



# Halesbury School Careers Newsletter 22/23 Summary

## Summer Term Newsletter:

Welcome to the Summer edition of our Careers newsletter. We're now fast approaching the end of this academic year so it seems like a great opportunity to reflect on all of the fantastic career-related activities that have been completed by our young people this year.

Within this issue you'll also find lots of information relating to upcoming events, that are taking place online, within school and within the local community, that may be beneficial for you and your child. I hope that you're finding these newsletters interesting, useful and a great way of recognising some of the amazing work that is taking place in school!

**Wishing you a happy and healthy Summer term and a wonderful Summer break!**

**Mrs Harris**

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## Dudley SENDIASS Workshops:

Dudley SENDIAS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEND for parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old. Throughout the year, SENDIASS host a range of online workshops on Microsoft Teams to support parents/carers. This term, the topic being explored are:

- Understanding the EHCP process
- Understanding and reading through a draft EHCP
- Preparing to attend meetings within settings
- Understanding the Annual and Emergency Review processes
- Preparing for Post 16 transition

For further information on the workshops, and to book a place, please visit:

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/workshops-and-events>

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## Parent/Carer Survey Feedback – February 2023:

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our most recent careers survey. These surveys help us to understand parent/carer priorities and make appropriate changes to the activities, opportunities and support that we provide. From the survey, it was clear that parents/carers recognise how we have sought to offer a more diverse range of community-based activities within our provision in order to activities in order to meet the diverse learning needs of our young people. However, it was also recognised that parents/carers feel that more support and engagement from external agencies is needed. Therefore, facilitating this engagement will be one of our key priorities for the 2023/2024 academic year.



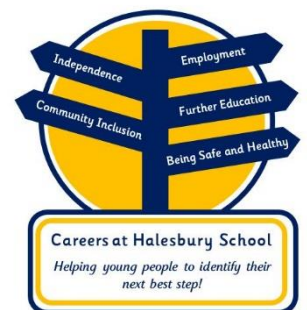
## 'Life After Halesbury' Information Event:

We recognise that for many young people, as well as their parents/carers, the prospect of leaving Halesbury can be daunting and confusing. In order to support your understanding of the options that may be available to your child at the end of Year 11, we are holding an information session for parents/carers of Year 9 and 10 pupils. In order to maximise the number of parents/carers who are able to attend, we will be holding two different sessions at the following times:

**Session 1:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June (5.00pm-6.00pm)

**Session 2:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June (11.00am-12.00pm)

If you would like to attend, then please contact Mrs Harris to notify us of your attendance and your preferred session.



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## Work-Related Learning This Term:

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### Employability UK Workshops:

This half term, Pathway 3 have participated in three workshops from Employability UK, which were funded by a grant from National Express. These workshops gave students an opportunity to participate in a range of activities designed to help improve their self-confidence, develop resilience and teamwork skills and raise aspirations. Thank you to Krystyna from Employability UK for making the sessions so engaging and enjoyable!

### Scarecrow Festival:

This half term, pupils from Caterpillar Class, Badger Class, Flamingo Class, Emerald Class and Jaguar Class have participated in a scarecrow festival in conjunction with Forge Mill Farm. Pupils were asked to produce a 'sustainable scarecrow' that made use of recycled and donated materials.



### Midland Metro Alliance Project:

This term, pupils from Pathway 1, 2 and 3 have worked to meet a project brief set by Midland Metro Alliance who asked pupils to work in small groups to research, design and build a sustainable bug hotel. Rose and Tom, from Midland Metro Alliance, also visited us to give pupils some feedback on their projects. The winning entry will be chosen by Mr Kulyk in coming weeks and this bug hotel will then enter the final round of the competition, alongside entries from other schools, which will be judged by staff at Midland Metro Alliance.

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### West Brom Building Society Workshops:

This term, staff from the West Brom Building Society have come into school to deliver workshops to pupils in Pathway 1, 2 and 3 in order to increase their financial awareness.

A big 'thank you' to Leah, Mel and their team, for taking the time to deliver such interesting and engaging activities!



### Pop-Up Shops:

This term, pupils from Pathway 1, 2 and 3 have taken part in an enterprise project where they have designed and made a wide range of hand-made products which have then been sold at a pop-up shop in DPD Oldbury.

This experience gave our pupils a real insight into the world of retail and gave them lots of opportunities to meet DPD employees.

