



# Halesbury School Careers Newsletter 2025/2026

## Autumn Term Newsletter:

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our Careers newsletter. This is the first edition since I have returned from Maternity Leave, so I just wanted to take the opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' for all the warm wishes and congratulations I received. I also wanted to inform you that I returned to work on a part-time basis and my working days are now Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Should you require support outside of this, please contact me via email or Class Dojo and I will respond as soon as possible.

In this issue, I have included information about upcoming events that are designed to support you with making transition-related decisions; I know that this can be a massive source of anxiety for parents/carers so I hope that you find this reassuring. Please reach out if you require any support with this!

**Wishing you a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy and healthy 2026!**

**Mrs Harris**

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## Parent/Carer Workshops:

In order to support parents/carers with understanding some of the Post 16/Post 19 options that are available to you and your child, we have arranged two information sessions that will be held at Halesbury School.

These sessions will cover topics such as:

- Types of provision available in the local area and the courses that they offer
- How to apply for your chosen provision and the consultation process
- Additional support that may be available to you and your child

**Workshop 1:** For parents/carers of **Year 10** pupils – **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am**

**Workshop 2:** For parents/carers of **Year 13** pupils – **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10am**

If you wish to attend either session, please notify Natasha Harris via Class Dojo or Email.

## New Provision Updates:

I'm excited to share that Sandwell College are opening a brand-new campus in Cradley Heath in January 2026. This provision will cater for young people aged 16–18 or 19+ with an EHCP, as well as adult learners, offering learning pathways from Pre-Entry to Entry Level 3, with a strong focus on personal development and progression.

We are hoping to work closely with Cradley Heath Skills Campus to support them in developing a curriculum that will reflect the needs of SEND young people in the local area. Learners in Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 will get to visit the provision as part of this work.

They held a parent/carers drop-in session on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December that many families attended. However, if you missed this and would like to view the provision, please let me know and I can liaise with them on your behalf.



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## Reviewing Autumn Term:



### Hippodrome Education Network:

This term, we have continued to partner with Birmingham Hippodrome. Sam, our learning and participation artist, will be working with every class in school to deliver Drama workshops. This term, Sam has worked with Post 16, Willow Class, Oak Class, Jaguar and Emerald class.

### Employer Project – Forge Mill Enterprise Project

Beech Class have worked alongside Forge Mill Farm to set up their very own Christmas gift shop based in the Forge Mill Visitor Centre. They are hoping to raise enough funds for a trip back to the farm in the New Year.



### Work-Based Learning – Riverside Farm:

Amethyst and Emerald class have completed work-based learning at Riverside Farm, this term. They have worked alongside farm staff to maintain the farm and carry out duties such as feeding, grooming, cleaning and walking the animals.

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### STEM Project – Crest Award

This term, Maple Class and Oak Class have completed a Crest Award in STEM. They participated in a project where they had to meet a brief and produce their own pizza boxes. This process helped pupils to develop their design, problem-solving and teamwork skills. We have now sent off samples of their work and hope to receive the certificates soon!

### Work-Based Learning – Forge Mill Farm

This term, Maple Class and Willow Class have returned to Forge-Mill Farm to participate in work-based learning. This supports our learners in developing generic employability skills as well as specific animal care and farm maintenance skills.



### Work-Based Learning – Emily Jordan Foundation

This term, a group of learners from Post 16 have been undertaking work-based learning at Emily Jordan Foundation in Kidderminster. The activity provider is a possible Post 19 placement option for our young people, so it is fantastic to see them getting stuck into the bicycle maintenance program and learning valuable life skills.

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## Getting Out and About:

### **Makaton Storytime at Brierley Hill Library:**

Brierley Hill Library is the first library in the UK to be awarded 'Makaton Aware' status and they are marking this achievement by hosting monthly Storytime sessions that are being supported by Makaton signing. These sessions take place on a Saturday afternoon and are an ideal way for families to engage with their local library service. Call: 01384 812874 to find out the date of the next session and book your place.



### **Happy Hours Social Club for Adults with Learning Disabilities:**

Held at St Thomas's Church Hall, Stourbridge, on a Tuesday evening (7.00pm-9.00pm), this club offers adults (aged 18+) with learning disabilities the chance to meet new friends and participate in games, activities, themed nights, weekly discos and raffles. The cost is £2 per session. Call: 07473 873677 for more information and to request a registration pack.



### **We Love Carers Inclusive Sports Sessions:**

Held at Woodside Community Centre in Dudley, on a Thursday evening (7.30pm to 9.00pm) this We Love Carers club offers SEND young people (aged 14+) and their siblings, the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities. There is also the chance to socialise and make friends through sports. Please contact 01384 396626 or email [hello@welovecarers.org](mailto:hello@welovecarers.org) to book a place or find out more.



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## Dates for your Diary:

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
School Closed to Pupils – Inset Day
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Pupils Return to School
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Dudley College Open Day – 10.00am to 2.00pm  
Book Here: <https://dudleycol.ac.uk/our-college/events/>
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Halesowen College Open Day - 10.00am to 2.00pm  
Book Here: <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/open-events/>
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Year 10 Parent/Carer Information Session at Halesbury School – 10.00am  
Email: [careers@halesbury.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:careers@halesbury.dudley.sch.uk) to confirm attendance
- **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Sandwell College Open Day - 10.00am to 2.00pm  
Book Here: <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/opendays/>
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**  
Year 13 Parent/Carer Information Session at Halesbury School – 10.00am  
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