



Halesbury School Careers Newsletter 2025/2026

Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term edition of our Careers newsletter! This issue comes at a very busy time in the Careers Calendar as we are anxiously awaiting the return of many of our Year 11 and Year 14 Final EHCP's which will tell us whether they have been successful in obtaining a place at their chosen Post 16/Post 19 setting. If you, as a parent/carer are feeling anxious about this, please do get in touch.

Wishing you a wonderful (and hopefully sunny) Easter break!

~ Mrs Harris ~

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Parent/Carer Survey Feedback:

In February, we launched our bi-annual Parent/Carer Survey. The survey is designed to help us understand what aspects of our Careers and Preparing for Adulthood programme are valued by families as well as helping to highlight any areas for improvement. I am very grateful to everyone who took the time to respond.

The results have shown:

- + Vast majority of parents/carers are happy with the current provision – you understand who to contact if you have concerns, questions or queries and you value the support that is given by relevant staff at Halesbury School. You also appreciate the changes that have been made to the curriculum that allow all learners in Secondary and Post 16 to access work-based learning as well as visits to relevant colleges, training providers and social care providers.
- Parents/carers worry about the anxiety faced by their young person when they are trying to navigate career-related decisions – you wonder whether more can be done to support learners with this. You would also like to see further development of the curriculum so that there are more opportunities for work experience in a wider range of sectors.

As part of our planning for the 26/27 academic year, we shall be considering what changes can be made to reflect your feedback and ensure that our provision remains relevant to the needs of our young people and their families.

Final Open Events for 25/26 Academic Year:

For those families with children in Year 10 and Year 13, this is a reminder that the last college open events of the year will be taking place this term. These events give you the opportunity to visit local colleges, have a look at the site and meet subject-specific staff. They are a crucial element of making an informed decision about your child's next steps and I would strongly encourage you to attend as many as possible in order to ensure you fully understand the options that are available.

All dates can be found on the back page of this newsletter as well as on the school website and Class Dojo.

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Reviewing Spring Term:

As well as our usual PFA Day activities, this term we have also been able to offer our students some new activities that have supported their careers-related development.



World Theatre Day Festival:

This term, a group of learners from Oak and Willow Class have worked closely with Sam, our learning and participation artist from Birmingham Hippodrome, to produce a performance to celebrate World Theatre Festival. As part of this, they received a workshop on Greek tragedy and visited the Hippodrome theatre, where they performed their drama piece to two other schools.

Employer Project – West Brom Markets Enterprise Project

Maple and Willow class have been working hard to design products to sell on a market stall in West Bromwich. They have had to plan, budget and advertise for the market stall and they will be holding one day pop-up stalls in March and April to sell their goods and raise money for trips etc.



Employer Visits – Hippodrome Workshops

In addition to Sam who visits us weekly, we have also hosted sessions from two other artists this term who have enriched our curriculum and brought theme of 'Eurovision' to life:

Benny has worked with Maple, Oak and Willow to produce t-shirts that can be worn to Eurovision!

Sara has worked with Badger, Jaguar and Beech to explore Eurovision style dance moves and performance skills!



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Getting Out and About:

Lifted Spirits Parent/Carer Group:

Lifted Spirits is a support group for families of children with disabilities. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend. They offer hot drinks, cake and an opportunity to meet other parents and to chat. Group leaders are called Elaine and Esther, and they meet every Tuesday in term time at Bank Street Methodist Church, Brierley Hill from 9:30 until 11am. For more information contact esthermandale@yahoo.co.uk



Boing Zone Stourbridge SEN Sessions:

The Stourbridge branch of Boing Zone Trampoline Parks are running SEN Sessions:

- Sunday at 4.30pm for those aged 5-15 years of age
- Thursday at 12.00pm (term time only) for anyone aged 5+ including adults with carers

Booking is advised as numbers are capped to ensure the sessions are comfortable for participants. One carer goes free with each paying participant. More information is available at:

<https://www.boingzone.co.uk/special-needs/>



Adventure Street SEN Sessions:

Adventure Street, near Baggeridge Country Park, is now offering SEN sessions exclusively for children with special educational needs. The 75-minute sessions will give children the opportunity to explore the role play village and interact with a range of toys and props. These sessions take place on a monthly basis, and more information can be found on the Events section of their website: <https://adventure-street.co.uk/sen-play-sessions/>



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Dates for your Diary:

- **Monday 13th April 2026:**
Pupils return to school following Easter holidays
- **Wednesday 29th April 2026:** (5pm to 7.30pm)
Halesowen College Open Event
Book here: <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/open-events/>
- **Monday 4th May 2026:**
School Closed due to Bank Holiday
- **Wednesday 6th May 2026:** (9.45am to 12pm)
QAC Open Event
To book, call: 0121 803 5484
- **Thursday 7th May 2026:**
School Closed due to Local Elections
- **Saturday 9th May 2026:** (11am to 3pm)
Sandwell College (inc. Cradley Heath Skills Campus) Open Event
Book here: <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/opendays/>
- **Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026:**
Half Term
- **Monday 1st June 2026:**
Inset Day
- **Wednesday 10th June 2026:** (4pm to 7pm)
Dudley College Open Event
Book here: <https://dudleycol.ac.uk/our-college/events/>
- **Wednesday 15th July 2026:**
Last Day of Term for Pupils



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