### Out and About:

This term, students from all classes have continued to access a wide range of activities and services within the local community such as:

- Cinemas
- Leisure Centres
- Cafes
- Arts and Crafts
- Shops and Supermarket
- Libraries
- Farms and Animal Centres
- Parks



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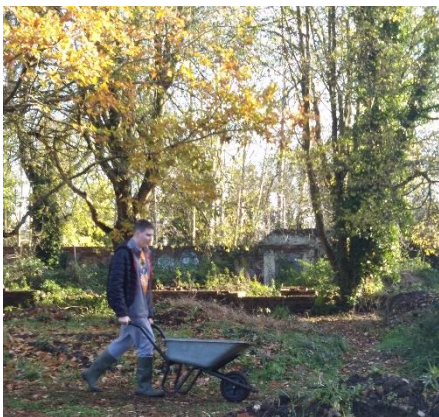
### KA Equestrian Centre:

This term pupils from Amethyst Class, Emerald Class and Jaguar Class have participated in work-based learning at KA Equestrian Centre where they helped to care for the horses at the stables.

They have also had the opportunity to learn how to ride the horses with many students becoming much more confident during their time at the centre.

### Ashfield Gardens:

This term, students from Post 16 have continued to enjoy work-based learning sessions at Ashfield Gardens in Stourbridge. The five-acre site is home to a social-care farm that provides opportunities for pupils to work in a range of outdoor environments such as allotments, raised beds, paddocks, an orchard and a small woodland.



### Riverside:

This term, students from Amethyst Class, Emerald Class and Post 16 have continued to carry out work-based learning at Riverside House in Stourbridge. During these sessions, pupils support the regeneration project by completing land-based activities such as woodwork, preparing pathways, planting and general ground maintenance.

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## Getting Out and About:

Here are a selection of clubs, activities and social opportunities that may be beneficial for your child:

### **Cadbury World SEND Sessions:**

Cadbury World are now offering relaxed sessions that will have reduced sound, an increase in lighting where necessary, removal of strong scents and fewer visitors to help reduce stress for visitors with SEND. There is also a social story on their website that can be downloaded in order to prepare your child for their visit. To find out when the sessions are taking place, and to book please click here: <https://www.cadburyworld.co.uk/plan-your-visit/relaxed-sen-sessions/>



### **Sycamore Adventure Playground Additional Needs Sessions:**

Sycamore Adventure Playground is an outdoor and indoor adventure playground that offers a wide range of play structures, play equipment, sensory room, soft play and a café. Each Tuesday, during term time, they host an additional needs session, from 4.30pm-6.30pm, where children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families can make use of the facilities. A donation of £2.50 per visit is suggested by the Centre.

For more information, or to make a booking, use this link: <https://www.sycamoreadventure.co.uk/come-play>



**Leisure Centre SEND Soft Play Sessions:** As part of recent developments and refurbishments of local leisure centres, there are now Planet Play soft play facilities at both Duncan Edwards and Halesowen Leisure Centres. The facilities, designed for children 11 years and below, include slides, crawl tubes, rope bridges, balance beams and nets. At Duncan Edwards, there is a SEND soft play session every Wednesday (5.00pm - 6.00pm) – pre-booking is not required, however, there may be a delay on entry during busier times. At Halesowen, there is a SEND soft play session every Monday (4.30pm - 6.00pm) – pre-booking through the leisure centre is advised as this guarantees you a place. For more information, please click here: <https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/soft-play>



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## Dates for your Diary:

- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June:**  
SENDIASS Workshop – Understanding the EHCP Process (10.00am-12.00pm)  
Book here: <https://dudleyci.co.uk/workshops-and-events>
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Halesbury Event – ‘Life After Halesbury’ Information Session (4.30-5.30pm)
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Halesbury Event – ‘Life After Halesbury’ Information Session (11.00-12.00pm)
- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Cadbury World SEND Session - Book here: <https://www.cadburyworld.co.uk/plan-your-visit/relaxed-sen-sessions/>
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:**  
SENDIASS Workshop – Understanding and Reading Your Draft EHCP (10.00am-12.00pm)  
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- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:**  
SENDIASS Workshop – Preparing to Attend Meetings in Settings (10.00am-12.00pm)  
Book here: <https://dudleyci.co.uk/workshops-and-events>
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:**  
SENDIASS Workshop – Understanding the Annual and Emergency Review Processes (10.00am-12.00pm) Book here: <https://dudleyci.co.uk/workshops-and-events>
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July:**  
SENDIASS Workshop – Preparing for Post 16 Transition (10.00am-12.00pm)  
Book here: <https://dudleyci.co.uk/workshops-and-events>
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Cadbury World SEND Session - Book here: <https://www.cadburyworld.co.uk/plan-your-visit/relaxed-sen-sessions/>

**Open Days/Evening dates for the 2023/2024 academic year will also be published on the Halesbury website as soon as they are released by local colleges and providers.**

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