including the industry placement. This is a significant increase on most current technical education courses.

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

Core knowledge and skills (concepts, theories and principles relevant to chosen industrial T Level) are assessed through an external examination and an employer set project.

Occupational specialism (skills and behaviours required and demonstrated in placement, to achieve threshold competence in an occupational specialism) assessed synthetically through practical assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

T Levels provide several progression options. These include skilled employment, an apprenticeship and higher education.

UCAS points will only be allocated to the overall T Level Grade. Students must achieve at least an overall Pass Grade to receive UCAS points.

An Apprenticeship could also be considered.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

Completing the qualification can lead to numerous clinical support roles in the Health & Social care sector, including supporting special educational needs within education.

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Health & Social Care
Level 2

If you are considering a career in the Health and Social Care Sector - a Care Worker, Social Worker, Paramedic – then this could be the course for you!
We have an ever-increasing population with Social Care needs, and this industry is widening and increasing with employment opportunities.
During the course, you will study exciting subjects including Anatomy & Physiology, Health & Social Care Services, Impact of Diet on Health and Ensuring Safe Environments, as well as a wide range of essential units to enable you to develop the skills and qualities to become an outstanding Health & Social Care Professional. There are 2 pathways we can offer, based on your experience and grades to help you progress into the career of your choice.
As part of your course you will complete an extended work placement, 1 day a week, with a local employer.
A satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is needed at the start of the course, as you will be required to undertake a placement within a Health & Social Care setting.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of written assignments and witness statements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and Maths.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to Level 3 vocational courses, including Health & Social Care.
AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
A junior position in the Health & Social Care sector such as - Support Worker, Care Assistant, Support Technician, Domestic Service posts in care environments.

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Health & Social Care
Level 1

If you enjoy caring for others and see yourself as a future Nurse, Social Worker, Youth Worker, Teacher or Carer, then this may be the course to set you on a successful pathway.
You will complete a range of units, highlights of which include Advising Others on Healthy Lifestyles, Finding out about Health & Social Care Services to Meet Specific Needs, and Measuring Older Peoples’ Fitness Levels for Everyday Tasks.
A satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is needed at the start of the course as you will be required to undertake a placement within a Health & Social Care setting.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Literacy and Numeracy test, plus a satisfactory interview and reference.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to Level 2 vocational courses, including Health & Social Care.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position in the Health & Social Care sector such as Care Assistant, Support Worker or Nursery Assistant.

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Media Studies

REASONS TO STUDY MEDIA STUDIES AT HALESWEN COLLEGE

- Purpose built specialist Media facilities
- The latest AppleMac computers and industry standard software
- Impressive examination pass rates and student progression
- Work experience opportunities
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Creative Media Production HNC/D
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including subject related visits to develop the use of film, video and production techniques
- ‘Industry Day’ provides an opportunity to meet industry professionals and get advice and information about career opportunities

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Creative Digital Media Production

Level 3

If you are a creative student, who is interested in a career in the Television and Film industry, this course will enable you to gain a strong understanding of the varied skills you will require. Creative Digital Media covers a range of subjects within the media industry, from Advertisement Production & Marketing, TV and Social Media campaigns, to all aspects of Film Production.

It will enable you to express and develop your creative ideas, investigate the Television and Film industries and learn how to analyse and deconstruct media products. Throughout the course you will write and produce your own short films, TV show and adverts, which will help you develop your practical, analytical, research and communication skills.

There will be industry experience incorporated into the course in a professional context, where you will work towards client briefs to develop your academic and creative skills. A range of practical and written assignments will enable you to develop strong communication skills and explore professional industry practices, by creating production work in our TV studio and Mac editing suites.

DURATION

2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course will be assessed through a combination of coursework and externally set examinations.

You will also be assessed through industry based tasks.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to an exciting range of higher level courses, including Creative Media Production HNC/D.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are considering a career in the Film and Media industries, particularly in production roles such as Editor, Camera Operator, Director and Screenwriter or possibly starting out as a Journalist. Working freelance is also an option.

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If you are interested in film making, television, advertising, journalism and film analysis, then look no further!

This Media course will help you to expand your knowledge and understanding on a range of areas in the Film and Media industry.

This is a very popular course with students and has an excellent achievement rate. You will improve your practical skills and learn how to use a range of industry standard software including Final Cut Pro, InDesign and Photoshop as well as film making equipment.

If you are creative, motivated, organised and have a passion for Media, then this is the course for you!

During the course, you will become multi-skilled in a range of Media techniques which will prepare you for progression towards a career in the industry.

