



Halesowen
College



Your Path to Success:

Making the Most of Your
Study Programme

Here for you.

Hello and welcome

Welcome to Halesowen College!

As you start your course, we're here to help you every step of the way. Your time with us will be filled with opportunities to learn, flourish and succeed; to be best prepared for your future.

This guide will introduce you to your study programme – to explain its importance and give you an overview of what it includes. A well-structured study programme will ensure your academic success and personal development. It will equip you with the knowledge, skills and experiences you need to achieve your goals and reach your full potential.

We're thrilled to have you with us and can't wait to see all the incredible things you'll accomplish during your time at Halesowen College.



What is a Study Programme? Why is it Important?

A study programme is a plan of all that you will study and experience during your time at college to help you achieve your academic and career goals.

A study programme includes a combination of academic learning, practical experience and personal development opportunities and goes beyond the classroom.

Your study programme at Halesowen College is your gateway to a world of opportunities.

Attendance and engagement in every part of your study programme is essential.

By engaging fully in every aspect of your programme, you're not just preparing for exams or completing coursework; you're preparing for life. Connect with industry leaders, build essential skills and unlock your future with confidence.



Understanding Your Study Programme

Subject Content

Subject Content:

In-depth learning and practical application.



“Unmissable Lessons”: Explore your chosen subjects through inspirational and interactive lessons which are designed to deepen your understanding and keep you motivated. Lessons are varied with a range of activities you will not want to miss.



Getting Involved: Participate in practical and real-world activities that bring knowledge to life. These activities help you to develop your skills and apply what you've learned in a meaningful way.



Focused Exploration: Delve into specific areas of interest within your subject to build expertise and gain a thorough understanding of your field.



Working With Others: Work on group projects which encourage teamwork and communication skills and provide opportunities to solve real problems and present your findings.



Ongoing Assessment: Complete regular assessments and feedback sessions to track your progress, see what you need to improve and ensure you are making good progress.

This will allow you to gain a thorough and practical understanding of your subjects; building a solid foundation for your academic and career aspirations.

Tutorial

Tutorial: Personalised support and guidance.



1:1 Tutorials: Meeting with your Personal Coach gives you an opportunity to review your individual academic needs and goals. These sessions allow you to discuss your progress and any worries you may have and receive individualised advice and guidance.



Group Tutorials: Working with your peers in group tutorials to discuss common challenges, share ideas and support each other with your learning.



Academic Guidance: Benefit from expert advice on your coursework, assignments and academic progress. Your tutors will help you set goals, plan your study schedules and develop effective study skills.



Feedback: Gain valuable feedback on your performance and areas for development. Use constructive feedback to refine your skills, enhance your understanding and achieve your academic targets.



Career and Personal Growth: Discuss your career aspirations and personal development with your Personal Coach. They can guide you on career options, university applications and extracurricular activities. They will also help you reflect on your progress within the “Power Pack of Skills” programme.



Support and Motivation: Access additional support for any personal or academic challenges. Your Personal Coach will help you stay motivated, manage stress and maintain a balanced approach to your studies.

Tutorial sessions will allow you to receive the support and guidance you need to succeed in your studies and prepare for the future.

Resits (Maths & English)

Resits (where applicable): Opportunities for improvement and success.



Retake Opportunities: You may need to improve your grades in Maths and/or English and we offer the opportunity to do this. These sessions develop your understanding and skills to achieve the necessary grades for study and employment.



Focused Support: Before you resit the exams, you will receive targeted individual support to address areas for development. This includes timetabled sessions and resources designed to improve your understanding and help you to be more confident in the exams.



Guidance and Preparation: Preparation is everything. Your teachers will help you prepare for your resits; this will include revision tips and practising exam techniques.



Progress Tracking: Ongoing assessments and feedback will be provided to track your progress to ensure you improve your knowledge and technique before your exams.



Achieving Your Best: We want you to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen your skills, boost your confidence and meet the academic standards required for future study and employment.

Resitting exams will show how you have improved your knowledge and skills, helping you to meet the requirements for future study and your chosen career path.

Trips: Enriching your learning experience beyond the classroom.

Trips



Real-world Connections: Educational trips and visits bring classroom learning to life. Connect theoretical knowledge with real world situations to show you how your studies apply to the workplace and life outside college.



Industry Experience: Explore various industries and professions through visits to employers, workshops and industry events. These trips provide valuable insight into potential career paths, allowing you to see professionals in action and understand the practical aspects of your studies.



Hands-on Learning: Engage in hands-on activities and fieldwork that support your coursework. For example, Science students may visit research labs while Geography and Geology students will undertake fieldwork in a range of settings. These experiences enhance your practical skills and help you to better understand your subject.



