

Preparation for Work & Life

Preparation for Work and Life runs two programmes: Access to Further Education and ESOL Pre-19. Both programmes prepare you for entry to higher level courses at college or for employment.

Access to FE

Access to FE is a course for students aged over 19 years. This course is ideal if your current level of achievement means you can't get on to Access to HE or vocational courses, and if you want to improve your English and Maths to help you get a job. On last year's course, four students went on to Higher Education courses and the rest progressed to vocational courses at college or employment.

Fees can be waived for people in receipt of JSA, ESA and some other benefits – please contact the college for more information.

There is a great deal of support available, whether it is help with interview skills or counselling. Assistance with childcare is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so you should enrol as soon as possible to claim support. Course hours are family friendly, ie geared to times for dropping off and collecting children. Mentoring and careers advice and guidance is available to all students.

The campus is very easy to get to from Wolverhampton centre via the Midland Metro. We encourage students to use the gym facilities at the Wellington Road Campus where the course is situated. Study groups are small enough to provide individual attention and students quickly get to know one another.

There is help on hand for conditions such as dyslexia and hearing impairment. In the past we have arranged for a learner to receive dyslexia support outside the course and have assigned a signer for a hearing impaired learner.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for 16 to 19s

This programme is free for all 16-19 year-old learners.

Apart from English (speaking and listening, reading and writing), the course teaches Personal and Social Development, Maths and ICT. It aims to improve both your social and employability skills. It also covers citizenship knowledge, which teaches you about life in the UK. Its aim is to guide you into mainstream education or the workplace.

Exams are taken in all subjects and are available at Entry 1, where learners speak very little English, to Level 1, which is equivalent to GCSE grade C.

Referrals are accepted from Connexions and from the college's New Arrivals pre-16 programme. Exams are taken in all subjects.

There is a high level of pastoral support for learners on this programme through our tutorial system and close liaison between parents and carers.



Access to FE

1 year • Wellington Road Campus

Entry Requirements

No formal entry qualifications: interview and initial assessment. This course is aimed at adults.

This first level gives you the opportunity to build up your core skills to Level 1 or Level 2 by improving your English, Numeracy and ICT skills prior to progressing on to higher level or vocational courses within the college.

Future options

Higher level or vocational courses within the college, or employment.



ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for 16 to 19s

1 year • Wellington Road

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements.

ESOL is the teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages. The course is for young people between ages of 16 and 19, who may be the children of asylum seekers, refugees or EU migrants to the UK.

Learn to speak, read and write English. Study Maths, ICT, Personal and Social Development and Citizenship.

You will have individual learning targets and tutorials to check your progress.

You will also have additional learning support to help you in your class.

You will need to be able to speak a little English before you start studying.

You will have an interview and assessment test in English and Maths before you start studying.

You need to show one or more of these documents when you register:

- A valid UK or EU passport
- A valid UK visa and passport
- Home Office Refugee Status
- Home Office Asylum Status

Join us and study full-time for recognised qualifications at one of these levels: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1.

Future Options

While some students are ready to progress to mainstream vocational courses after one year, it is also possible to remain for a further year to study at a higher level. Previous learners have progressed to GCSE, ICT courses, travel & tourism and Uniformed Public Services and a range of other vocational programmes within the college. Some have also entered employment.