**DURATION**

1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course is assessed through coursework.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to Level 3 vocational courses including Creative Digital Media Production, as well as Photography or Art & Design.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

You could consider a junior position working as a Film & TV Production Assistant, Copywriter, Photography Assistant or Advertising Assistant.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY]
Performing Arts

REASONS TO STUDY PERFORMING ARTS AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Exciting facilities for performance
- Purpose built Theatres with professional standard sound and lighting
- A wide range of courses covering all aspects of the Performing Arts
- Well-equipped Dance studios with extensive mirrored walls
- Industry standard sound recording equipment, rehearsal space and practice pods
- Opportunities to participate in sell-out theatrical productions and music events – including the annual ‘Mayfly Festival’
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Professionally trained staff with direct experience working as Dancers, Actors, Musicians, DJs, Band Managers and Sound/Technical Engineers
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including visits from top theatrical and dance companies and subject related trips, including to theatres and music venues

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Music Performance
Level 3

Looking for a career in Music? You have plenty to choose from!
As a musician, you are effectively a self-employed specialist who can turn their hand to multiple income streams at once, leaving you with the prospect of doing something you love for a living!
This course offers a chance for you to develop skills, experience and knowledge for any number of career pathways, while developing important transferable skills that are invaluable in any industry.
You will take part in numerous external shows, including our acclaimed Mayfly Festival, and you will benefit from the experience of staff who are both seasoned professionals and trained teachers.
You will also have access to our specialist equipment, including 6 Rehearsal Pods, 3 Music Studios, 2 Mac Suites and miles of jack leads! We practice what we preach!

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of performance and coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.
You will be expected to attend a live audition, and experience of playing an instrument is vital.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Freelance Performer, Music Teacher, Freelance Songwriter/Arranger, Music Technician, Music Promoter or Events Organiser.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
If you have ever wanted to be part of a vibrant, exciting and highly skilled industry, where every day brings new challenges and problem solving, then this course may be just be for you!
The course is structured around providing industry experience through live briefs, backed up with a solid core of theoretical knowledge based in Music, Physics and Maths Principles.
The course of study includes modules such as Studio Production, Live Sound, Events Management, Remixing & Reworking, Acoustics and many more. In addition, you will take part in multiple external events, including our annual Mayfly Festival, which is organised and controlled entirely by College Music students. This is an industry experience like no other.
Throughout the year, events such as Industry Week will allow you to add further value to your training and education in the Music sector, creating valuable networks and links.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of assignments, practical coursework and examinations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including Maths. Retaking GCSE English as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4. No prior experience of Music or Music Theory is required to start studying this subject.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications. Most of our students progress to higher education courses in Science, Engineering and Arts.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in the Creative Arts sector, working in live Sound, post and location production for TV & Film, Sound design, gaming Sound, Studio or electrical engineering and product development. It is also ideal for those interested in a career as a music producer, arranger, composer for film/TV/commercial music, programmer, or an acoustician.

Performing Arts – Acting
Level 3
There are almost endless possibilities to what you could contribute to the world of Performing Arts, just as long as you have the confidence to stand in front of an audience and connect with their thoughts and feelings. This course is for those passionate about performance.
Whether you aspire to work in the entertainment industry, Acting for Theatre, Television and Film, or whether you have a talent for Storytelling, Directing, Stand-Up Comedy or Creative Original Writing, this course is for you. You will cover an extensive range of performance styles and techniques, offering aspiring actors the chance to develop their skills and understanding in preparation for working in the performing arts and entertainment industry. You will also have opportunities to take part in full scale productions and other performance events that are offered throughout the year, which will require rehearsals and performances outside normal College hours.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of performance, theory and coursework. Large and small scale performances will be assessed through both rehearsal observation and final performance effectiveness. Coursework is often connected directly to the analysis and research done as part of the Performance and Production Process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English. Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.
You will be invited to an audition for which you should prepare a short monologue performance of your choice.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Theatre Performer, Director or Entertainer. Other careers in Teaching and Public Relations could also be considered.
If you are committed and enthusiastic about having a career in Dance this is the course for you. The course has been developed to prepare you for higher education and a variety of careers in the Dance industry.

Through project-based, internally assessed assignments and Dance showcases, the course offers an exciting opportunity to develop your practical Dance skills, creativity and theoretical knowledge through the study of a variety of Dance techniques, performance skills and choreography.

In addition, there will be opportunity to enhance your employability skills to prepare you for a career in the industry, by participating in work experience, external performances, collaborating with other departments for College events, workshops with professionals and much more. Participation in productions will require rehearsals and performances outside normal College hours.

