

Transition to College

Careers and Learning Support

Welcome

Aims of this evening;

- Introduction to college, courses and support available
- Understanding the application process for learners with EHCPs
 - Q&A

Halesowen College courses

At Halesowen College we offered tailored pathways
for every student.

The entry requirements are available on the
Halesowen College website.

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Higher		Course options	Entry Requirements
Advanced	Advanced courses will prepare you for university, further study or employment.	A LEVEL	To study at this level, you should be aiming for a minimum of 4 or 5 GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above* You must have Maths and English GCSE (there is an option to do re-sits alongside your studies. An adviser will discuss this with you at enrolment)
		COMBINED	
		VOCATIONAL	
		T LEVEL	
		APPRENTICESHIP	
Intermediate	These courses will develop core theoretical knowledge and practical skills.	COMBINED	To study at this Level you will usually have at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 Apprenticeships: a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above* Access to A Levels: minimum 2 GCSEs at grade 4 or above & 2 at grade 3 or above (inc. English & Maths)
		VOCATIONAL	
		APPRENTICESHIP	
		Access to A Levels	
Entry to FE	These are hands on qualifications that will give you an introduction to an industry of interest.	VOCATIONAL	Literacy and numeracy test, plus a satisfactory interview
Pre Entry	Suitable if you have little or no experience or qualifications and would benefit from developing your skills and confidence.	VOCATIONAL	Literacy and numeracy test, plus satisfactory interview

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Vocational studies Level 1

Foundation Studies Entry 3

Step up to Work Skills levels Entry 1, 2
and 3

Step up to Life Skills Plus Entry level 2/3

Personal Development & Employability
Level 1/ Entry Level 2 & 3

Supported Internships

A promotional graphic for Foundation Courses at Halesowen College. The background is a solid green color. In the top right corner, there is a small black square icon with a white house symbol. The main title 'Foundation Courses' is written in large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below the title, there are three paragraphs of white text. The first paragraph describes the Foundation Learning Team's experience with SEND students. The second paragraph mentions a range of programmes for full-time students. The third paragraph states the goal of helping learners transition into independent living or further education. To the right of the text, there is a large photograph of a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue polo shirt and a green lanyard with a badge, looking down at a plant. Below the text, there are two smaller photographs: one showing a group of about ten students posing in front of a building, and another showing three young men smiling, one holding a small potted plant. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular button with a white 'i' icon and the text 'Press for more info', and a rectangular button with the text 'Apply Now' and a white pencil icon.

Foundation Courses

The Foundation Learning (Special educational needs and disability) Team has many years experience of successfully supporting students with (SEND) to gain a variety of qualifications.

We have a range of programmes designed to cater for a wide range of students. Each full time programme is aimed to give a learning experience appropriate to their needs and to support their appropriate progression.

They are designed to provide our learners with the opportunities to develop their skills to enable them to transition into independent living and to actively contribute to their own communities or to act as a stepping stone into further education pathways.



Apply Now

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Offered at different levels e.g. Levels 1, 2 and 3

**Practical and theoretical learning;
combines coursework and exams**

May include work experience

Choose one course to study

- **Animal Care**
- **Art & Design**
- **Beauty Studies**
- **Business**
- **Catering & Patisserie**
- **Construction**
- **Digital Technologies & Computer Science**
- **Early Years & Education**
- **Hairdressing**

VOCATIONAL COURSE AREAS

- **Health & Social Care**
- **Media Studies**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Public Services**
- **Science, Engineering & Technical**
- **Sport & Fitness**
- **Travel, Tourism, Aviation & Events**

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- **Art**
- **Biology**
- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Dance**
- **Drama & Theatre**
- **Economics**
- **Electronics**
- **English Language &
Literature**

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- **Environmental Science**
- **Film Studies**
- **French**
- **Further Maths**
- **Geography**
- **Geology**
- **Graphic Communication**
- **History**
- **Law**
- **Mathematics**

A LEVELS SUBJECTS

- **Media Studies**
- **Photography**
- **Physics**
- **Politics**
- **Psychology**
- **Religious Studies**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Textiles**

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Applied A Levels

Practical and applied delivery of learning & assessment

Choose 1 Vocational Diploma plus 2 A levels

- **AAT Accounting**
- **Applied Law**
- **Applied Psychology**
- **Criminology**
- **Health & Social Care AAQ**
- **Applied Human Biology AAQ**
- **Music Performance Foundation Diploma**
- **Music Production & Technology Foundation Diploma**
- **Musical Theatre**
- **Sport & Physical Activity**

