

PARENT AND CARER NEWSLETTER



Apprenticeships

AT HALESOWEN COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL - 5pm - 7pm

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National Apprenticeship Week

Running from 7th - 13th February is National Apprenticeship Week. Here at Halesowen College, we offer a wide variety of apprenticeships and have a dedicated team that are available to support students throughout their apprenticeship. An apprenticeship is a real job where you work, gain experience, and get paid. This will allow you to get hands on training and the chance to put the skills you develop to the test. By the end of an apprenticeship,

you should have gained the skills and knowledge needed for a chosen career. This is a great option for those who would like to work whilst they are studying.

You can find more information about our apprenticeships in our digital prospectus

<https://adobe.ly/3uu58lQ>

Or why not come along to our Apprenticeship Open Evening on the 6th April. Book your place here:

<https://bit.ly/34A79Ca>

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KEY DATES

February – LGBT+ History Month

3rd February – Time to Talk Day

**7th – 13th February – National
Apprenticeships
Week**

8th February – Safer Internet Day

Higher Education

Higher Education is a great way to continue studying after college. The College has carefully developed higher education courses in response to the demands of the local community and economy to provide local people with good quality provision.

Here at Halesowen College, we offer a range of Level 4 and Level 5 Higher Education programmes, including Higher National Certificates, Higher National Diplomas and Foundation Degrees. Applications are still open for courses beginning in September 2022.

Visit our website to see our HE courses and digital prospectus: <https://bit.ly/3gqLWx9>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

At Halesowen College we recognise that wellbeing and mental health concerns can have an impact on anyone at any time. We have a dedicated team of wellbeing advisers and counsellors who will listen, find a safe space and time to talk, show kindness and compassion, be respectful, be open and inclusive and offer support and guidance to enable success.

Our counsellors work with a wide range of issues and can offer academic support (e.g., exam stress). Our philosophy is to support learners to help themselves by finding ways to manage their difficulties in an accepting and safe environment. All learners have access to Togetherall, a support platform available 24/7.

We have invested in training over 100 staff in Mental Health First Aid to allow them to support our students further during their time at college. Staff have a badge on their lanyard to indicate they have undertaken the training meaning students can quickly identify these staff members.

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LGBT+

At Halesowen College we value each of our students as individuals and want your young person to feel welcomed and supported during their time at college.

We have a thriving LGBT+ group offering a private, safe space for anyone belonging to the LGBT+ community to meet other students. We also have our Unicorn group, which welcomes

- learners who are transgender or questioning their
- gender identity to find support and make new friends.
- To further support students, the college also provides
- students and staff with pronoun badges that they can
- attach to their lanyard if they wish. Also, pronouns can
- now be added onto email signatures. Students have
- the opportunity to complete a form with their personal
- coach, which informs college staff of the correct
- pronoun to be used and the student's preferred names.



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HANDS ON LEARNING

Allowing students to gain hands on experience whilst learning is something that the college prides itself on. Through many of our courses students get the chance to develop their skills and knowledge through practical tasks. Halesowen College has a wide range of facilities that gives students the opportunities to experience learning differently.

A couple of examples of how we achieve this is Bistro @B63 and Happy Paws @B63.

The Bistro @B63 allows students to gain real insight into working within the catering and hospitality industry. Our meals are freshly prepared by our resident chef and student chefs and served to you by our friendly and attentive hospitality students.

The Bistro is open to the public and bookings can be made via

0121 602 7829 or restaurant@halesowen.ac.uk

Happy Paws @B63 is our new dog grooming salon. Our students work within the salon supervised by our staff to gain training and real-life experience working with the dogs. This allows the students to increase their knowledge and understanding of the grooming process and become work ready once they have finished their course. The grooming salon is open to the public and any enquiries can be made via happypaws@halesowen.ac.uk



Our hair and beauty training salons also offer our students industry experience.

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