**DURATION**

2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course is assessed through a combination of practical and written coursework throughout the duration. Practical assessments will include classwork and publicly assessed performances. Written coursework is often connected directly to the analysis and research done as part of the Rehearsal and Performance Process for our Dance showcases.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

It is essential that you have some Dance experience, and as part of the interview process you will be invited to a practical audition.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Dance either as a Performer, Choreographer, Teacher or Administrator.

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Performing Arts – Musical Theatre

Level 3

Musical Theatre is a demanding and popular discipline in the Performing Arts industry, and this course aims to train you to improve your technique and understanding of the three fundamental disciplines of acting, singing and dancing.

Focusing on each skill individually you will take classes in singing, voice and acting technique, and jazz, contemporary and commercial dance styles during the course.

This will enable you to master your talents through rehearsal, performance and coursework, integrating your skills and increasing your understanding of many musical roles.

You will experience a range of musical repertoire, and learn about characterisation through group and solo performance work, combining the three skills of Musical Theatre.

Publicly assessed performance work will include auditions, showcases and full scale musical productions, preparing you for a career in the Musical Theatre industry.

Participation in productions will require rehearsals and performances outside normal College hours.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED

The course is assessed through a combination of performance, theory and coursework. Large and small scale performances will be assessed through both rehearsal observation and final performance effectiveness. Coursework is often connected directly to the analysis, and research done as part of the Performance and Production Process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

You will be invited to attend an audition at the time of your interview, for which you should prepare a solo speech or song from a musical.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT

You can progress to a range of higher level and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Theatre Performer, Director or Entertainer, other careers in Teaching and Public Relations could also be considered.

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Have you already developed a passion for theatre and performance through participating in school productions, attending youth theatre or taking a GCSE drama class? This Level 2 Acting course will help you to take your performance skills further. Throughout the course, you will learn the fundamentals of Acting and further your knowledge of theatre as a whole. You will explore acting skills in a range of styles and genres, through scripted performance and devising. This exciting and confidence boosting course is a perfect start for aspiring actors.

You will have various opportunities to perform in productions and events during the year, which will require you to attend rehearsals and performances outside of normal College hours.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of performance assessment, verbal discussion and coursework. Large and small scale performances will be assessed through both rehearsal observation and final performance effectiveness. Coursework is often connected directly to the analysis and research done as part of the performance and production process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course in Acting or Musical Theatre.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position as a Performer or Workshop Leader. Other options could include Communications and customer facing roles.

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Performing Arts – Dance

Level 2

Have you already had a taste of performing through school shows, youth theatre performances or GCSE Dance classes? Perhaps you simply have a passion for performing but have not yet had the chance or the confidence to put your skills onto a larger stage. Then this could be the course for you.

Throughout this course, you will learn some of the fundamental skills in Dance, from technique to performance skills, as well as gaining experience within the theatre.

This exciting and confidence boosting course is a perfect start to the development of your career aspirations as a Dancer.

Various opportunities to take part in performance productions and events are offered throughout the year, which will require rehearsals and performances outside normal College hours.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of performance, theory and coursework.

Large and small scale performances will be assessed through both rehearsal observation and final performance effectiveness. Coursework is often connected directly to the analysis and research done as part of the performance and production process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course in Dance or Musical Theatre.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position within the Performing Arts industry or work as an entertainer in holiday resorts.

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Performing Arts – Music & Music Technology

Level 2

Have you ever thought about becoming a famous musician? Have you ever considered your future as a world-renowned music producer? The Music industry is ready for you! This course is designed to give you a solid foundation and insight into the world of popular music and modern production techniques. You will explore business, technology and performance on this split discipline programme.

As a student, you can make full use of the facilities within the department, which include 3 Music Studios, 6 Rehearsal PODS and 2 fully equipped Mac Suites. You will also enjoy the opportunities to work in a professional setting and participate in external shows, which are held every half term. You can invite parents, guardians, friends and members of the public to watch you reach your potential.

