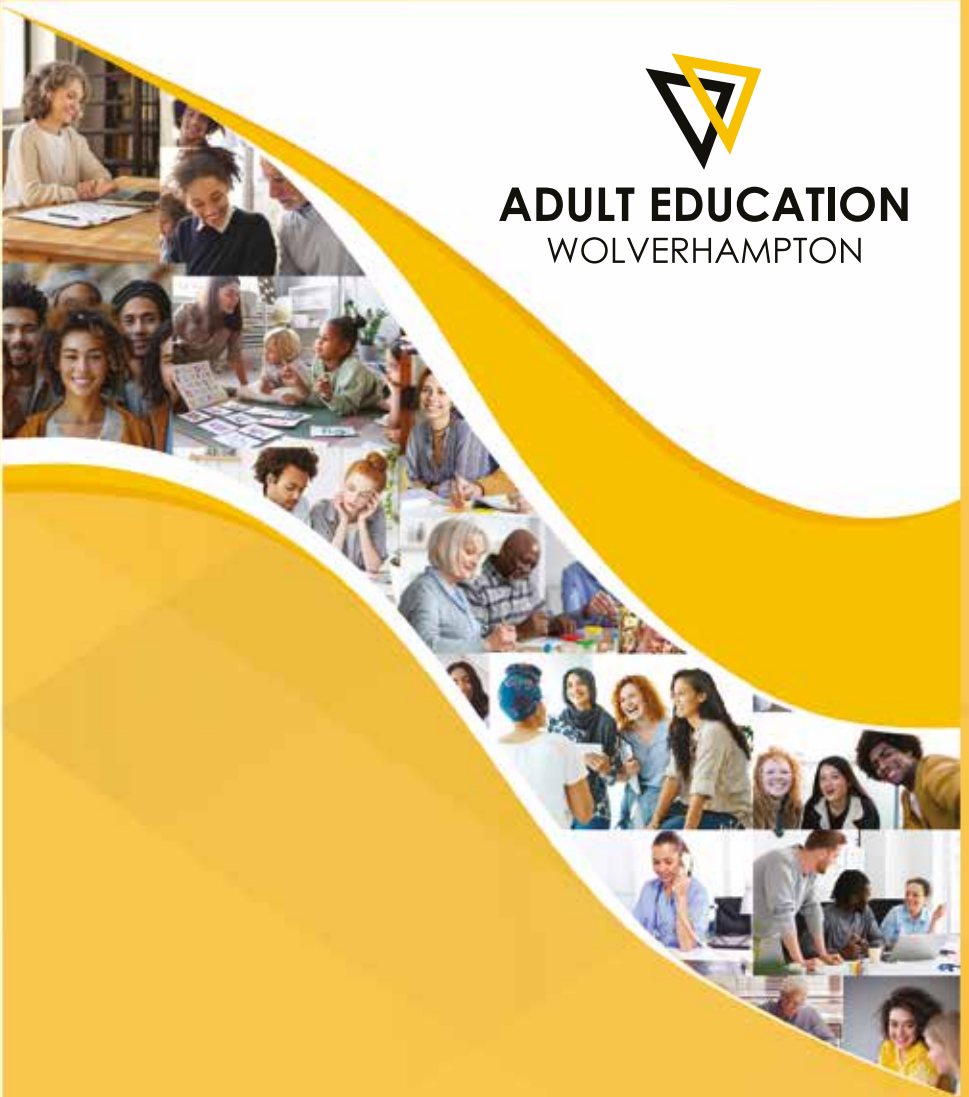




ADULT EDUCATION
WOLVERHAMPTON



Information Guide

2025

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DEPUTY HEAD OF SERVICE WELCOME

Welcome to Adult Education Wolverhampton. Located in the heart of the city centre, we provide learning to adults across the city.

We invite you to learn with us, we are serious about your success. Be inspired by our high-quality courses to get the lifelong learning habit and gain the benefits learning new skills provides.



Some courses are designed to help you get a job, become self-employed or get on at work. Others offer opportunities to improve your mental health and general wellbeing or improve your confidence online, become a volunteer, help your children with their school work or be more active in your community. With hundreds of courses on offer, you will find one that fits in with your personal goals and interests. We pride ourselves on our personal and supportive approach, on excellent teaching and on being focused to help you progress and achieve success.