Cultural and Historical Visits: Visit cultural, historical or geographical sites to help gain a wider view of your studies and understand the context within the wider world.



Meeting Employers: Meet and talk with professionals and experts from a range of industries to understand what opportunities are available to you when you leave college.

Trips and visits allow you to gain valuable experiences that support your academic studies, broaden your view of the world and your overall educational experience.

Enrichment

Enrichment: Enriching college life with extra-curricular activities.



Skill Development: Take part in a variety of enrichment activities to help develop new skills. Get involved in workshops, extra-curricular clubs and courses that focus on areas such as leadership, creativity, technology and public speaking.



Explore Interests: Pursue personal interests and hobbies. You can learn a new language, participate in sports or explore the arts, to name a few; these activities allow you to enjoy activities you already do or get involved in new ones.



Meeting New People: Connect with fellow students from different courses with different experiences. Enrichment activities offer opportunities to build friendships, work together on projects and create a supportive network in the college community.



Career and Personal Growth: Participate in activities that will develop you personally and professionally. This might include volunteering opportunities, career workshops and guest speakers, all aimed at preparing you for your future career and personal growth.



Leadership and Teamwork: Getting involved in student committees, organising events or leading on projects can develop fantastic life skills such as teamwork and problem solving – great qualities to include on your CV.



Health and Well-being: Taking part in activities can support your physical and mental well-being. Join fitness clubs, participate in mindfulness sessions, or take part in social and recreational activities to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle.



Cultural and Global Awareness: You can broaden your understanding of global issues by taking part in culture exchange programmes, global awareness campaigns, or international study trips.

Enrichment activities are a great way to help you grow as an individual and gain life skills.

6 in 6 Experience:
Meet six employers in your first six weeks
at college to motivate and inspire you.

**6 in 6
Experience**



Weekly Employer Sessions: In the first 6 weeks you will participate in sessions with guest lecturers, Q&A panels and workshops.



Real-World Examples: Hear from professionals in your field of interest about industry trends, job roles and career paths. These sessions will provide you with a clearer understanding of what to expect in the workplace and what you need to do to achieve your career of choice.



Explore Career Options: Use these opportunities to explore a variety of career options. By hearing professionals from a range of sectors speak, you can identify your own interests, consider your career goals and make decisions about your future career path.



Professional Networking: Develop your professional network by connecting with employers and industry leaders who can offer guidance, mentorship and potential job opportunities.



Boost Employability: Get a competitive edge by building connections to make you a more attractive candidate to potential employers and help you stand out in the job market.

The 6 in 6 experience connects academic learning to the world of employment, ensuring you start your college journey with a strong foundation of industry knowledge. 6 in 6 strengthens your educational experience and positions you for future success in your chosen career.

Power Pack of Skills

Power Pack of Skills: Boosting personal and professional development.

The Power Pack of Skills has been developed to enable you to gain and enhance the skills and behaviours employers of today are looking for. The Power Pack consists of six elements which represent skills employers have told us they want from their employees.



Digital: Companies and organisations across almost every industry use digital platforms and tools for their business needs. It is important that to take advantage of career opportunities, you develop your digital literacy skills to ensure success.



Resilience and Confidence: In today's fast-paced and sometimes difficult world, resilience and confidence are two key skills that all people need, but are possibly, for some, the hardest to develop.



Independent Living: At some point many of us are expected to leave home, maybe go to University, have a job, have our own house. The reality is we need to develop and equip ourselves with the living skills that enable us to do this.



Communicating: Developing your communication skills will not only help you now while you are at college but it will benefit you in the future, demonstrating to employers you are the person for the job!



Problem Solving: Developing problem solving skills will help you both at college and in the workplace. Employers often list this as an essential skill required for many jobs, across all sectors.



Time and Workload Management: Once developed, managing your time and workload is a skill that will help you in the future, even after you leave college; employers look for staff that are able to work well and within timescales!

This programme is endorsed by the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, recognising the importance of preparing for employment.

Work Experience

Work Experience:

Prepare for employment and higher study by gaining practical experience and industry knowledge.



Real-World Application: Work placements give you the opportunity to apply classroom teaching in a real-world setting.



Understanding Industry: By working in your chosen field, you can better understand industry practices, workplace culture and professional standards. This helps you to understand the expectations and prepares you for employment.



Employer Contacts: Build connections with professionals in your field. This can open doors to future job opportunities and provide you with mentors who can offer guidance and support.



Personal Growth: Gain confidence in your abilities, work in different environments and handle real-world challenges to build resilience and confidence.



Work experience placements are a key part of your study programme, they prepare you for future employment by providing practical experience and industry knowledge. They help you stand out to employers by showing your commitment and readiness for employment.



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