Having an existing understanding of Music is helpful but not a must.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of written and practical coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Music Performance or Music Production & Sound Engineering.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior post in the Music industry with hundreds of jobs to aspire to, including Freelancing, Songwriting, Production, Backline Technical Management or Sound Engineering.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Public Services

REASONS TO STUDY PUBLIC SERVICES AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- Active and dynamic courses, leading you to employment or Higher Education
- Outstanding facilities include a Fitness Suite, Sports Hall, All Weather Pitch, Outdoor Gym and on-site Obstacle Course
- Close links with many local and national Public Service organisations
- Impressive levels of achievement and student progression rates
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Experienced and supportive staff, many former Public Service personnel
- Opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including talks by Public Service staff, subject related visits and residential trips with exciting activities. It may also be possible to take additional qualifications

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Are you interested in a career in the Emergency Services, Armed Forces, Prison Service, HMRC or any number of other public service careers?
This course has been developed with employers and professional bodies from both uniformed and non-uniformed Public Services to ensure that it is appropriate for those interested in this sector.
The course will introduce you to the necessary practical skills and knowledge that are required for a successful career in the Public Services. It also provides valuable life skills and knowledge which can be applied to many career paths.
You will be expected to wear Public Service uniform each day in College and take part in formal parades, undertaking drill training and gaining a wide range of skills. You will have to complete 30 hours work experience in a relevant career setting.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework. This will include regular practical assessment opportunities involving teamwork, leadership, peer assessment and outdoor activities. It also includes a mixture of presentations, reports, group discussions, timed assessments and other written and in-class assessments.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including Sport & Exercise Science HNC/D and degrees in Public Services or Policing.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in the uniformed services sector, in roles such as Police Officer, Prison Officer, Probation Officer, Security Officer/Adviser, Firefighter or any of the many roles in the Armed Forces.

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Are you interested in a career in the Police Service?
This course has been developed with subject experts and professional bodies to equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge to assist with your application to the Police, undertake further study or embark on any number of protective services careers.

The course is delivered by subject experts, including experienced practitioners (both serving and retired Police Officers). This will provide you with a wealth of subject expertise, key skills and life skills to prepare you for entry into the Police and many other careers.

Throughout the course you will develop your critical thinking about policing, policy and practice through complementary units such as, service entry requirements and preparation, values, operational policing principles, legislation, criminal justice, domestic violence and many more. To develop these skills, you will be involved in practical activities and events, and experience a range of guest speakers.

Whilst undertaking the course you will be expected to wear a Public Service uniform each day in College and take part in formal parades, and drill training, as is customary within the Police.

You will have to complete 30 hours work experience in a relevant career setting.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of presentations, reports, group discussions, timed assessments, practical and written work, as well as in-class elements.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English and Maths.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You could progress to a range of higher level courses, including degrees in Professional Policing, Criminology and Law. Applying for the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship may also be an option.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Police Officer, Prison Officer, Probation Officer, Security Officer/Adviser, Military Police Officer or other Protective Services roles.
Public Services
Level 2

The course will introduce you to the necessary practical skills and knowledge that are required for a successful career in the public sector. It also provides valuable life skills and knowledge, that can be applied to many career paths. To develop these skills, you will be involved in a variety of practical activities and written based assessments and events, and will experience a range of guest speakers.
You will be expected to wear Public Service uniform each day in College and take part in formal parades, drill training and will gain a wide range of skills. You will have to complete 30 hours work experience in a relevant career setting.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework, which can be a variety of assessment methods such as observations, role plays, presentations and written reports.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A satisfactory interview and Literacy and Numeracy tests.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, including Public Services.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course will prepare you for direct employment into the public sector and may be suitable for the following roles: Non-Commissioned Service in the Armed Forces, Fire & Rescue, Prison Officer, Border Force Assistant Officer, Neighbourhood Officer, Local Authority Administrator and a variety of positions in the NHS.

Public Services
Level 1

Are you interested in a career in the Army, Police, Royal Navy, Prison Service, Fire Service, Border Force or Royal Air Force?
This flexible course is designed to introduce you to some of the skills and knowledge required for your chosen Public Services career. Skills you will develop for the services and alternative employment, include, Organisation, Communication and Teamwork. There are more specific units where you will find out about a range of Public Services jobs, you will also lead fitness tests, carry out security searches, and respond to simulated emergency incidents.
You will be expected to wear Public Service uniform each day in College and take part in formal parades, drill training and gain leadership and presenting skills. You will also have work experience opportunities throughout the course.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of exams and coursework. This will include regular practical assessment opportunities involving teamwork, peer assessment and outdoor activities. It will also include a variety of presentations, reports, group discussions, timed assessments and other written and in-class assessments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, including Public Services.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course will prepare you for direct employment into the public sector and may be suitable for the following roles: Non-Commissioned Service in the Armed Forces, Fire & Rescue, Prison Officer, Border Force Assistant Officer, Neighbourhood Officer, Local Authority Administrator and a variety of positions in the NHS.

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Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Applied Science

Level 3

Applied Science is an alternative to studying Science at A Level, and develops a blend of technical and academic Science skills that will support your progression to university or employment.

