



# Halesbury School Careers Newsletter

## Autumn Term Newsletter:

Welcome to the Autumn Term edition of our Careers newsletter – I can't quite believe that we're approaching the end of the first half term, already. With that being said, it has been a very busy half term with lots of our pupils beginning to access work-based learning, trips, visits and community facilities as part of their Careers and Preparing for Adulthood education.

Over the next few months, we shall be continuing to work closely with our young people in Year 11 and Year 14 to support them in identifying their next best step! We understand that this can be a stressful and worrying time for our young people, and their parents/carers, so please do get in touch, using the contact details below, if there is anything that we can help with!

**Wishing you a happy and healthy half term!**

**Mrs Harris**

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- **Survey Results:** Feedback from our July 2022 Parent/Carer Survey
- **Celebrating Success:** Destination Data from our 21/22 Year 11 Leavers
- **Getting Out and About:** Opportunities within the local community
- **Dates for the Diary:** Upcoming events that may be beneficial you and/or your child

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## Survey Results:

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our 'Careers Education' survey in July. Your feedback is an essential part of the evaluation process and helps us to ensure that our Careers provision reflects the ever-changing needs of our children and young people.

## Key Findings:

- Our Careers provision is about much more than just getting a job as we are looking to support young people with the development of life skills, employability skills and interpersonal skills in order to increase independence. However, **70%** of surveyed parents/carers **did not feel that 'Careers' was the correct name** for this part of our curriculum, instead **67% preferred the term 'Preparing for Adulthood'**.
- We want to ensure that the activities we plan have a positive impact on your child, therefore, we were pleased to see that **83%** of surveyed parents/carers felt **that participation in careers-related activities** had helped their child to begin developing the skills required to be **more independent** in the future
- We are very keen to share information about our career-related activities with you. In order to make this more effective, parents/carers identified their **preferred forms of communication** to be: **Parent Hub** (92%), **Halesbury Website** (68%) and a **Newsletter** (54%).

## Suggested Actions:

- Consider **changing the name** of our 'Careers' provision to 'Preparing for Adulthood'
- Continue to incorporate **careers-related activities into the curriculum**
- **Communicate** with parents/carers using preferred means e.g. Parent Hub, Halesbury Website and Newsletter

**We shall be sending out another parent/carer survey later in the year.  
We would really appreciate your feedback as it will help to inform future planning.**

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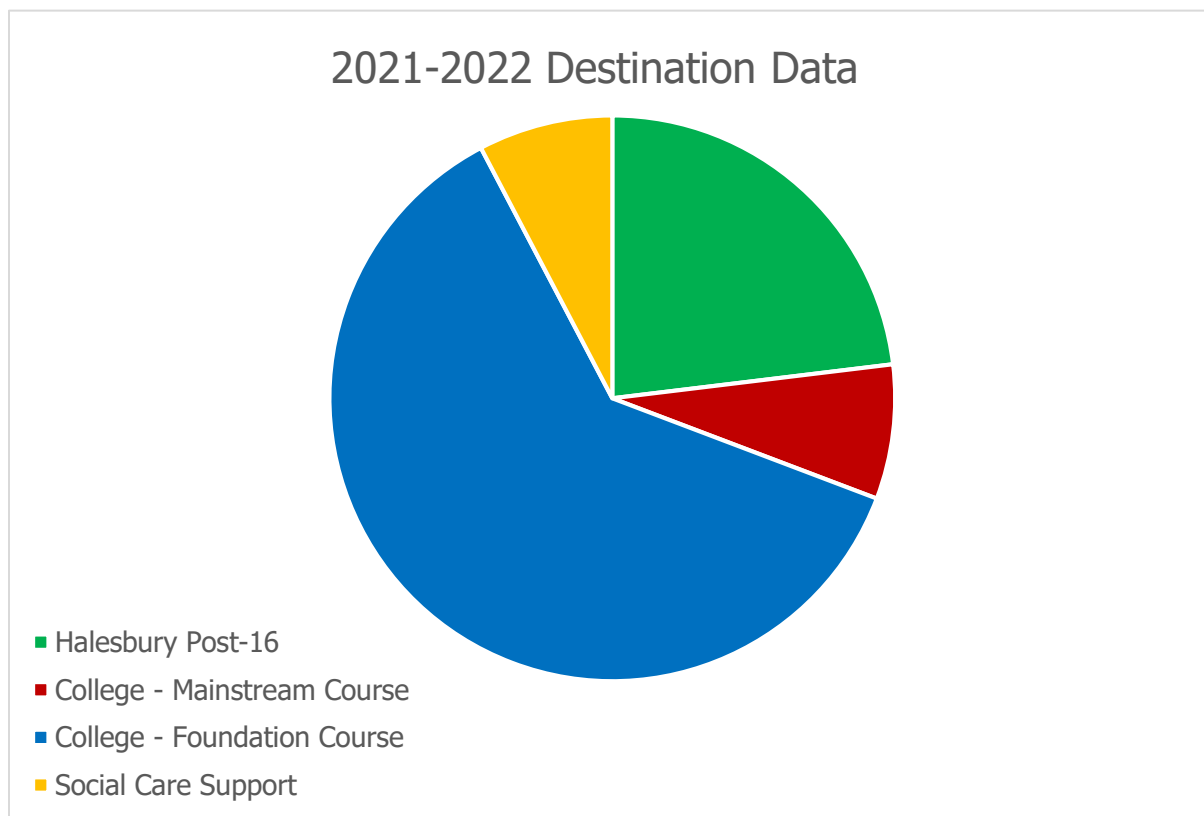
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## Celebrating Success:

In July 2022, Halesbury School had **fourteen Year 11 pupils** who moved onto their **next destination**:

- **3 students** now attend **Halesbury Post-16**
- **1 student** now attends a **local college** and accesses a **mainstream course** with support
- **8 students** now attend a **local college** and access **supported foundation courses**
- **1 student** is receiving **social care support**

Having supported students with their transition, we have also contacted them throughout September to ensure that they are settling into their new destinations and we're looking forward to sharing their successes with you in the future!



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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:

1. **Autism Café:** Lunch on the Run and Dudley Voice for Change are joining together to host a monthly, family-friendly Autism café where young people have the opportunity to practice social skills and meet new people in a relaxed café environment. For further information and upcoming dates/times please visit:

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/monthly-autism-cafe>

2. **All Stars Youth Club:** This youth club, in Gornal Wood, caters for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, aged 8 onwards. They provide opportunities for young people to socialise and interact with others, whilst also carrying out a wide range of activities such as arts and crafts, sports, cooking, day trips and residential trips. For further information and a link to the membership form, please visit:

<https://allstarsyouthclub2.wixsite.com/allstarsyouthclub>

3. **Me&U Youth Club:** This youth club, based in Lower Gornal, caters specifically for young people on the autistic spectrum and aims to provide a valuable space where young people can meet with their peers, develop positive relationships, participate in fun activities and improve their self-esteem and confidence. For further information, please visit: <https://www.meandu.club/>

4. **Dudley Special Olympics:** This organisation aims to give people, with a learning difficulty, a chance to participate in sports training and events. They host football, swimming and athletics sessions most weeks. For further information, please visit:

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/services/dudley-special-olympics>

**MONTHLY AUTISM CAFE**

Lunch on the Run  
a social business

MEET NEW PEOPLE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS

A friendly, cosy café serving delicious homemade cakes & great coffees!!!

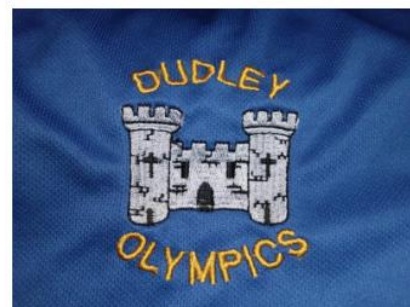
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MONTHLY	DATE	TIME
JANUARY 2022	22ND	12:45
FEBRUARY 2022	22ND	12:45
MARCH 2022	28TH	12:45
APRIL 2022	24TH	12:45
MAY 2022	28TH	12:45
JUNE 2022	24TH	12:45
JULY 2022	24TH	12:45
AUGUST 2022	28ND	12:45
SEPTEMBER 2022	27TH	12:45
OCTOBER 2022	28TH	12:45
NOVEMBER 2022	23RD	12:45
DECEMBER 2022	18TH	12:45

The graphic features a calendar table, a central banner with the text 'Lunch on the Run a social business', a yellow circle with 'MEET NEW PEOPLE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS', and a bottom banner with 'A friendly, cosy café serving delicious homemade cakes & great coffees!!!'. On the right, there is a photo of a coffee and a small inset photo of a person. A green box in the top right corner contains the address: 'DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley DY1 1RT 01384 217050'.



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## Dates for your Diary:

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** Queen Alexandra College Open Day (9.45am-12.00pm).  
**Call:** 0121 803 5484 to reserve a place.
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Halesowen College Open Day (4.00pm-7.00pm).  
**Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halesowen-college-open-events-202223-registration-348688916937>
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Queen Alexandra College Open Day (1.30pm-4.00pm).  
**Call:** 0121 803 5484 to reserve a place.
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Family Friendly Autism Café (3.30pm-5.00pm) at DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT.
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Dudley SENDIASS Post-16 Event (10.00am-3.00pm).  
**Further information and ticket reservations can be found here:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-about-you-send-post-16-market-place-event-tickets-382872811887>
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** Over-18's Autism Café (3.30pm-5.00pm) at DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Family Friendly Autism Café (3.30pm-5.00pm) at DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT.
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Dudley SENDIASS Workshop: Preparation for Post 16 Transition (10.00am-12.00pm).  
**Register here:** [Dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:Dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Over-18's Autism Café (3.30pm-5.00pm) at DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT.
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January:** Dudley College Open Day (10.00am-2.00pm).  
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