Anna Pace

WHY LEARN WITH ADULT EDUCATION WOLVERHAMPTON?

We are a high performing adult education service.

At our last Ofsted inspection in January 2025 we were rated as a Good Provider.



We receive very high ratings from our students for the quality of teaching, course satisfaction and being prepared for their next steps. 99% of our students would recommend us to their friends and family.



STUDENT SATISFACTION

- 99% feel safe
- 99% feel their course is meeting their needs
- 99% would recommend Adult Education Wolverhampton to friends and family

1000s of students study with Adult Education Wolverhampton each year. This is why you should join them:

- start on the path towards the career of your dreams
- gain a valuable addition to your CV to help you get a job or help you to get a better job
- study in an adult environment with support from a dedicated curriculum and student services team
- many of you will be able to access financial support e.g. course fees, resources, travel, childcare, laptop loan
- all the teachers are experts in their subject, fully qualified and experienced
- we get excellent feedback from students
- you will be given a FREE Microsoft 365 account



SUBJECTS ON OFFER

**Access to Higher Education
and Pre-Access**

**Art, Crafts and Creative
Media**

**British Sign Language (BSL)
and Deaf Awareness**

Cake Decorating

**Certificate in English
Language Teaching (CELTA)**

Childcare

Digital Skills

English

**English for Speakers of
Other Languages (ESOL)**

Family Learning

**Get Learning in Your
Community**

Health and Social Care

Into Employment Courses

**Like Minds
(activities for improving
mental health)**

**Life Skills
(for learning disabilities,
learning difficulties and/
or autism spectrum
conditions)**

Maths

Office and Retail

**Supported Employment and
Supported Internships**

Teaching Assistants

Volunteering



**SCAN THE QR
CODE TO VISIT
OUR WEBSITE**

LEARN SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

One of the best ways to open doors in life is to improve your core skills.

Whether you want to learn for personal or professional reasons, we will have a course to suit you.

We are recognised for our expertise in teaching English, Maths, ESOL and Digital Skills.

When you join us, you will be taking the first step to changing your life.

Our inspirational teachers are highly experienced and qualified to support you on an exciting learning journey.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL) DIGITAL SKILLS

ENGLISH

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

LIFE SKILLS

MATHS



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL)

You can study British Sign Language (BSL) as a complete beginner and have the opportunity to progress to national qualifications with us.

The introductory course for beginners includes elements of deaf awareness and basic signing skills. If you already have some knowledge of British Sign Language or are a regular signer, you may be ready to join one of our higher-level classes leading to national qualifications at Levels 1 and 2.

If you are an employer or part of a community organisation, and would like us to run a bespoke deaf awareness session for you, please get in touch.



"Learning BSL has been truly life-changing.

It has given me the confidence to navigate my new reality with greater independence, resilience, and optimism. I now feel better prepared for any further hearing decline and have discovered a vibrant new social circle through the Deaf community."

TIM JACKSON

British Sign Language



LEARN SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE



DIGITAL SKILLS

Improving your digital skills will help you in everyday life and at work. If you want to get a job, get a promotion, go on to higher-level study or just connect with friends, local communities and the world around you then improving your digital skills is a great start.

We have courses available from beginners to Level 3.



"After completing the courses at Adult Education

Wolverhampton, I felt alive and confident and started accepting my weaknesses and embracing my life. Learning has given me hope of getting work in IT and the opportunity to explore a better version of myself and discover my capabilities and potential."

HARMEET KAUR

Digital Skills



ENGLISH

We have English classes for anyone who needs to start with the very first steps in reading and writing and for those who want to read, write and communicate better.

You can work towards qualifications including Functional Skills English from Entry Level up to Level 2 and for English GCSE.

If English is not your first language, you may need to join one of our ESOL classes (see English for Speakers of Other Languages).

We now have online Fast Track Functional Skills courses for students with a secure English background and are working at Level 2.

If you do not have a GCSE grade 9-4 (A*-C) in English your course will be free so you have nothing to lose.



LEARN SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

If English isn't your first language and you want to improve your skills to help study, find work or manage everyday life more confidently, then ESOL is the course for you.

Our ESOL classes will give you the written and spoken skills you need to use English in your life in the UK and help you to achieve your aims and ambitions for the future.