This is a great option if you would like to study a range of Science subjects without the pressure of a 100% exam based course.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics, which are within a range of core units such as the Principles and Applications of Science, Laboratory Techniques and their Applications, will help you to develop the individual learning skills that are valued by employers and in higher education. Additional exciting and specialist units will also be studied to further your knowledge.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations, assessed assignments and practical work and coursework, including presentations and open book tests.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.

Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including a degree or HNC/D in Applied Sciences.

**AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.**

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you wish to pursue a career as a Biomedical Scientist, Microbiologist, Clinical Scientist or many roles within the Science or Health sectors.

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Engineering Diploma

Level 3

Engineering is about providing solutions to problems, so if you love Maths and Physics, and want to apply your knowledge to real world issues then this course will suit you.

This is a general introduction to Engineering designed to allow progression to further study, an apprenticeship or employment within Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineering. It focuses on the principles and ideas of Engineering and develops the mathematical, problem solving, analytical and logical thinking skills required to solve Engineering challenges.

Throughout the course you will study Maths for Engineering and Engineering Materials and Applications. You will also study Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and Engineering for the Environment (sustainability).

A range of teaching approaches will be used to develop your independent study & research skills, and weekly activities will include discussion of theory, work on practice questions and practical investigations.

**DURATION**
2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need to have achieved Maths and Double Science/Physics at Grade 6 and 5 GCSEs at Grade 5, including English Language.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**
You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including Engineering HNC.

**AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.**

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career within any area of Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Aviation, Aerospace, Design etc.) or related technical industries.

**ANYTHING ELSE?**
This course is equivalent to 2 A Levels and should be combined with a Level 3 course or A Level Maths.

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Forensic & Criminal Investigation
Level 3

Forensic Science is simply the application of science to the law. This course aims to develop an appreciation of the competencies, skills and knowledge required for university and employment, in Science based careers.

You will develop scientific analytical thinking skills through the use of biological, chemical and physical evidence. You will develop skills to help you remain impartial, develop a chronology and provide scientific justification for analysis, and you will present facts in a non-biased manner through detailed investigations.

You will study a variety of fascinating units that look at the Principles of Science, together with learning Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques. The theoretical and practical skills needed for Scientific and Forensic Investigations, including for Fire and Traffic Collision, are also covered.

In the second year of the course, Applications of Criminology will be studied and you will have the opportunity to consider Criminal Investigation Procedures and the Application of Criminal and Forensic Psychology. Further units will include, Forensic Photography, Forensic Genetics and Practical Chemical Analysis.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations, externally marked assessments and coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English, Maths and two sciences.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including a degree or HNC/D Applied Sciences.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career in Forensic Science, Applied Science, Laboratory work or roles in the Emergency Services, such as the Police.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Applied Science
Level 2

This course provides a unique opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and techniques, essential for anyone interested in a career in Science. The course is delivered through a range of topics enabling you to understand how to research, develop and evaluate your ideas.

This course will give you an excellent foundation if you want to progress on to a Level 3 Science course. You will study a variety of scientific topics such as Environmental Studies, Waves & Telecommunications, Laboratory Techniques, Health, and Chemical Analysis. You will be encouraged to investigate things for yourself and develop your individual learning skills.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework, including practical investigations, presentations and open book tests.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, Maths and two sciences. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4.

This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Science, Engineering, Health & Social Care or IT.

AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position as a Science Technician or Laboratory Assistant.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Engineering
Level 2

This course will give you an excellent foundation if you want to progress on to a Level 3 Engineering course. You will study a variety of Engineering units including Fundamentals of Mechanical, Electrical and Fluid Power Engineering, Mechanical Engineering – Machine Operations, Computer-Aided Design and Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

You will be encouraged to investigate things for yourself and develop your individual learning skills.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework, including practical investigations, presentations and open book tests.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Engineering.
AN APPRENTICESHIP COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal for a junior role in Engineering (possibly as an apprentice) such as Metal Worker and Machine Operative, Quality Controller (batch work), CNC Operator, Maintenance Operative, Process Operator. Electrical Maintenance and Electronic Circuit Testing roles could also be a possibility.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
Sport & Leisure

REASONS TO STUDY SPORT & LEISURE AT HALESWEN COLLEGE

- A reputation for excellence in Sport
- Dynamic Football Academies with the Aston Villa Foundation and Halesowen Town Football Clubs
- Outstanding facilities include a Fitness Suite, Sports Hall, All Weather Pitch, Outdoor Gym, Trim Trail and on-site obstacle course
- Close links with sports clubs, schools and universities
- Competing in regular local and national competitions, in a range of sports, including the AoC Sports regional and national events

