



# Halesbury School Careers Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter:

Welcome to the Autumn Term edition of our Careers newsletter! – This half term has marked the start of our 'Preparing for Adulthood' day which takes place every Thursday and involves all students in the Secondary phase of school completing a wide range of activities that have been specifically designed to support them in developing the skills that they will need as they grow up and become adults. It's been really exciting to see some of the amazing work that has been done and there is more information about some of the activities that we offer within this issue! In other areas, it is time for our Year 11 and Year 14 students to begin exploring their options for after Halesbury and so lots of visits have taken place this half term to support pupils to make informed decisions. Also, I hope that parents/carers have felt the benefit of this and feel more confident with the choices that are being made. If there is anyone worrying about the next steps for their child, then please do get in touch so that we can support you as we appreciate the enormity of this decision.

Mrs Harris

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- **Celebrating Success:** Destination Data from our 22/23 Year 11 and Year 14 Leavers
- **PFA Day:** A look at some of the exciting activities that are taking place as part of this initiative
- **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:

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

## Key Findings:

- We want to make sure that all parents/carers feel well-supported when it comes to making decisions about next steps and the future. Therefore, we were pleased to see that **100% of survey respondents either** agreed or strongly agreed that they **knew who they could contact if they needed support for a careers-related matter**
- Communication about careers-related activities has also improved since the last parent/carer survey as **80% of respondents** now report that they **know what activities their child has participated in**. We shall be continuing to make use of Class Dojo, Halesbury School website and this newsletter to communicate about these activities and events
- Parents/carers are also recognising **the impact of these careers-related activities**, with **73% of respondents** strongly agreeing that the careers-related activities that took place last year helped their child to **develop the skills** that will be needed as they prepare for adulthood

## Actions That Have Been Taken Since Survey:

- Natasha Harris to **attend EHCP reviews** for pupils in Year 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 to provide feedback from careers guidance, share pupil voice and **support planning for the future**
- **Overview of careers** and preparing for adulthood provision has been created to **support parents/carers** to understand how activities link together to support personal development (This can be viewed at: <https://www.halesbury.dudley.sch.uk/careers-and-preparing-for-adulthood/parents-and-carers>)

## Ongoing Actions:

- Continue to **develop links with employers** from a wide range of sectors in order to offer **work experience placements** linked to students' areas of interest

**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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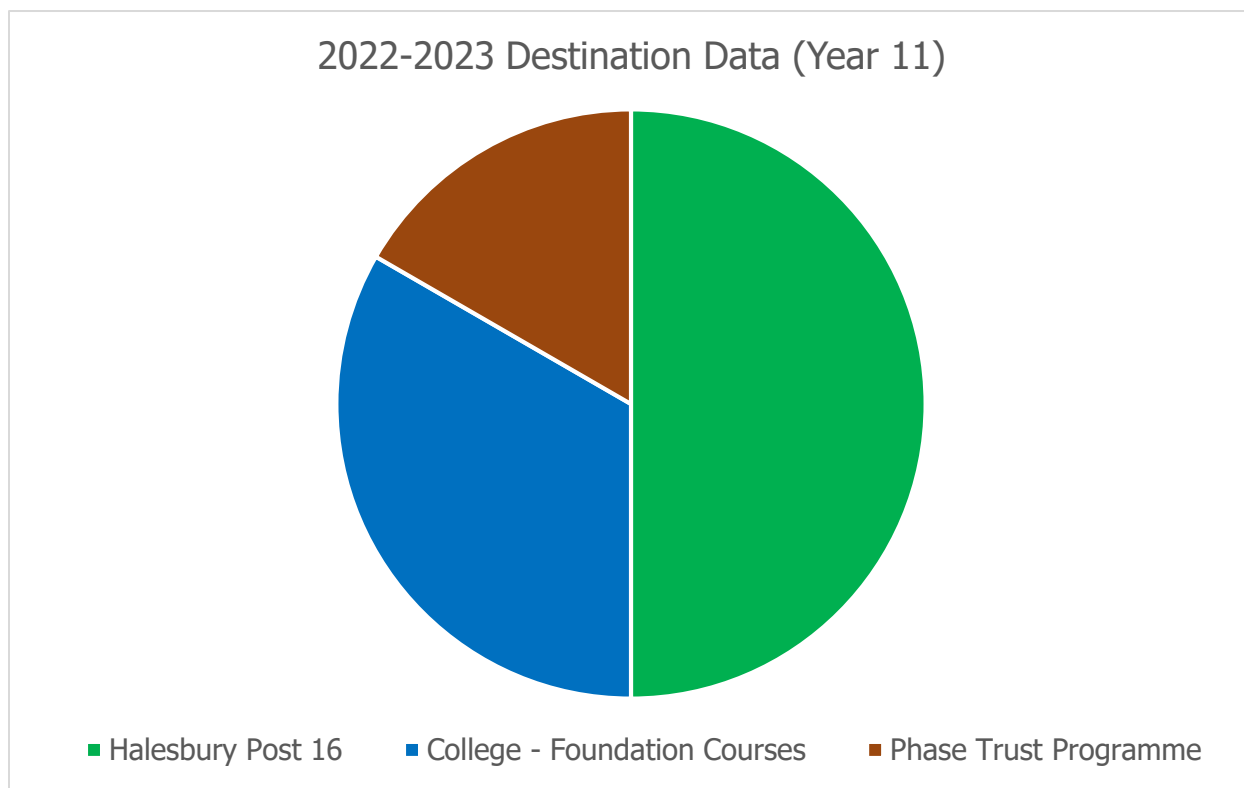
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## Celebrating Success:

In July 2023, Halesbury School had **six Year 11 pupils** who moved onto their **next destination**:

- **3 students** are now attending **Halesbury Post-16**
- **2 students** are now attending a **local college** where they access **supported foundation-level** courses
- **1 student** is now accessing a **Personal Development programme**



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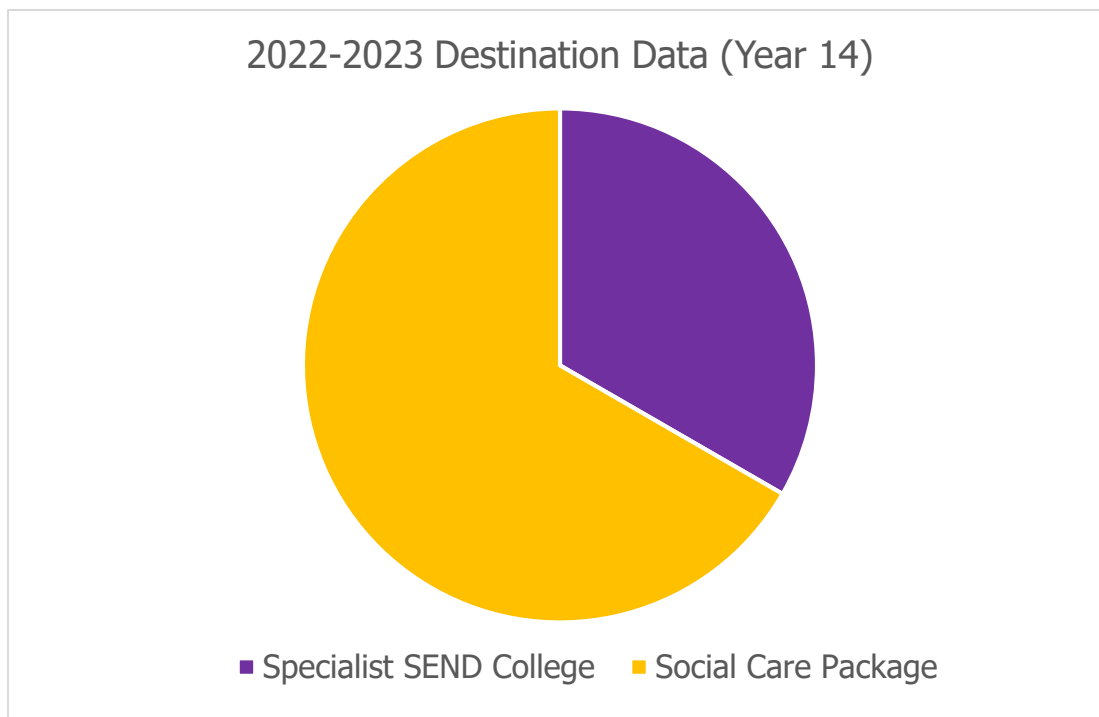
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## Celebrating Success:

In July 2023, Halesbury School also had **three Year 14 pupils** who moved onto their **next destination**:

- **1 student** is now attending a **specialist 19+ college** where they access full-time provision
- **2 students** are now accessing a **personalised package of social care** that is helping them to meet their long-term preparing for adulthood needs



Having supported both Year 11 and Year 14 students with their transition, we 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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## Preparing for Adulthood Day:

This half term, students within the Secondary phase of Halesbury have had their first experience of 'Preparing for Adulthood' day where, every Thursday, students participate in a wide range of activities that have been specifically designed to support them in developing the skills that they will need as they grow up and become adults.



Work-Based Learning  
at Forge Mill Farm



Out and About in the  
Community



Horse-Riding Sessions  
at KA Equestrian  
Centre



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## Preparing for Adulthood Day:



Work-Based Learning  
at Ashfield Gardens

Running a Pop-Up  
Shop

Work-Based Learning  
at Riverside Farm



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## **SENDIASS Events:**

### **Parent/Carer Workshops:**

Dudley Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) are hosting a range of workshops for parents/carers on topics such as:

- Understanding how to access SEN support within settings (Tuesday 14th November 2023)
- Understanding the EHCP process (Thursday 30th November 2023)
- Preparation for key transitions in education (Friday 15th December 2023)

To find out more about these workshops or to book your place email the service at [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

### **Let's Talk About... Events:**

These sessions will be an opportunity for parents and young people to hear from professionals within education, health and social care to gain an overview of the services provided and understand the referral pathways. Each session will enable you to ask questions and be more informed about the services and support available for children and young people with SEND.

- Dudley SEND developments and specialist services (Wednesday 7th February 2024)  
This session will be an opportunity for parents and young people with SEND to hear an update from the Acting Head of SEND and Head of Education Outcomes and Inclusion.
- To book your place email the service at [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

### **Post 16 Options Event:**

They are also hosting a Post 16 Options event at Dudley College on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The market-place event will bring together a range of colleges, training providers and other organisations who may be able to support your child as they begin exploring options for life after Halesbury and make the transition into adulthood.

To view the flyer for the event, find out more information or to book a place at the event, please use this link: <https://www.halesbury.dudley.sch.uk/uploads/footer-icons/All-About-You-SEND-Post-16-Market-Place-leaflet-2023.pdf>

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## Dates for your Diary:

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Kidderminster College Open Evening (5.30pm – 7.30pm)  
**Book Here:** <https://www.kidderminster.ac.uk/open-day-registration/>
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Halesowen College Open Evening (4.00pm-7.00pm)  
**Book Here:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halesowen-college-open-events-202324-registration-640386131157>
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** QAC Open Day (1.30pm – 4.00pm)  
**Call:** 0121 803 5484 to book
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Glasshouse College Open Day (9.00am – 4.00pm)  
**Email:** [wmadmissions@rmt.org](mailto:wmadmissions@rmt.org) to book
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** SENDIASS Workshop: Accessing SEN Support  
**Email:** [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Sandwell College Open Day (11.00am – 3.00pm)  
**Book Here:** <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/opendays/>
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023:** SENDIASS Post 16 Event at Dudley College (9.30am-3.00pm)  
**Book Here:** <https://dudleyci.co.uk/all-about-you-send-post-16-market-place-event>
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** QAC Open Day (9.45am– 12.00pm)  
**Call:** 0121 803 5484 to book
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** SENDIASS Workshop: EHCP Process  
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- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** Glasshouse College Open Day (9.00am – 4.00pm)  
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- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023:** SENDIASS Workshop: Preparing for Transitions  
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