"This journey has not only prepared me for entering the workforce but has also inspired me to set higher goals for my future. I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and resources provided, which have been instrumental in my development."

SAHAR FARAHMAND

ESOL



LIFE SKILLS (FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES, LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND/OR AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS)

Life Skills Classes are ideal if you are an adult aged 19+ with a learning disability, learning difficulty or autism spectrum condition. The focus is on preparation for adulthood, independent living and moving you closer to employment. Practical activities could include cooking, arts and crafts, citizenship, English, maths and digital skills. Activities will focus on keeping yourself safe, healthy eating, travel planning, time management, exploring and being part of your community and improving your work ready skills. (If you live outside of a West Midlands Combined local Authority area you may need to pay for your course).

LEARN SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE



MATHS

All our teachers are experts in their subject, they have many years' experience of teaching and will make maths fun and easy to understand.

We offer bridging courses across all levels, these are short courses to support you with brushing-up on existing skills before starting Functional Skills or GCSE.

We offer qualifications from Entry Level, Functional Skills, Level 1, Level 2 and GCSE. We now have online Fast Track Functional Skills courses for students who have a secure maths background and are working at Level 2.

If you do not have a GCSE grade 9-4 (A*-C) in Maths your course will be free so you have nothing to lose.



"Studying has already given me the confidence to apply for jobs and I am starting to get accepted for interviews. I will continue learning until I have the skills and qualifications to pursue my dream career."

PRIYANKA KANDUJA

GCSE English and Maths



"Coming to Adult Education Wolverhampton has made a big difference in my life. My confidence has grown so much, and I feel much better talking to people. I have made new friends, which is something I really wanted. The best part has been my work experience, where I met lots of people and felt like I was really doing something useful."

STACEY DULSON

Life Skills / Spported intern



LEARN SKILLS FOR WORK

Get a job, get a better job or start working for yourself.

Whatever your reasons, we have learning opportunities to suit you. From getting on the first step of the ladder to improving your prospects in your current role.

VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR CAREERS

INTO EMPLOYMENT

ESOL FOR WORK

ENGLISH, MATHS AND DIGITAL SKILLS FOR WORK

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING



VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR CAREERS

If you would like to work in a certain industry and want to develop the right skills, look no further. Delivered at Entry Level to Level 3 our courses will give you the practical skills and knowledge to work in the following areas:

- Art and Design
- Business and Law
- Cake Decorating
- Childcare
- Floristry
- Health and Social Care
- Health Industries
- Office and Retail
- Sewing and Textiles
- Teaching Assistant



“With support from my amazing teachers and a lot of determination, I managed to pass my English and Teaching Assistant qualifications. At 43 Adult Education has helped me gain the skills and confidence to turn my life around and start a new career.”

SARAH WELLS

English, Maths, Teaching Assistants,
Digital Skills



LEARN SKILLS FOR WORK



INTO EMPLOYMENT

Intensive short courses to help you learn the employability skills needed to work in specific industries including construction and security. Time will be spent in the classroom and in a short work placement so that you will be ready to move into work.



"When I first came to the UK I spoke no English. Friends suggested that I start an English class and advised that I ask at AEW, where they had studied and experienced an excellent service. To achieve my goals it is important that I have a good grasp of the English language, not only for work but to enable me to communicate on a social level. After hard work and great determination since March 2023, alongside my 2 Sicilian partners, Marco and Filippo, I have been running an Italian restaurant based in the heart of Codsall, Staffordshire."

DAVIDE D'ANGELO

ESOL



ESOL FOR WORK

Do you want to find work and English is your second language?

These courses will help you to learn the skills needed to prepare you for work while you continue to develop your language and communication skills. Options for work areas include:

- Childcare
- Construction
- Creative Industries
- Floristry
- Hospitality
- Logistics
- Office and Retail
- Sewing and Textiles
- Working in Health



"I enrolled onto GCSE Maths and a Level 1 Retail and Business course. This has been a fantastic experience. It has helped to stimulate my brain and has given me, not only the essential skills to progress my career opportunities but also the chance to get out of the house and be with individuals who are pursuing a similar goal."