- Impressive levels of success in sporting competitions
- Exciting College Progression Routes, including Sport & Exercise Science HNC/D
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education
- Experienced and supportive staff
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including interesting trips and the possibility to take additional qualifications

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Football Academy
Level 3 (Sport & Exercise Science)

Aston Villa Foundation Pathway
Halesowen Town FC Pathway

This course focuses on the balance of being a part time Footballer, whilst also focusing on academic studies. You will have lessons on basic Sport topics such as Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness, Psychology and Sports Coaching, giving you a well-rounded and in-depth knowledge of the Sports industry. As well as specific academic development within the Football Academy you will also have specific football coaching sessions, where you will develop their technical and tactical understanding of the sport, in preparation for competitive games. Training and football matches are overseen by F.A qualified staff, ex professional and non-league players, allowing students to benefit from a wealth of experience.

You will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge in topics that suit the demands of Sports Science, Coaching and Performance in higher education or the Sports industry, including Biomechanics & Nutrition, additional to the study of basic areas within Sports Studies.

As a Football Academy student, you will have the opportunity to play against a range of national football academies, showcasing your abilities and skills and potentially, earning yourself possible trials with non-league and professional football clubs.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework including, written reports, formal presentations, poster designs and leading practical sessions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English, Maths and Science. You should also be a keen and practising Footballer, currently playing for a football team.

Level 2 vocational Science qualification may also be considered at Distinction or Merit Level.

You will be required to complete a successful trial to be accepted onto the programme.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including Sport & Exercise Science HNC/D, degrees and professional qualifications, such as Sports Studies, Sports Development, Teaching and Coaching.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
The qualification will lead on to the pathways listed above, after which, jobs in Sports Coaching, PE Teaching, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Biomechanics, Sport Science, Performance Analysis, Sports Development and Strength & Conditioning may be an option depending on the degree studied.

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**Sport**

**Level 3 (Sport & Exercise Science)**

This course focuses on the basic Sport topics such as Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness, Psychology and Sports Coaching, giving you a well-rounded and in-depth knowledge of the Sports industry. In addition, you will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge in topics that suit the demands of Sports Science, Coaching and Performance in higher education or the sports industry, including Biomechanics and Nutrition.

**DURATION**

2 Years

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

The course will be assessed through coursework. This will include written reports, formal presentations, poster designs and leading practical sessions.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English, Maths and Science. Level 2 vocational Science qualification may also be considered at Distinction or Merit Level.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

You can progress to a range of higher level courses, including Sport & Exercise Science HNC/D, a Degree or professional qualification.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

The qualification will lead on to the pathways listed above, after which, jobs in Sports Coaching, PE Teaching, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Biomechanics, Sport Science, Performance Analysis, Sports Development and Strength & Conditioning may be an option depending on the degree studied.

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**Football Academy**

**Level 2 (Sport - Health and Fitness)**

**Aston Villa Foundation Pathway**

**Halesowen Town FC Pathway**

This course focuses on the balance of being a part-time footballer, alongside academic studies. Students will complete a total of 7 units throughout the year. Each unit, different from the last, will give students a broad experience of the sporting industry, allowing you to make informed decisions on your progression.

Units include: Anatomy and Physiology, Participating in Sport, Nutrition, Strength and Conditioning, and Injuries and Fitness. As well as specific academic development, within the Football Academy you will also have specific football coaching sessions, where you will develop your technical and tactical understanding of the sport, in preparation for competitive games. Training and football matches are overseen by FA qualified staff, ex professional and non-league players, allowing you to benefit from a wealth of experience.

As a Football Academy student, you will have the opportunity to play against a range of national football academies, showcasing your abilities and skills and potentially, earning yourself possible trials with non-league and professional football clubs.

**DURATION**

1 Year

**HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED**

Assessment is by coursework including written reports, formal presentations, poster designs and presentations and leading practical sessions.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to achieve at 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above including English, Maths and Science*. You will also need to be a keen and practising footballer that is currently playing for a football team. You will be required to complete a successful trial to be accepted onto the programme.

**WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT**

College - you can progress to Level 3 Sports and Exercise Science* or you can progress onto another course with similar units, such as Public Services.

**JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION**

Assistant Sport Coach. You could consider a junior role within the health and fitness industry working as a fitness instructor, leisure attendant or activity leader.

*Sport specific coaching may also be required.