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T LEVELS

Designed to meet the needs of industry

Minimum* 315 hours industry placement

Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/5

Equivalent UCAS points to A Levels

T LEVELS COURSES

- **Accounts**
- **Animal Management**
- **Digital – Software Development**
- **Digital – Support & Security**
- **Education and Early Years**
- **Legal Services**
- **Management and Administration**
- **Marketing**
- **Media, Broadcast and Production**
- **Science**
- **Supporting Healthcare – Adult Nursing**
- **Supporting Healthcare – Midwifery**

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V LEVELS

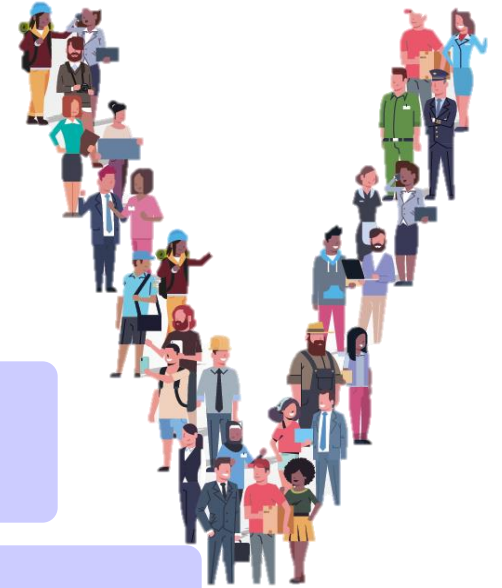
Expected starting date September 2027

One V - Level is equivalent to one A Level - allowing a choice of A Level and vocational subjects.

The first subjects to be offered are Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting.

Focused on "learning by doing," linked to an Occupation e.g. healthcare, engineering & business.

V Levels are not a specialised as T Levels allowing students to explore a range of occupations



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Earn Money & Learn

Paid employment with a contract & paid holiday leave

At least 20% off-the-job training leading to a nationally recognised qualification

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Level 2

- ✕ **Customer Service Practitioner**
- ✕ **Early Years Practitioner**
- ✕ **Healthcare Science**
- ✕ **Healthcare Support Worker**
- ✕ **Pharmacy Assistant**

Level 3

- ✕ **Assistant Accountant**
- ✕ **Business Administrator**
- ✕ **Dental Nursing**
- ✕ **Early Years Educator**
- ✕ **IT Support Technician**
- ✕ **Multi-Channel Marketer**
- ✕ **Personal Trainer**
- ✕ **Senior Healthcare Support Worker: Maternity Pathway**
- ✕ **Senior Healthcare Support Worker: Adult Nursing Pathway**

Careers support offered to ALL students at all campuses

- **1:1 Careers Appointments**
- **Drop-in sessions**
- **Workshops & Guest Speakers** – Employment, Apprenticeships, Higher Education
- **Events and visits - for example** Careers Fair, University Visits and SEND/Foundation students Next Steps Fair.