INA BALODE

GCSE Maths

LEARN SKILLS FOR WORK / LIFE PILOT



"My learning experiences have inspired me to pursue a career in teaching because I believe all neurodiverse children and adults deserve equal opportunities to reach their full potential. Through this journey, I've also recognised my children's additional needs and I am committed to ensuring they receive the support they need to thrive. This is just the beginning, and I'm excited for what's ahead."

CHELSEA MUSGROVE

Teaching Assistants



ENGLISH, MATHS, ESOL AND DIGITAL SKILLS FOR WORK

If you are an employer and want to improve the skills of your workforce then look no further. We can create bespoke programmes including fast track online learning to suit your needs. Get in touch to find out more.



GET ALL THE INFORMATION AND ADVICE YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR NEXT CAREER MOVE.

Accurate, up to date information, managed by professional careers advisers.

- do you have few qualifications and want to get back into learning?
- are you ready to go to university or college to do a degree level course?
- do you want to get back into work or start an apprenticeship?
- do you feel ready for a career change?

- do you want to progress in your role?
- do you want to know all your options about what, where and how you can study?

Wherever you are starting from, Lifepilot has everything in one place to help you decide what to do next. And it's FREE! Visit: www.life-pilot.co.uk



Lifepilot also includes Career Tools.
Scan to find out more

LEARN SKILLS FOR WORK



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

These employment preparation programmes are ideal if you have a learning disability, learning difficulty or an autism spectrum condition and want to learn the skills to gain work. Take part in a 1-year programme with time spent between the classroom and a work placement where you will be supported by a job coach. When it ends, you will have gained skills to help you get a paid job, move to further learning or a Supported Apprenticeship. Our Supported Employment programme is for you if you are aged 19+ without an EHCP, and our Supported Internship programme is ideal if you are aged 19-25 with an EHCP.

(If you would like to join a Supported Employment programme you may have to pay for your course if you live outside of a West Midlands Combined local Authority area)



INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING

This qualification is designed for students to learn about the principles of computer programming and to understand how programming works. You will develop graphic-based programming skills to design and develop your own computer program.



"I love learning new skills and want a paid job, so I joined the Supported Internship Programme. Student Services helped me enrol, and Leanne, the Careers Advisor, talked with me about my future, which made me realise that I could work. Having Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) in class has made a big difference, helping me when I struggle. Whilst at AEW I have increased in confidence, improved my reading and writing, and I have made new friends."

ANTHONY LEDDINGTON

Supported Internship

LEARN SKILLS AT A HIGHER LEVEL

Do you want a career, not just a job?

Come to AEW to study for a higher level qualification and realise your dreams.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA (LEVEL 3)

PRE ACCESS: LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN SKILLS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK)

DIPLOMA IN SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING (LEVEL 3)

CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING TO ADULTS (CELTA)

CERTIFICATE IN IT USERS SKILLS (LEVEL 3)

DIPLOMA FOR THE EARLY YEARS WORKFORCE (LEVEL 3)



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA (LEVEL 3)

Fast track your way to university and this time next year you could be studying for a degree. Our Access to Higher Education programmes will give you the qualification to secure a place at university. The Pre-Access: Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Further Study course provides a good preparation for Access to Higher Education Diplomas, working in health and social care, and is only 17 weeks. Working in Health sits in the Health and Social Care curriculum area.

Access to HE Pathways:

- Health Professions
- Social Science

CERTIFICATE IN IT USERS SKILLS (LEVEL 3)

Would you like to develop or build on your existing digital skills and knowledge to become an expert user of Microsoft Office applications?

Join our year-long course to enhance your employment opportunities or current career prospects. Topics include word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software and databases.



LEARN SKILLS AT A HIGHER LEVEL



DIPLOMA FOR THE EARLY YEARS WORKFORCE (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR LEVEL 3)

Learn the skills to become an early years educator, ideal if you would like to move into a more senior position leading others. You will be able to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7. You will need to be working in or need to find a 2-day placement in an early year's setting to start the course.

SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS (LEVEL 3)

Do you want to work in a school as a Teaching Assistant at a higher level?

We will give you the practical skills and knowledge to work with teachers in all aspects of specialist support, planning, delivery and reviewing assessment in the classroom. This is your chance to make a real difference to children's lives. Ask about our new qualification for Teaching Assistants with a SEND specialism.