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Sport

Level 2 (Fitness & Exercise)

This qualification will give you an introduction to skills, knowledge and techniques required for working in the Sports industry.
A range of units will be studied, involving a balance of learning in the classroom and practical activities, using facilities such as the Fitness Suite and 3G Pitch.
On completion of the course, you will have greater understanding of key areas such as anatomy and physiology, nutrition and skills, techniques and tactics, in a variety of Sports.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of practical observations, written work, presentations and workbooks.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including Sport. Gym Instructing, Personal Training or an Apprenticeship could also be an option.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior role in the Sport & Leisure industries, including Leisure Assistant, Assistant Sports Coach, Assistant Fitness Instructor or After School Club Coach.

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Sport

Level 1

This qualification is designed to help support your personal development through acquiring skills and knowledge in Sport, Exercise and Fitness. The qualification also allows you to gain personal transferable skills that can be applied to the workplace or further study.

This qualification will focus on the study of Sport within the leisure sector, offering a breadth and depth of study that will incorporate key knowledge, and provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills.
The objectives of this qualification are to gain an understanding of the Sport, Exercise and Leisure sectors, study areas of particular interest and encourage learners to adopt a fitter and healthier lifestyle.

To be awarded the Level 1 Certificate in Sport, you must successfully complete ALL the following units:
• Taking Part in Sport
• Sports Coaching
• Leading Others
• Personal Exercise & Fitness
• Effect of Exercise on Human Body Systems
• Strength & Conditioning

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through coursework and compiling a portfolio of evidence, which may include presentations, practical observations or by video.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A satisfactory interview and Literacy and Numeracy tests. You might find it useful to have already achieved an Entry Level qualification.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, such as in Sport.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position in the outdoor and /or Sport & Active Leisure sectors, although further training is advisable. Roles could include Leisure Assistant, Recreation Assistant, Receptionist, Administrator or Assistant Coach.

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Travel, Aviation & Hospitality

REASONS TO STUDY TRAVEL, AVIATION & HOSPITALITY AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

- A Travel & Tourism suite modelled around airport departures, featuring a purpose built mock aircraft cabin – ‘Halesowen Air’
- Excellent pass rates and levels of student progression
- Strong links with a range of leading travel organisations and various tourist attractions
- Participation in practical activities organised through tour and travel operators
- Opportunities to get first-hand experience of working in the College’s Training Restaurant – Bistro at B63
- Expert advice and guidance about careers, UCAS applications and funding for Higher Education

- Experienced and supportive staff with professional Travel & Hospitality backgrounds
- Excellent Enrichment Opportunities, including overseas travel, a chance to experience various employment options within the cruise industry, visits to top tourist spots throughout the UK and the possibility to take additional relevant qualifications

Universities will expect at least GCSE Grade 5 in Maths and English
Travel & Tourism
Level 3 Introductory Diploma

This course provides a highly specialised work-related qualification, which will offer the knowledge, understanding and skills sought by the Travel & Tourism industry. The sector continues to develop, with the popularity of the package holiday and demand for cruise vacations boosting the demand for a more flexibly-skilled workforce.

During the course, you will study an interesting variety of units that will cover The World of Travel & Tourism and Global Destinations, together with Managing Customer Service. So, if you could see yourself living overseas as a Holiday Representative, starting your career within an airport, or flying the skies as Cabin Crew, this is the course for you.

Whilst considering working in Travel & Tourism you will also have the opportunity to learn more about The Airport Experience and The Cruise Industry. The course is also ideal if you envisage a university pathway.

Additional qualifications may include the English Speaking Board L3 Award in Travel & Tourism Oral Communication Skills for Overseas Resort Representatives.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations, coursework, presentations and role play.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You could progress to a range of higher level courses and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in a career as a Travel Agent, Holiday Representative, Passenger Services Agent, Cabin Crew, Hotel Receptionist or Events Coordinator.

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Travel & Tourism with Cabin Crew

Level 3

This course can open up a range of amazing opportunities, including an additional course in Cabin Crew. You will learn about the exciting world of Travel & Tourism, how the biggest industry in the world operates within the different sectors, whilst putting valuable skills into practice. If travelling the world as a member of Cabin Crew sounds appealing, or maximising sales as a Travel Agent is more your thing– this is the course for you!

Throughout the course you will study a variety of units including, The UK Travel & Tourism Industry, Preparing for a Career in Travel & Tourism and Travel Agency Operations. You will also have the opportunity to complete the Introduction to Cabin Crew qualification.

In addition to a training day at the British Airways Training Academy, you will be expected to undertake some work experience during the course.