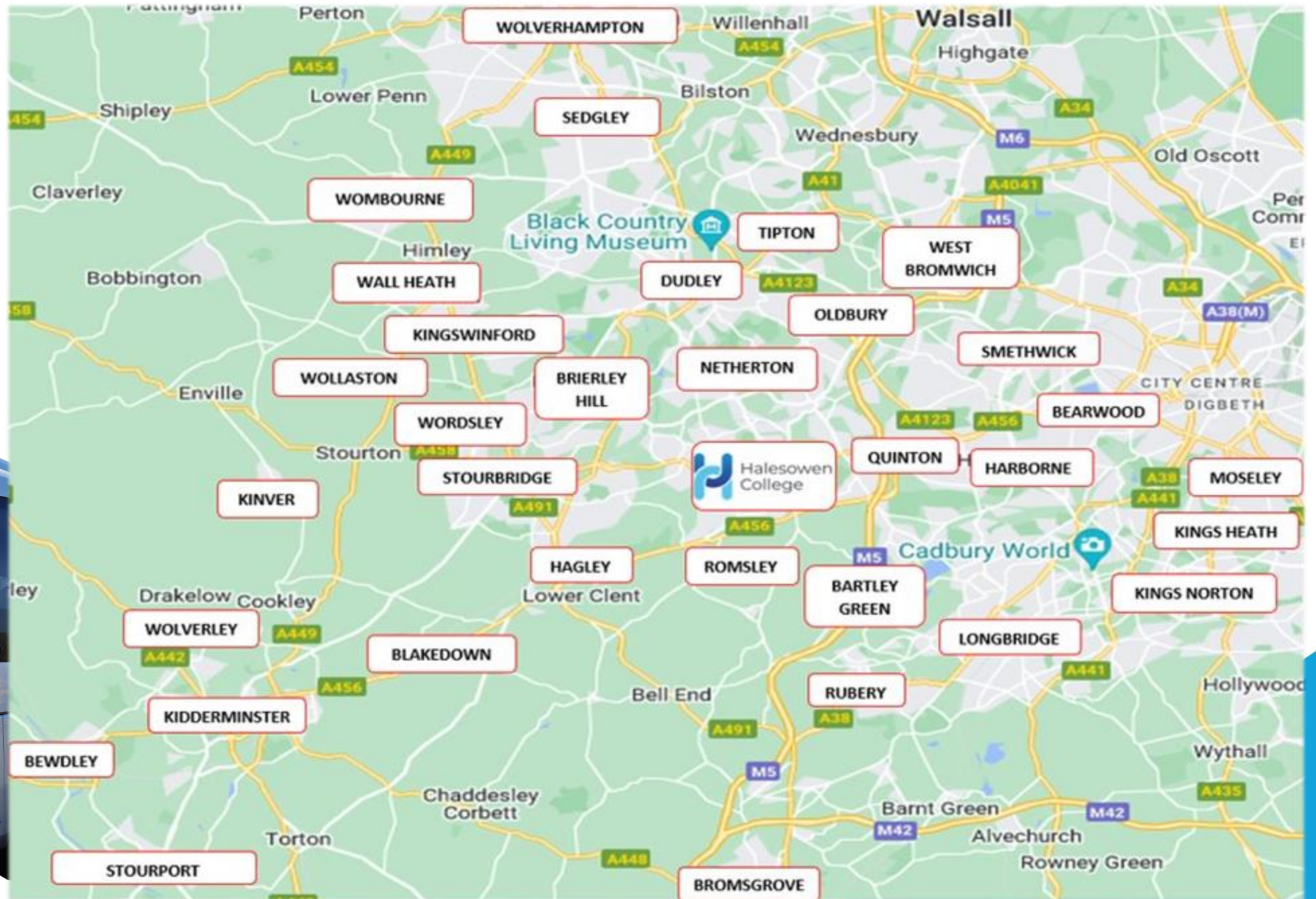
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- **Parents'/guardians' evenings**
- **Financial Support**
- **Learning Support**
- **Personal Coach**
- **Careers Advice**
- **College Counsellors**
- **Wellbeing & Mental Health First Aid**
- **Safeguarding**
- **Care Experienced Learners Support**



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COACHES



Online Application

To get started, pick a category below and then choose the courses that you want to apply for using the provided options.