You must already have or will need to find a 2-day placement in a school to start the course.



CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING TO ADULTS (CELTA)

CELTA is ideal if you would like a qualification to be able to teach English as a foreign language but have little or no teaching experience. It is the most widely recognised English language qualification in the world and the most often requested by employers.



"The CELTA course has been an enriching experience, made even more enjoyable by the guidance and encouragement of my teachers. With this qualification, I aspire to embark on a fulfilling career as an English teacher, helping others develop their language skills and achieve their educational goals."

PATRICE LAWRENCE

CELTA



LEARN FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Learning new skills is an incredible way to enhance your quality of life.

It provides you with an escape when you need it, knowledge when you seek it and a great and satisfying pastime. Improve your confidence, meet new people and look after your mental health and wellbeing.

GET LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

FAMILY LEARNING LIKE MINDS

SIGNING FOR WELLBEING

DEAF AWARENESS

VOLUNTEERING



GET LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Learn something fun, meet new people in your local area and learn together for a positive future.

Our short courses are free. Learning will take place in a library, in a Strengthening Family Hub or community venue across Wolverhampton. There will be a course near you.

Courses include:

- Adult Learning and Family Learning
- Communicate Better
- Get Creative
- It's Childs Play
- Language Skills for Work
- Making the Most of your Digital Device
- Plan for the Pinch

If you are part of an existing community group, we are always looking for new partners to work with, just get in touch and we can provide a teacher and classes to suit your needs.



LEARN FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING



FAMILY LEARNING

Be inspired to motivate your child, be ready to have fun and be amazed at what you can do.

These courses are for you and your family or friends, sometimes with or without your child. Develop new skills and make new friends in a safe learning environment.

If you are interested in finding out more, please ask at your local community venue, Strengthening Family Hub, or at your child's primary school. Alternatively, you can contact the Family Learning Team at Adult Education Wolverhampton.



"The skills I have learned have helped with my confidence and my English language skills have improved a great deal. Since attending I have gained the confidence to apply for jobs and am now working as a Lunchtime Supervisor and a cleaner in a school. Learning is helping to change my life for the better and I plan to continue gaining skills and qualifications to enable me to work as a teaching assistant."

GURDEEP KAUR

Family Learning



LIKE MINDS (ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH)

Good mental health helps us to live well. This is having the ability to think, feel and act in a way that allows you to enjoy life and deal with one of the challenges life presents. Join the 'Like Minds' courses and see how taking part in group activities can help improve your mental health, wellbeing and enjoyment of life as you join others in a similar situation. Subjects include Art, Arts & Crafts and Yoga. Get a referral from your GP or healthcare professional and complete an application to access this FREE course.

You must live in a West Midlands Combined Local Authority area to access a free course.



"I can honestly say attending classes has made an incredible difference to my life. My classmates are also a great inspiration and have helped to build my confidence. I'm a different person from the one who joined the class. My mobility has improved and my confidence has soared. Who'd have guessed that Like Minds Yoga would be so beneficial to my body and soul!"

MARK CORBETT

Like Minds

LEARN FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING



"I volunteered at AEW for the first time - and what a fantastic experience it was! I met people from all walks of life and found the experience both enriching and rewarding. Although this was my first time volunteering with the public, it was not my last. Since attending the open day I have started working part-time at AEW as a Support Worker. Learning and volunteering with Adult Education Wolverhampton has opened new doors for me, and I look forward to what's ahead."

JUDITH WILLIAMS

AEW Volunteer



VOLUNTEERING

Are you looking for a new opportunity, do you want to give back to your community or are you out of work and need to add experience to your CV? Then volunteering could be for you.

Find out more information about a range of opportunities available at AEW. Join our Prep to Work in a School Level 1 course and find out about how to become a Parent Ambassador. This role helps to address the needs of families with low level English skills to communicate effectively with schools. The course will provide you with the skills to gain a voluntary placement in a school.

Alternatively, volunteer as a Meeter and Greeter at our open events or gain experience as a Learning Support Assistant in a range of different classes including BSL, ESOL and Life Skills.

HOW TO ENROL

We are committed to ensuring our courses are as accessible as possible. We offer enrolment on many courses at different times throughout the year and also deliver courses at community locations across the city. Call us on 01902 558180 or visit us in the Foyer (Old Hall Street, WV1 3AU) where we can advise you further.