DURATION
2 Years

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework, external assessments and practical evidence.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level courses and professional qualifications.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in working for a Tour Operator, Travel Agency, as Cabin Crew or other roles in the Travel & Tourism industry.

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Travel, Tourism & Hospitality
Level 3
This course can open up a range of amazing careers by offering two different pathways. Learn about the exciting world of Travel & Tourism, whilst also discovering the Hospitality Industry and putting valuable skills into practice. If you have ever fancied running your own festival or managing a hotel, this is the course for you!
Throughout the course you will study a variety of units including, Travel & Tourism Industry, Travel & Tourism Destinations and Managing the Customer Experience. You will also have the opportunity to consider Planning Events in Hospitality.
In addition to working in the College Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63, you will be expected to undertake some work experience during the course.
DURATION
2 Years
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of examinations, coursework, external assessments and practical evidence.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, including English.
Retaking GCSE Maths as part of your programme is required if you do not have Grade 4.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a range of higher level courses and professional qualifications.
JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
This course is ideal if you are interested in working as an Events Planner, Hotel Receptionist, Cabin Crew, Travel Agent or other roles in the Hospitality industry.

Travel, Tourism & Hospitality
Level 2
This course will open up a range of amazing careers by offering two different pathways. Learn about the ever-changing world of Travel & Tourism, whilst also discovering the exciting Hospitality Industry and putting valuable skills into practice in the College’s in-house Training Restaurant.
During the course, you will study The UK Travel & Tourism Sector and look at the Customer Service Experience: Organising, and Event and Career Planning in Travel and Tourism are also considered. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Hospitality in Travel and Tourism, and Hospitality and Catering Services (Hospitality Services).
Course lecturers will provide you with feedback so that you can see how you are progressing through the course, and which level you are currently working at.
Department staff have industry and academic experience and will guide you towards gaining the highest level that you are able to achieve.
In addition to working in the College Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63, which is open to the public, you will be expected to undertake a one week work experience placement. This will enable you to gain valuable hospitality and customer service skills.
DURATION
1 Year
HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework, class assessments and presentations/role play.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme. If you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including in Travel, Aviation & Hospitality.
JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position as a Travel Agent, Resort Representative, Hotel Receptionist, Event Planner, Cabin Crew or other roles in Hospitality or at an airport.
Travel & Tourism
Level 2

Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to take off! The Level 2 Travel & Tourism programme requires an interest in the UK, and global Travel & Tourism industry. This demanding sector is one of the World’s largest industries and this course is designed to provide you with a solid knowledge of Travel & Tourism. You will gain the skills needed to progress to the next level in Hospitality, Travel & Tourism or to secure employment within the sector.

During the course, you will study The UK Travel & Tourism Industry and look at the Customer Service Experience. Travel & Tourism Destinations are researched, alongside Travel Agency Operations, Promotion activities in Travel & Tourism, and career planning within the industry.

You will also have the opportunity to learn about airports and airlines and organise a Travel & Tourism event.

You will be expected to undertake a 1 week work experience placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through a combination of coursework, class assessments and presentations/role play.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 and above, including English, and Maths. It is a requirement, however, that you retake GCSE English and Maths as part of your programme, if you do not have Grade 4. This will ensure you can progress to a Level 3 course or apprenticeship, and will improve your future employment prospects.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 3 vocational course, including in Travel, Aviation and Hospitality.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a junior position as a Travel Agent, Resort Representative, Hotel Receptionist, Event Planner or working in the Cruising industry.

Travel & Hospitality
Level 1

Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to take off! The Level 1 Travel & Hospitality course is the perfect starting point to learn about these exciting industries. Every unit has been designed to demonstrate what you can do, rather than what you know, allowing you to make mistakes, so you can learn from them, and keep you motivated to achieve your potential. You will develop personal skills such as being organised and working with others, whilst developing a personal progression plan, by researching employment opportunities within Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, giving you a clear understanding of job roles you may want to pursue.

You will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience preparing for, and serving, in the College’s Training Restaurant, Bistro at B63. In addition, you will be expected to undertake a one week work experience placement.

DURATION
1 Year

HOW THE COURSE IS ASSESSED
The course is assessed through the completion of activities and developing evidence for your portfolio.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You should have a minimum of 2 GCSEs at Grade 2 or above, or have successfully completed an Entry Level qualification.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY NEXT
You can progress to a Level 2 vocational course, including Travel & Hospitality.

JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION
You could consider a position working as a Waiter/Waitress or other junior roles in the Travel and Hospitality industries, but further training would be advisable.
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