A - Levels

Choose →

Vocational

Choose →

T Levels

Choose →

Apprenticeship

Choose →



I don't know what to apply for

Your Future Plans

Qualifications

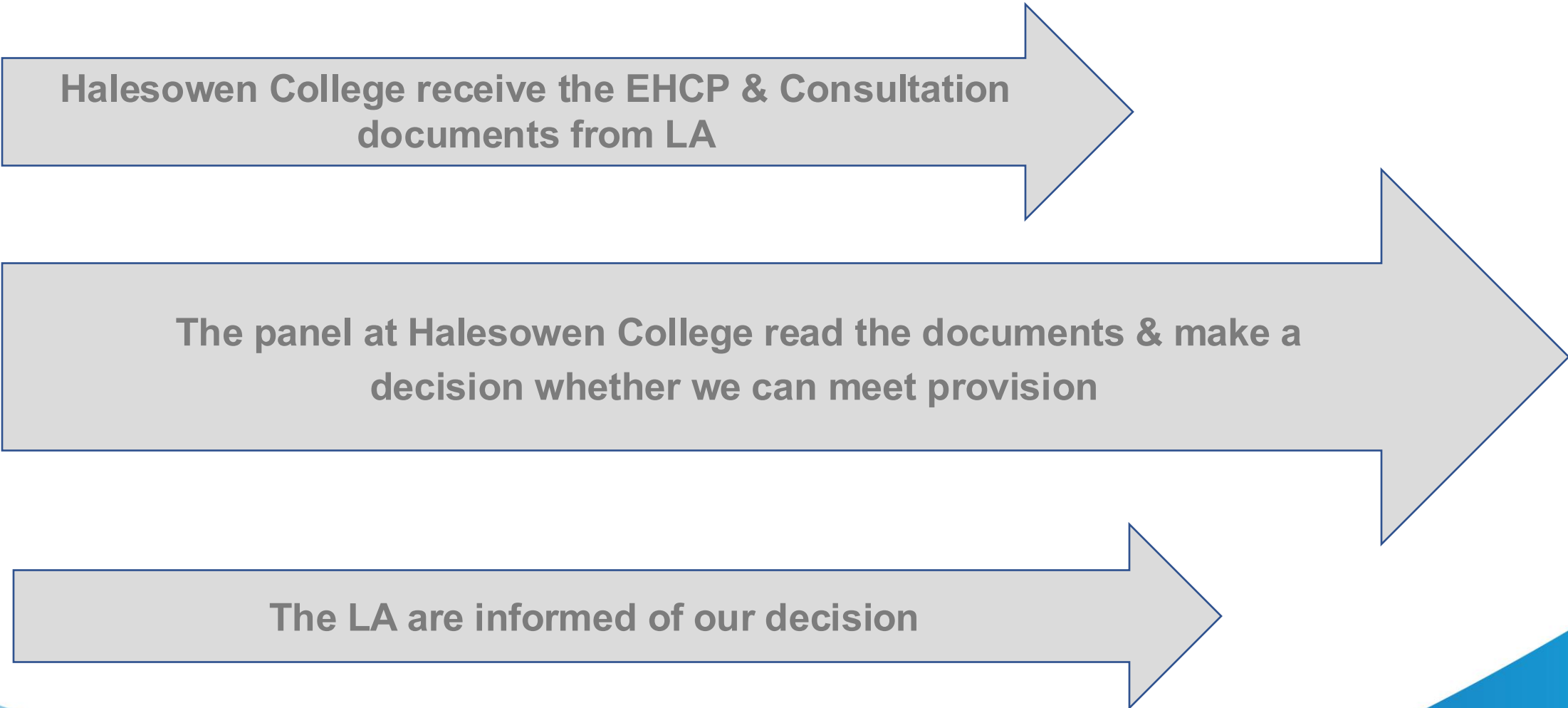
→ **Confirm**

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Learning Support at Halesowen College

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Process for New Applications



Halesowen College receive the EHCP & Consultation documents from LA

The panel at Halesowen College read the documents & make a decision whether we can meet provision

The LA are informed of our decision

Why do we do this?- To ensure the student is able to have a successful learning journey

- **Ensures the right support is actually delivered**

Section F sets out the *specific support a student must receive*. If a college cannot provide this (e.g., 1:1 support, specialist teaching, therapies), the student may not be able to access learning effectively or safely.

- **Protects the student's wellbeing and confidence**

Without appropriate support, students can become anxious, disengaged, or overwhelmed. Meeting Section F provision ensures they feel understood, included, and able to participate.

- **Supports equality of access**

It ensures the student can access the same opportunities as their peers (curriculum, enrichment, work experience) with the right adjustments in place.

- **Prevents placement breakdown**

If needs are not met, students are at higher risk of poor attendance, behaviour difficulties, or withdrawing. A college that can meet Section F provision is more likely to offer a stable, successful placement.

It is essential to remember ...

- Parents/Carers must contact their Local Authority (LA) as soon as possible to request their EHCP and consultation paperwork are formally shared with the college
- Should the young person wish to apply to Halesowen College they must act quickly after making their application .
- Any delay in submitting this information may significantly impact the application timeline. Course places fill quickly and any delays could result in the young person not obtaining a place

It is important to note that an application cannot progress until the EHCP has been through the Local Authority panel process.

What does support look like at Halesowen College ...

- Support from a Learning Support Practitioner in class
- Adapted technology and resources
- Use of accessibility software
- Access to college wellbeing and counselling service
- Regular tutorials, twice a week, with the personal coach
- One to one mentoring
- Meet and greet
- Support to access college coaches (see Fitness to Travel policy here)
- Personal care support, including medication
- Break and lunchtime support
- Exam access arrangements
- Mental health and well-being checks
- Pastoral care
- Self-calming
- Therapy dog
- Break time/lunch time support



Support continued...

Specific support if you:

- Are hearing or sight impaired
- Are Autistic
- Have ADHD
- Have a physical need
- Have a mental health challenge
- Have anxiety
- Have a specific learning difficulty

Additional support that may be required:

- Manual handling
- Infection control
- Medication control
- Sign Language
- Safeguarding
- Person centred approach
- Learning disabilities
- Supporting learners in class and out of class
- Supporting you to become more independent and confident
- Development of soft skills
- Development of employability and life skills

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Support continued...

The Hive in 5 (Whittingham Road)



The Hive on 5 (Trinity Point)

The Hives are accessible facilities for all SEND students to access. The facility provides universal support during the day from 8:30am until 4:30pm. It is a quiet space, with a small sensory area that may be needed for self-regulating activity. The Hives are located within quiet areas of the college but remains an integral part of the mainstream provision.



Open Events



Saturday 11th October 2026

10am – 4pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026

4pm – 7pm

Saturday 16th January 2027

10am – 2pm

Tuesday 27th April 2027

5pm – 7.30pm



Padlet

- We have put together all our careers information in the enclosed Padlet which you can access now through the QR code below. It is also on our website in the parent/carers careers page.



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Thank you for attending

Any Questions?

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