Courses are popular and fill up quickly.

The earlier you enrol, the more likely you are to get a place on the course of your choice.

OPEN DAYS AND ENROLMENT EVENTS

We hold several information and enrolments events throughout the year. For specific dates and times for all of our events, visit our website.



Scan the QR code to visit our open day page



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Many of our students are eligible for **FREE** or **DISCOUNTED** courses. If you do not qualify for a free or discounted course, you will find our course fees are competitively priced and offer excellent value for money.

Find out more on our website, call 01902 558180 or email us at enquiries@aes.wolverhampton.gov.uk

OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Student Services team will advise if you qualify for financial help. Subject to the availability of funds, we may be able to help you with the cost of:

- course fees
- exam fees
- travel support
- childcare to enable you to attend class
- resources needed for your course



SUPPORT INTO EMPLOYMENT

It is important you get the right support at the right time to make important decisions about your future. We will provide the support you need from starting out in your career to reskilling and upskilling.

We will give you:

- the right information and support to achieve your personal goals
- up-to-date information about current jobs and future study
- the right guidance and advice at the right times for you
- the best chance of moving into work by connecting our courses with job opportunities
- the chance to meet employers to learn about the skills that you will need at work
- opportunities for work experience if applicable
- the information you need if you are thinking about future learning in colleges, universities or the workplace
- opportunities to have guidance interviews with trained advisors to help you make the right career choices

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Let us know if you have a learning difficulty, a disability, a health or mental health issue.

We can make reasonable adjustments to provide the learning support you need.

HELP ON OFFER INCLUDES:

- one-to-one Learning Support Assistant in class
- specialist equipment
- assistive technology
- support plan
- Communication Support Worker
- extra help with English and Maths

SUPPORT AT LEVEL 3 AND ABOVE

If you are thinking about joining a course at Level 3 or above, you may be worried about course fees. The good news is that we can help.

Student Services will give you all the information you need. We will make sure we give you the right information for your needs and the type of course you want to study. It is important you look at all available options to pay for your course.

One of your options may be to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Contact Student Services and we will give you more information and support you to make your decision. We will also help you with your application if you decide to apply for a loan. We recommend you apply for your loan as early as possible so that you can join your course on time. You may also be able to get help with your travel resources and childcare costs too.

STUDENT SERVICES

We are available every weekday to offer support and guidance whether you are a new or progressing student.

Our experienced staff will listen and help you make the most of your time with us.

You may not have studied for many years or you may not have had the best experience of education. Whatever your reason for studying, the Student Services team is here to help.

HERE'S HOW WE CAN HELP:

- give you information and advice about our courses
- give you impartial careers guidance
- talk about how we can help you with the cost of studying
- provide access to computers and laptops for personal study
- provide information and advice on CVs, job search and interview skills
- give advice about extra support you may need to help you with your course
- provide safeguarding support, for example if you have concerns about emotional, financial, physical or sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or extremism
- listen to your views and opinions

COURSE INFORMATION

CAREERS GUIDANCE

FINANCIAL HELP

SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

KEEPING SAFE

YOUR VIEWS



Scan the QR code to visit our Student Services page



Call the Student Services on 01902 551658 or visit us in the Student Gateway, located in Foyer Building, Old Hall Street, WV2 1AZ.

STUDENT GATEWAY

The Student Gateway is a fresh, modern and vibrant space for students to relax, socialise and study.

You can speak to the Student Services Team who provide a range of support services to make sure every students learning experience is the best that it can be.

The 'Student Space'

The 'Student Space' is an inviting area where you can:

- use computers to support your study and carry out job search
- work independently or in groups on course work associated with your learning
- connect your own device at the ICT 'breakfast bar'
- take a break
- socialise with others
- eat lunch



Scan the QR code to find out more about the Student Gateway



VENUES Central city centre sites. Easy to get to and only 5 minutes walk from Wolverhampton bus, tram and railway station



Foyer Building

City Learning Quarter
St George's Parade
Wolverhampton
WV2 1AZ



The Maltings

Herbert Street,
Wolverhampton
WV1 1NQ



Old Hall Street Building

City Learning Quarter
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Alan Garner Centre

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